

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)
Saturday, July 24, 2021
5:00 O'clock PM

SAINT LUKE’S: A USER’S GUIDE

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please make yourself known to the priest or greeter and let us know if we can be of help to you. **As we resume in-person worship, we ask that all follow the The Diocese of Bethlehem COVID-19 Protocols for Gathering (Last updated: May 20, 2020.)**

<https://diobeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/DioBethProtocolUpdates-052021.pdf>

General Guidelines

Indoor Gathering

To consider indoor gathering and worship, each parish should determine the following:

- Your county’s 7-day Average New Cases per 100,000 to be less than 25 for 2 consecutive weeks
- The Vestry’s consensus to open for indoor gathering/worship
- The agreement of the Rector/Priest-in-charge to open for indoor gathering/worship

Parish leadership should prayerfully consider these three elements and notify the Bishop in writing (email or letter) of any decision to gather indoors.

Fully Vaccinated People

The CDC considers people fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine

People who do not meet these requirements are not fully vaccinated and should follow “Guidance for Unvaccinated People.”

Masking

Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, masks that fully cover the nose and mouth are recommended for all people.

Physical Distancing

Fully vaccinated people are not required to physically distance while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, all people are recommended to stay six feet apart from others who do not live with them.

Specific Recommendations

Singing

Congregational or choir singing among fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people should follow the “Masking” and “Physical Distancing” guidelines above.

Gathering Capacity

Indoor gathering capacity should be determined by the circumstance and space. For indoor gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, it is recommended that your gathering capacity be determined by applying the “Physical Distancing” guidelines above to your indoor space.

Eucharist

- The Celebrant should sanitize hands liberally and should wear a mask that fully covers their nose and mouth.
- The Sacrament should be received by the communicants in only one kind (the Bread).
- The Celebrant should be the only person who delivers the Bread to the communicants.
- The Cup should be received only by the Celebrant.



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Said Holy Eucharist---5:00 O'clock PM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

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(Please silence all cell-phones & digital devices until after the Service! Thank you.)

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

ALmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

THE GLORIA

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GLORY to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

A MAN came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM Psalm 145:10-19 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

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Read in unison, the leader beginning with the first phrase and the people joining in the bolded text.

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

**18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.**

**19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

THE SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I BOW my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 6:1-21

All stand

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

***People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

JESUS went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are

they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED (*All Stand*)

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us turn in prayer to God who is near to those who call and whose bounty feeds all,
saying *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may be
open to God's generous love and be filled with gratitude for all the ways God has provided for us.
Holy God, hear our prayer.

For Elizabeth Grohowski and Betsy Sentigar, newly ordained Deacons, that they may continually
draw life from Christ and bear witness to the good news of God's love. *Holy God, hear our
prayer.*

For this Parish family, that we may entrust to God our needs, large and small, and rely on God's
loving care for us. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For those who work to preserve the bonds of peace between nations, in communities, and in families, that all God's people may live in safety and security. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For all who bring food to our tables each day, for all those traveling and on vacation, and for those whose lives are threatened by storms, floods, and wildfires. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For the people of South Africa in this time of violence, those in Europe who are victims of flooding, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Barbara, Lois, Edna, George, Winnie, Perfecto, Father Joe, Mila, Matthew, Alvin, Peter, Tim, Renny, Elaine, Martin, Liz, Gloria, Naomi, Jennifer, Evan, Chantal, Danita, Karen, Bjarne, and Althea, that they may be filled with the fullness of God's strength and hope. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Mitch, Bruce, David, and Gail, that they may firsthand the love of Christ. *Holy God, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Blessed Mary, the God-bearer; Blessed Luke; Blessed James the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant God of glory, hear the prayers we offer this day, fill us with the love of Christ and stir us by his own example, that we may always be ready to offer the bread of our lives and share it generously with others, that every hunger of body and spirit may be satisfied. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. In an effort to observe social distancing when passing of The Peace, we ask that you please remain in your pew and exchange with those immediately near you or with a wave or bow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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All remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, **God of power and might,**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 **hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.**
Give us this day our daily bread.
**And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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*Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.***

