



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sung Holy Eucharist II - 10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector

Our Mission Statement

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

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

November 20, 2022

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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Missae Orbis Factor by David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Musicians of Saint Luke's

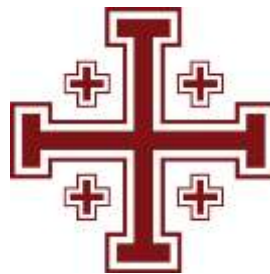
Mrs. Lauren Piccotti, Soprano; Mr. Max Roche, Tenor;

Mr. Francis McMullen, Bass; Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer.

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.*



PRELUDE

Eine feste burg ist unser Gott

Johann Nicolaus Hanff (1665-1711/12)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

All stand as the procession enters the nave.

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.


Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION


David Hurd (b.1950)

Celebrant



Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

All



And bless - ed be his king - dom, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

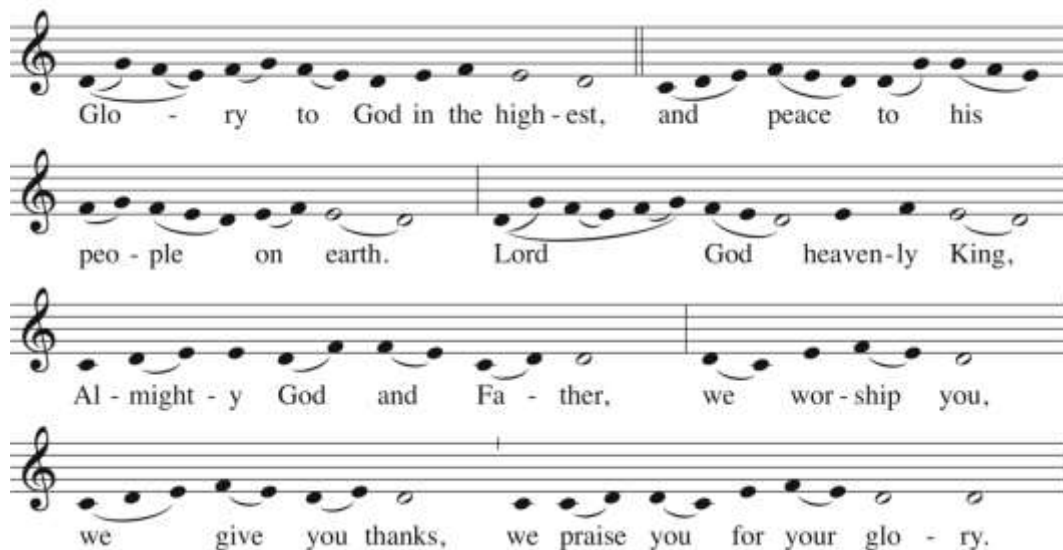
ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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

THE GLORIA

Hurd



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God heaven - ly King,
 Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,
 we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

WOE TO the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

Sung by the choir

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- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

THE SECOND READING Colossians 1:11-20

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Colossians.

MAY YOU BE made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

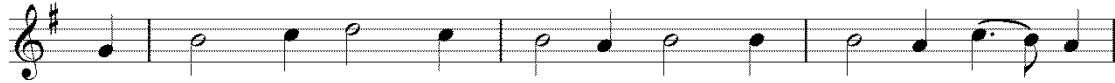
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #421 All glory be to God on high

Allein Gott in der Höh

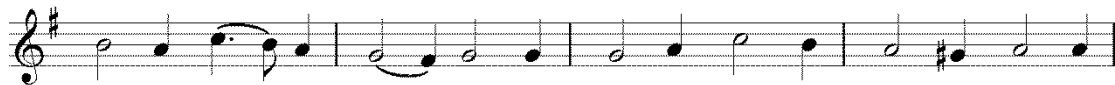
All standing



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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Triptych from the Church of Santa Maria la Real, Najera,
 Hans Memling c.1430 - 1494

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:33-43

All stand

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

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

WHEN THEY came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.