A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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People and Celebrant

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to receive communion here at Saint Luke's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, **you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

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The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

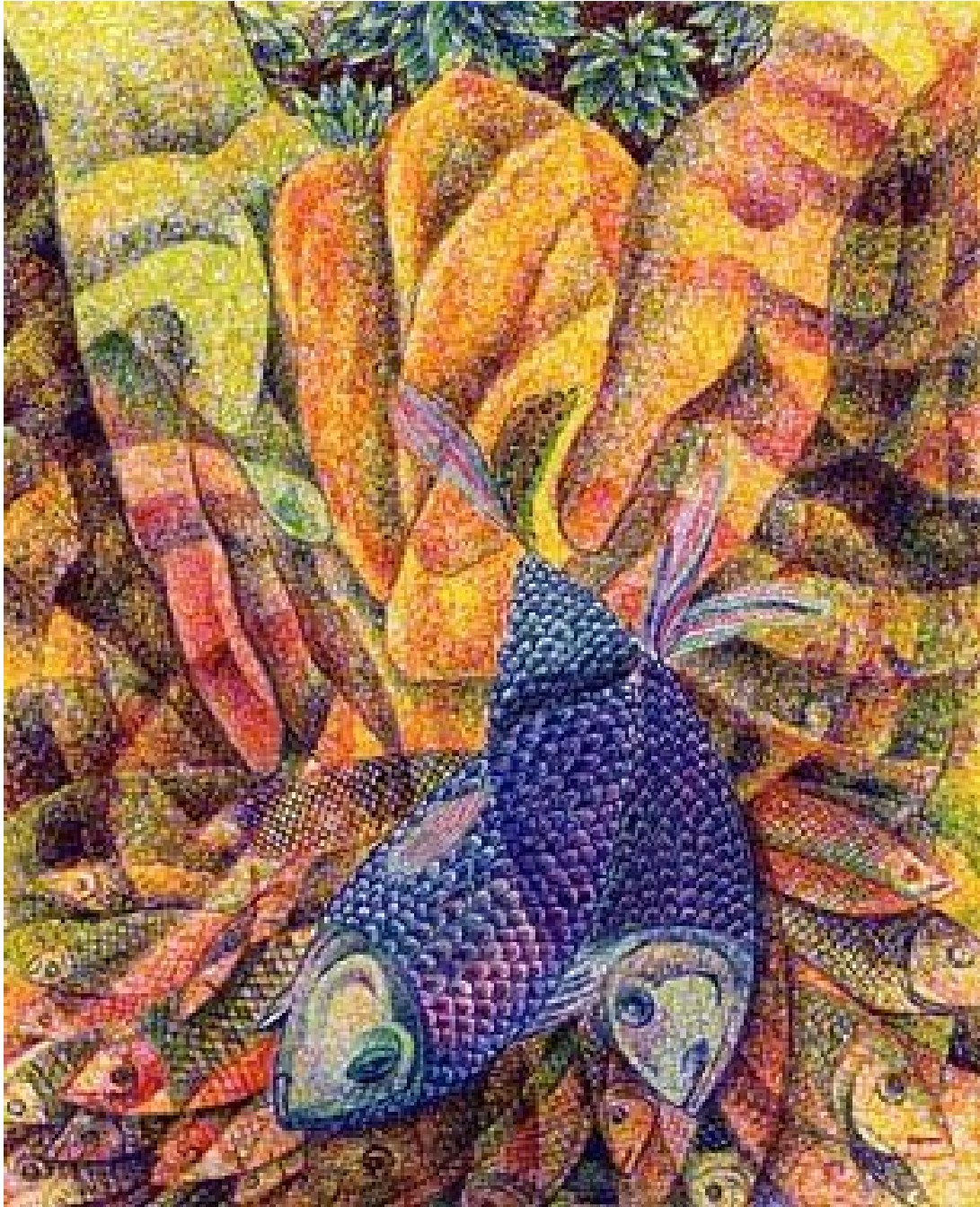
PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Heather Walker by The Rev'd Paul Walker and The Rev'd Randy Lee Webster*

*The candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, is given to the glory of God in loving memory of
Jean and Robert Fessenden by the O'Hearn family.*

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: L. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers); H. Asvazadourian (Crucifer/Acolyte); S. Hoffman (Lector); S. Hoffman (Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: V. Bonacci-Saar, B. Zapp (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer/Acolyte); S. Sollami (Lector); C. McMullen (Intercessor); D. Wegner, TBD (Counters).