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

Intercessor Let us pray to Christ enthroned on high, who gathers the scattered sheep and shepherds them that they may be fruitful and exercise justice and righteousness, saying Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that in all times and places we may bear witness to God's reign of justice, love, and peace. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we may recognize Christ in one another and respect the dignity of every person. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For those who were admitted yesterday to the Daughters of the King and for our St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter, that they may live lives of love, and be led by the Holy Spirit in their commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For strong faith, that in times of chaos and confusion, we may be confident that Christ will defeat all evils, including death, and lead us to fullness of life with God. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For all elected officials, that they may follow the example of Jesus who served those in need and reached out to those who were forgotten. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For the healing of our nation, that God will heal our divisions and guide us toward a greater respect for one another, and renewed commitment to our common values. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who will celebrate Thanksgiving this week, that our hearts may be filled with gratitude for the gifts we have received and with generosity toward those in need. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For transgendered persons, that in the face of persecution and misunderstanding, they may know that they are beloved children of God and find hope and welcome in the beloved community of God's people. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who struggle with life's demands, particularly the poor, migrants and refugees, the homebound, and those in need of our prayers Jordan, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Martin, Naomi, Elaine, Jennifer, Beatrice, Lynn, Rich, Melvin, Mary Jane, Bill+, Jim, Robin, Francis, and Vinnie, Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

For all who have died, remembering especially, Helen and Joel, that they may be welcomed into eternal life and share in the joy of God presence forever. Sovereign God, *hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Glory and Praise to you, O Sovereign God.***

Celebrant Gracious Shepherd, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realm. Hear the prayers we offer you this day and grant that we may know the kindness of your care and the riches of your glory, 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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

OFFERTORY HYMN #382 King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

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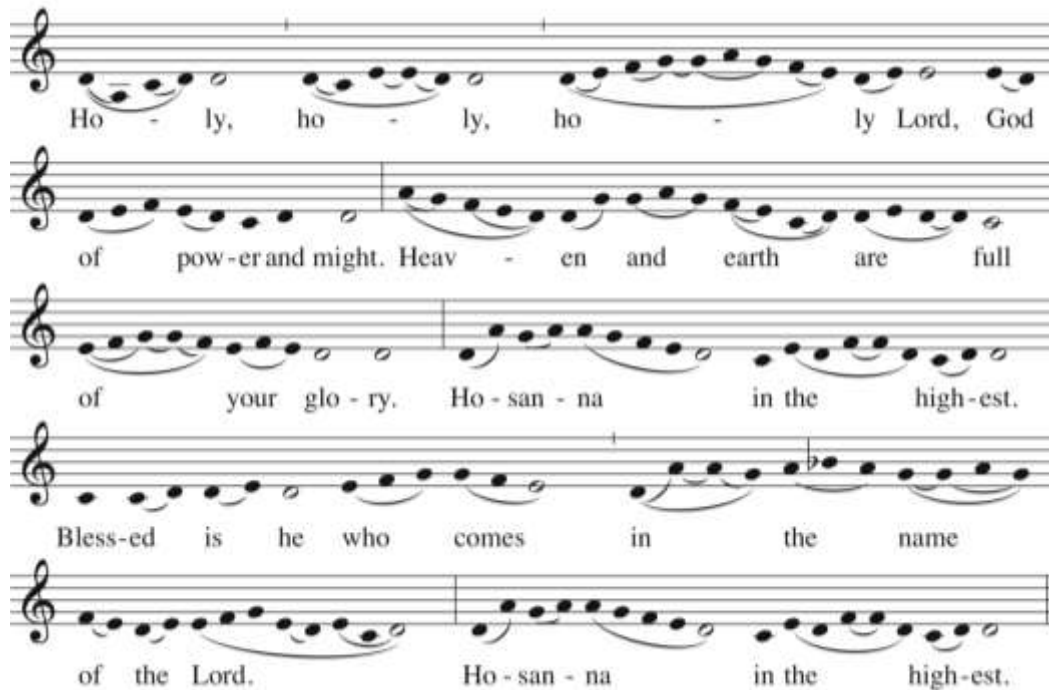
thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God
of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are full
of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Then 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

Hurd



Tonus Peregrinus

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

The Celebrant continues

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.

The Eucharistic prayer concludes with the Doxology, the People respond with the following

THE GREAT AMEN

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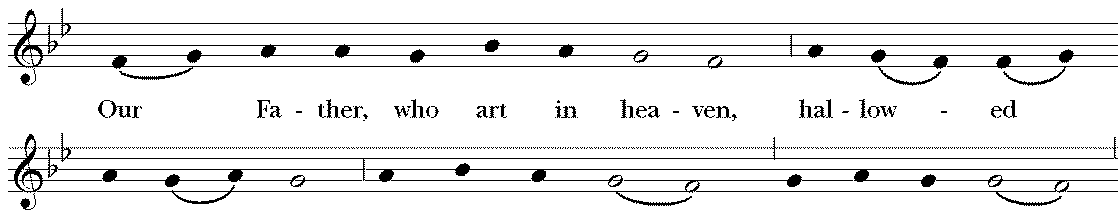
A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Celebrant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

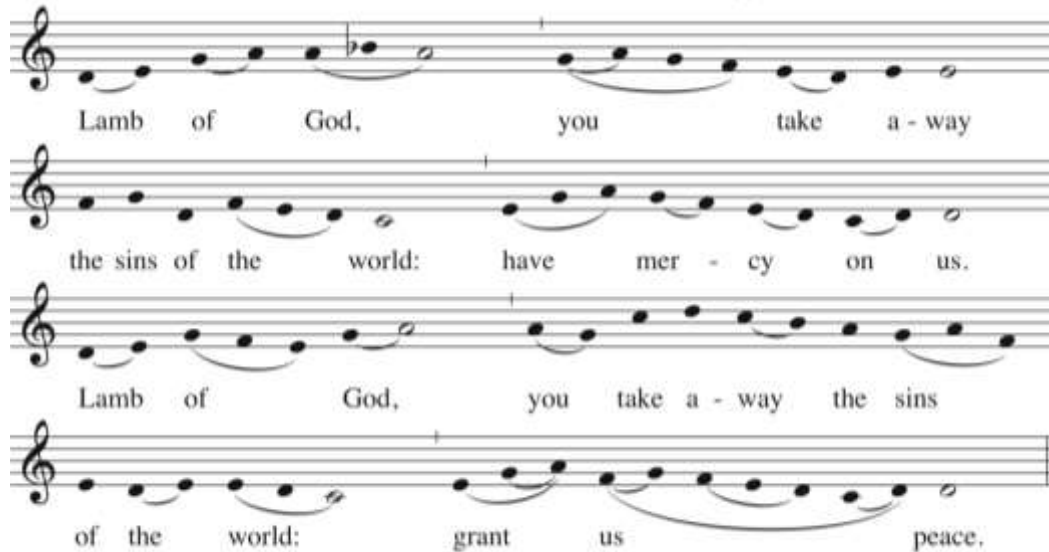
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

A period of silence is kept

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination to receive communion 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.

We invite those who are joining via livestreaming to make an Act of Spiritual Communion

<https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>

AT THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

*Creator of beauty and giver of light,
Who set the stars shining in dark sacred night;
We offer our music with hearts full of praise,
With joyful thanksgiving for all of our days.*

*In pastures of heaven, where green valleys sing,
And high mountains echo, each prayer to our King;
May this song, a gift forever be found,
Now offered with grace, and eternity bound.*

*The journey of each soul remains in your care,
Your guidance and faithfulness, always you share;
Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send,
Returned to your glory, a world without end.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 OF PLEDGES

THE BLESSING

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FINAL HYMN #481 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