***Servers are needed at every service:** If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes or. A sign-up sheet for the month may be found in Israel Lounge.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Welcome to St. Luke's as we return to in-person worship! Live streaming and zoom gatherings continue from St. Luke's. Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services. ******(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday morning.

Please note: On Saturday, May 22 we resumed in-person worship. Going forward, we will continue to stream our in-person services at St. Luke's, as well as the Daily Office, as scheduled below.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 – THOMAS Á KEMPIS

- 9AM – [Morning Prayer](#) (No streamed service this morning)
- 11AM – **Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons** - Elizabeth Grohowski and Betsy Sentigar. Service may be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseBethlehem>

SATURDAY, JULY 24 – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 12)

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist II ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#))

[The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost \(Proper 12\)](#) (Lectionary Readings)

[Click here for the 5 PM service leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, JULY 25 - THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 12)

See above for Lectionary Readings

- 9 AM-Morning Prayer, Rite I (Memorial Garden, weather permitting) ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#))

- 10AM - Sung Holy Eucharist II ([click here for streaming on our parish Facebook page](#)) – A full service leaflet for the Sunday service may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet](#)

- Coffee Hour, Sundays, 11:15AM (following 10AM Eucharist). We will gather in the Memorial Garden, weather permitting
- 5PM - Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

MONDAY, JULY 26 – ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE (tr.) Major Feast Day (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS).

- [Monday Morning Prayer](#)
- [Monday Evening Prayer](#)

TUESDAY, JULY 27 – WILLIAM REED HUNTINGTON

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 – JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH, GEORGE FREDRICK HANDEL, & HENRY PURCELL

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 12:10PM – Healing Eucharist (*This service is in-person only; no live-stream*)
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

THURSDAY, JULY 29 – MARY AND MARTHA; FIRST ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE PRIESTHOOD

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5:30PM - CENTERING PRAYER: Our ongoing group meets each Thursday at 5:30 BOTH IN THE CHAPEL AT ST. LUKE'S AND ON ZOOM. All are welcome to join in. To access the "zoom chapel" click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on *The Method of Centering Prayer*.

FRIDAY, JULY 30 – WILLIAM WILBERFORCE

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – [Evening Prayer](#) - There will be no streamed Evening Prayer tonight.

SATURDAY, JULY 31 – IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

Children's' Christian Education and Formation

Sunday School, 9:30 AM – We use Godly Play a Montessori –based curriculum. Please email Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com to register and receive Zoom log-on information. **Please note that Pentecost Sunday was the final Sunday School session until the fall.**

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For **Sunday, July 25, 2021**. Materials include: Lectionary based [Sunday Paper Junior](#)

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

► **Have a green thumb?** The Warren Memorial Garden Committee welcomes volunteers to help out with their monthly care of the garden. Have questions? Please speak to Mickey Baccoli, Senior Warden or email David Wegner at drwegner@epix.net



► St. Luke's Holy Hikers

The St. Luke's Holy Hikers kicked off its inaugural walk at Lake Scranton in May, enjoying the beauty that is God's creation, with prayer and kinship. Our final three hikes for 2021 will be: on **Saturday, August 17th**, we will walk a portion of the Trolley Trail Countryside Conservancy (Church of the Epiphany Trailhead); on **Saturday, September 18th** we will hike one of the trails at Hickory Run and visit the Boulder Field; and on **Saturday,**

October 16th will conclude this year's hikes by walking The Leigh Gorge Trail (Rockport trailhead) which is an easy walk adjacent the Leigh River with stunning views that should be in peak fall color. We invite everyone to join and encourage you to invite a friend. For more information, please contact David Wegner at drwegner@epix.net or Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com

► Cypress House at St. Luke's Awarded Becoming Beloved Community Grant



Cypress House at St. Luke's was notified this week that we have been awarded a 2021 Becoming Beloved Community grant by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. The \$9,000 award will support the ongoing development of our Cypress House Bakery Prison Re-Entry Program.