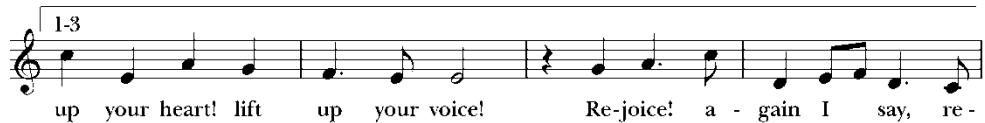
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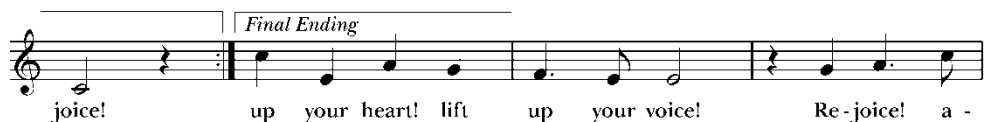
1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love: when
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



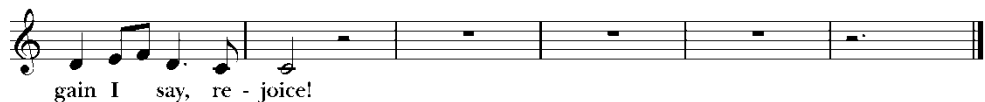
tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -

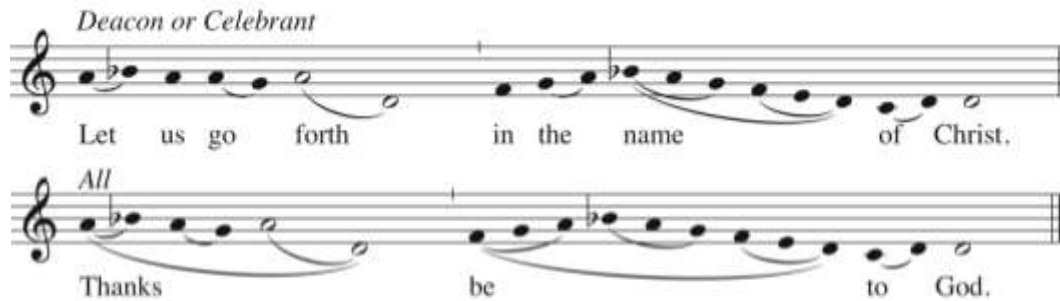


gain I say, re - joice!

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THE DISMISSAL

Hurd



Deacon or Celebrant
Let us go forth in the name of Christ,
All
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Premier Concerto, Andante

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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 celebration of their 57th Anniversary of
by **Lucetta and Mario Savinelli.**

In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Rector at 646-533-1836/e-mail at mthrbarnes@gmail.com. If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a health care facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from Mother Barnes or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a health care facility someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Luke's church complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: L. Savinelli and M. Savinelli (Ushers and Altar Guild); A. Guthrie (Crucifer and Acolyte); S. Sollami, D. Kraus (Lector); C. McMullen (Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); **TBD** (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer); C. Winn, S. Sollami (Lectors); A. Wrazien (Intercessor); TBD (Counters).

***Servers are needed at every service:** Readers, intercessors (prayers of the people), ushers, and coffee hour hosts are needed on a regular basis. Sign-up sheets are located in Israel lounge. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes. **Training and re-training will be offered beginning in September.** Stay tuned for more information.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome to St. Luke's! We are happy to offer in-person services, and continue live streaming and zoom gatherings from St. Luke's. Please join us on our **Facebook page** for the streaming of the services. Please note that for all in-person worship, Diocesan Covid-19 polices are still in effect.

***(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.)*

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

► **For a full listing or our weekly offerings, please visit the [“This Week at St. Luke’s page”](#) on our website.**

► Our latest edition of the St. Luke's Newsletter is hot off the press. Click here to see the [NOVEMBER 2022](#) edition or go to the newsletter tab on our parish website.

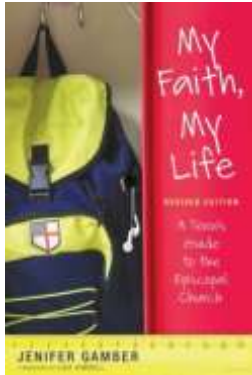
Christian Education and Formation

► **Intergenerational: Pilgrimage to the Palestine of Jesus:** On Sunday, December 4th following coffee hour (approx.. 12:45PM), Mother Barnes and Mother Liz will offer a presentation at St. Luke's on their recent study pilgrimage to Jerusalem and their course at St. George's College. The program will include photos and stories from their trip and insights into the landscapes and narratives of Jesus and the three Abrahamic faiths that share this common region. The presentation will also be offered at St. Paul's, Montrose on Sunday, December 11 at 1:00PM.

► **Children and Youth**

Resources for Children: We have new welcome bags for our youngest attendees to enjoy during Mass. The bags are filled with sensory engaging toys and books and are available from an usher. Weekly lectionary materials are also available for our youngest members and visitors.

Sunday School: St. Luke's uses the **GODLY PLAY**, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. Sunday School is held at 9:30 AM every Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month.



Youth Confirmation Class – Our Youth Confirmation program is underway, with the launch of our yearlong confirmation program for our youth (ages 11-16) having been on Oct. 2 at 4PM in Kreidler Hall. We will be meeting monthly on the first Sunday of each month, October 2022 –May 2023. We are using the book, “My Faith, My Life”, a Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church. This program will preparation our older youth for confirmation next June. In subsequent years, we will be launching a new youth program “J2A: Journey to Adulthood in order to offer ongoing spiritual formation which allows our youth to adequately meet the needs of young people in the 21st century. For more information, to enroll your child, or to learn more about serving in any of our Sunday school or youth programs, please see Mother Barnes or email her at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com

Family Eucharist is held on the first Sunday of the month. The children and youth play a direct role in the worship service by serving as ushers, acolytes and lectors.

► **Adult**

Advent - “Journeying the Way of Love” The Way of Love: On Wednesdays following the midweek Eucharist, Mother Barnes will offer a short lunchtime Bible study using the Way of Love Advent resources from the Episcopal Church. This 4-week study will explore the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke as we await the coming of Christ and help us understanding how we can live the [Way of Love](#) as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. **Advent calendars:** Advent calendars are available in the rear of the church. This year’s calendars accompany the “Journeying the Way of Love” curriculum and offer daily suggestions for engaging in the seven practices that encompass the Way of Love: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest. The calendar can also be used as a standalone resource—keep it at your desk or on your fridge and refer to it every day!

Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery - In March (March 21-24, 2023) a parish Lenten retreat is planned Holy Cross Monastery in the New York Hudson Valley. The suggested donation for the three days is \$330 per person which will cover all lodging, program costs, and meals including breakfast and dinner the day of departure. **Space is extremely limited and filling up fast!** Please contact Mother Barnes ASAP to reserve a spot. Scholarship for those in need is available upon written request.



Centering Prayer Group: Each Thursday evening at 5:30PM an ongoing weekly Centering Prayer group meets. Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of prayer geared toward the cultivation of interior silence or “centering.” This form of prayer invites one to enter into a deeper relationship with God by being open and receptive to the presence and action of God in our lives. No prior experience is necessary. For more information, contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or call the parish office.

► **Thanksgiving Service:** On **Thursday, November 24**, Thanksgiving Day Eucharist will be celebrated at 10AM at St. Luke’s.

► Fall Stewardship Campaign

Our Annual Fall Stewardship Campaign began on September 11, and concludes today, November 20th Christ the King Sunday, with the ingathering of pledges. Our program this year, as in years past, is an ongoing year-long program offered through The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). TENS has chosen the theme “More than Enough” as the theme for 2022/23.

As we emerge from this period of disruption and isolation in our congregations across the Episcopal Church, we have felt the pain and frustration of distance, of diminished resources, and of our ability to connect in the ways to which we are accustomed. However, as we take inventory of our spiritual resources, the strength of our community, and our capacity for generosity, we realize that there is now, and always has been, More Than Enough.

Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish - “And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.” You will be hearing from me, our Senior Warden, the Stewardship Team, and others from the St. Luke’s community as we consider this theme more deeply and the blessings of abundance that we have, and share in, here at St. Luke’s.