The entire system of mass incarceration is one of the most egregious examples of racial injustice in our country today. The parole and probation programs continue that injustice even upon release from prison. The rate of minority incarceration in Lackawanna County is the highest of any county in the Northeastern quadrant of



the U.S. Cypress House aims to repair the breach in our society by assisting men and women post-incarceration with a return to life on the outside. In addition the presence of Cypress House in the community of Scranton will help bring awareness to the issues surrounding mass incarceration.

The grant that we have been awarded is a seed grant to help us grow into the work of Becoming Beloved Community.



The Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) invites all to join a virtual churchwide revival July 27-30 that will feature stirring music, testimonies, learning, and messages from Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and others.

For four nights, Black Episcopalians will lead The Episcopal Church in worship and preaching.

All services will be livestreamed.

The UBE revival also includes daytime sessions featuring panel and group discussions, prayer, and fellowship opportunities.

To register go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/episcopal-revivals/ube-revival/>

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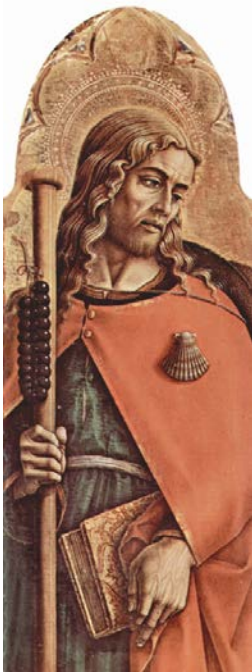


BULLETIN INSERTS

July 25, 2021 – Pentecost 9 (B) The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr

On July 25th, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. James, apostle and martyr.

This James is often styled “St. James the Greater,” to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name and from James, “the brother of our Lord.” Along with his brother John, James was called by Jesus at the Sea of Galilee as they mended nets with their father, Zebedee, and his hired hands. St. James is named regularly during major events in the Gospels, witnessing the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9), the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5, Matthew 9; Luke 8), and Jesus’ agony in the garden (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).



*St. James the Greater,
Altarpiece of Mount
San Martino; Carlo
Crivelli, c. 1480.*

For all this honor, though, James also receives correction from Jesus on more than one occasion. He and his brother are given the nickname “Sons of Thunder,” or *Boanerges*, for their zealous and temperamental dispositions. For example, when Samaritan villagers refused to welcome Jesus, the brothers eagerly asked whether he would have them call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. The Lord rebukes them and instead moves on to another village (Luke 9). The Gospels record the brothers (or perhaps their mother) asking the Lord to place them at his right and left hands in his kingdom, which also results in admonishment (Matthew 20), and James is among the apostles who fall asleep in the garden while Jesus prays (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

Still, James’ dedication to Jesus is without question, as he is understood to be the first of the twelve to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, “About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword” (Acts 12:1–2).

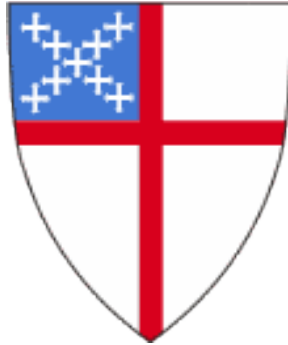
Holy Women, Holy Men explains the veneration of and devotion to St. James following his death: “According to an old tradition, the body of James was taken to Compostela, Spain, which has been a shrine for pilgrims for centuries” (p. 484). His name was translated from the Hebrew *Ya’akov* to the Spanish Iago; thus, “Saint James” becomes “Santo Iago,” or “Santiago.” Santiago de Compostela was an extraordinarily popular destination for pilgrimages, leading to the development of the Camino de Santiago, a route across the countryside, marked by the fisherman’s symbol of a scallop shell.

Collect for St. James

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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