► **Women of St. Luke's Christmas Gala Luncheon:** The Women of St. Luke's will host their Christmas Luncheon in the parish's Kreitler Hall on **Saturday December 10, 2022** from noon to 3:00PM. The luncheon will be catered by Cooper's with your choice of three entrees: Sautéed Chicken Strips, Roast Stuffed Pork, or Broiled Orange Haddock. The dinner will include soup (Crab Bisque or Potato) a garden salad, potato, vegetable, and dessert. The festivities begin with a cocktail hour at 12:00PM with lunch served at 1:00PM. There will be entertainment, favors, door prizes and a cookie table, too. The cost is \$25.00pp and reservations are due by December 4, 2022 to Kathy Selemba or Robin O'Hearn.



► **Lackawanna County Prison Christmas Project** For more than 20 years Anna Young was a dedicated volunteer in the Lackawanna County Prison and every Christmas she spearheaded a project to ensure that each inmate and staff member received a goody bag. Ms. Young is now in a nursing home and the community would like to honor her by continuing her Christmas giving. St. Luke's is participating in the program by collecting items that will be included in the "goody bags" and we ask that you would consider donating some of the listed items, or if you would prefer, you can make a financial contribution and the items will be purchased on your behalf. For security reasons, only the listed items can be included in the goody bags; do not stray from the list. Acceptable items include individual sized chewy trail mix, rice krispy bars, cookies, pop tarts, goldfish, cheez-its, skittles, starburst, Hershey's miniatures, Cup-O-Soups, kind bars, and mini muffins. Our goal is to provide 800+ goody bags; the list will be updated if other items are added. During the week of December 19th, we will gather to pack the bags for delivery to the prison later in the month. To make a monetary gift, or if you have any questions, please see Mother Barnes or Sharon Sollami.

SAVE THE DAY: 12/3 Arcadia Chorale - 7:30-9:30 - Celebrate the season of Koliada, when friends and family come together to sing carols from Christmas to Epiphany. This joyous concert includes music from Eastern European countries including Russia, Poland, and Latvia, with a special focus on Ukrainian carols. <https://arcadiachorale.ticketleap.com/koliada-christmas-scranton/details>



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Advent: I am Enough, and Together We are More than Enough

Just as much as the season reminds us to be vigilant to the subtle signs of Christ's light as we once again anticipate and revel in the remarkability of Christ's birth and his return in the Second Coming, Advent is also about preparation for impactful giving – giving back to ourselves as well as to our communities. It's about recognizing where there is potential for energy renewal and restoration in our lives, in a world where we are often asked to operate on overdrive. Renewal and sustainability go hand in hand; to use our giving-energy sustainably means employing our awareness to our fullness as individuals first. In doing so, we can identify our actual capacities to give.

The theme for this year is *more than enough*. It is difficult in today's world to look for evidence of renewal and rebirth among very real threats of scarcity, depletion, and other forms of *not enough-ness*. For many of us, it can be especially hard to find enough-ness within our own bodies. The Advent season provides a context for this search because even in the darkest of hours, hopefulness for the future can be cultivated and energized anew when we pay close attention to our needs and the needs of our community.

We are all exhausted and overwhelmed by this year's own set of yet more unprecedented circumstances. But I am constantly and lovingly reminded by one of my dearest friends that our boundaries are bountiful. To give more than what we have, to exist in of a state of depletion, does not yield a sense of *more than enough*. The miracle, however, is that if each of us can identify and act upon the bounds and limitations of how much we can give, we can show up better for ourselves and those around us, authentically and less harmfully. If we give from a place of our embodied fullness, we are honoring our full humanity. We can then sustainably grow our capacity to give back to ourselves, as well as our communities and the land that we occupy.

This is what sustainable stewardship means to me: Giving from a place of our *personal definition of plenty*. Whatever that plentifulness may look like from person to person, is bountiful. And in this way, together we can be more than enough to do the collective healing work that needs to be done. | [TENS.org](https://www.tens.org)

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Questions For Reflection:

This Advent season is a beautiful time to turn our attention inwards and renew our commitments to tangible, impactful giving. What spiritual preparations and mindsets are necessary for you to practice sustainable giving and receiving, even beyond this season? What values and boundaries will you lovingly recommit to as you prepare for the year ahead?



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