



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.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: Annual Meeting

January 28, 2024

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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Community Mass by Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Musicians of Saint Luke's

Ms. Gabrielle Tolerico, Guest Soprano; Beatrice Chindemi, Guest Alto; Mr. Max Roche, Tenor;

Mr. Francis McMullen, Baritone; Mr. Christopher Gallo, 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

Liebster Jesu, BWV 633

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #440 Blessed Jesus, at thy word
All stand, as able, as the procession enters the nave.

Liebster Jesu

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant

Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE GLORIA

Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the

high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-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 pray'r, re -
 ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.
 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. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

MOSES SAID: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

Anglican Chant sung by the choir (Massey)

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THE SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

NOW CONCERNING food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #449 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deo gracias

All standing, as able

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

All stand

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS AND his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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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Introduction

We be-lieve in one God, the
Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and
earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in
one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-
got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion
he came down from heav-en: by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit
he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late;
he suf-fered death and was bur-ied. On the third day he

rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed
in - to hea - ven and is , seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.
He will come a - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the
dead, and his king - dom will have no end. We be - lieve in the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the
Fa - ther and the Son. With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and
glo - ri - fied. He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in
one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins.
We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, —
and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the Holy One of God, saying: *Hear our prayer.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may live and teach the gospel of love. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, especially today as we hold our Annual Meeting, that we who gather to hear the Lord's teaching may fully respond to all that God asks of us. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For this nation, and for the members of Congress and legislatures, they will hear and understand the needs of the powerless and marginalized as they develop priorities and solutions. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who are prophets, that they may understand the mind and heart of God and awaken new insights for the renewal and growth of both the Church and society. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all who are suffering: that God will protect those who are homeless, guide the unemployed to job opportunities, and help families find sufficient food. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For all those for whom we ought to pray, remembering especially Jordan, Frank, Elaine, Lynn, Rich, Mary Jane, Bill+, Robin, Heather, Chase, Francis, Carol, Althea, Stacy, Isabella, Will, Jodie, Naomi, Richard, Philomena, Ken, Jesse, Dave, Mike, Edna, Samuel, Donna, Kyle, and John, that God will strengthen them with grace and compassion. Holy One of God. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, Mildred, Lois, and Mary Lou, that they may live in the presence of the Holy One of 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. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Holy One of God, you come to teach us with authority and to set our spirits free. Hear our prayers and give us strength and courage as we proclaim your truth by word and deed. Glory to you for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

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 #457 Thou art the Way, to thee alone

St. James

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer A*

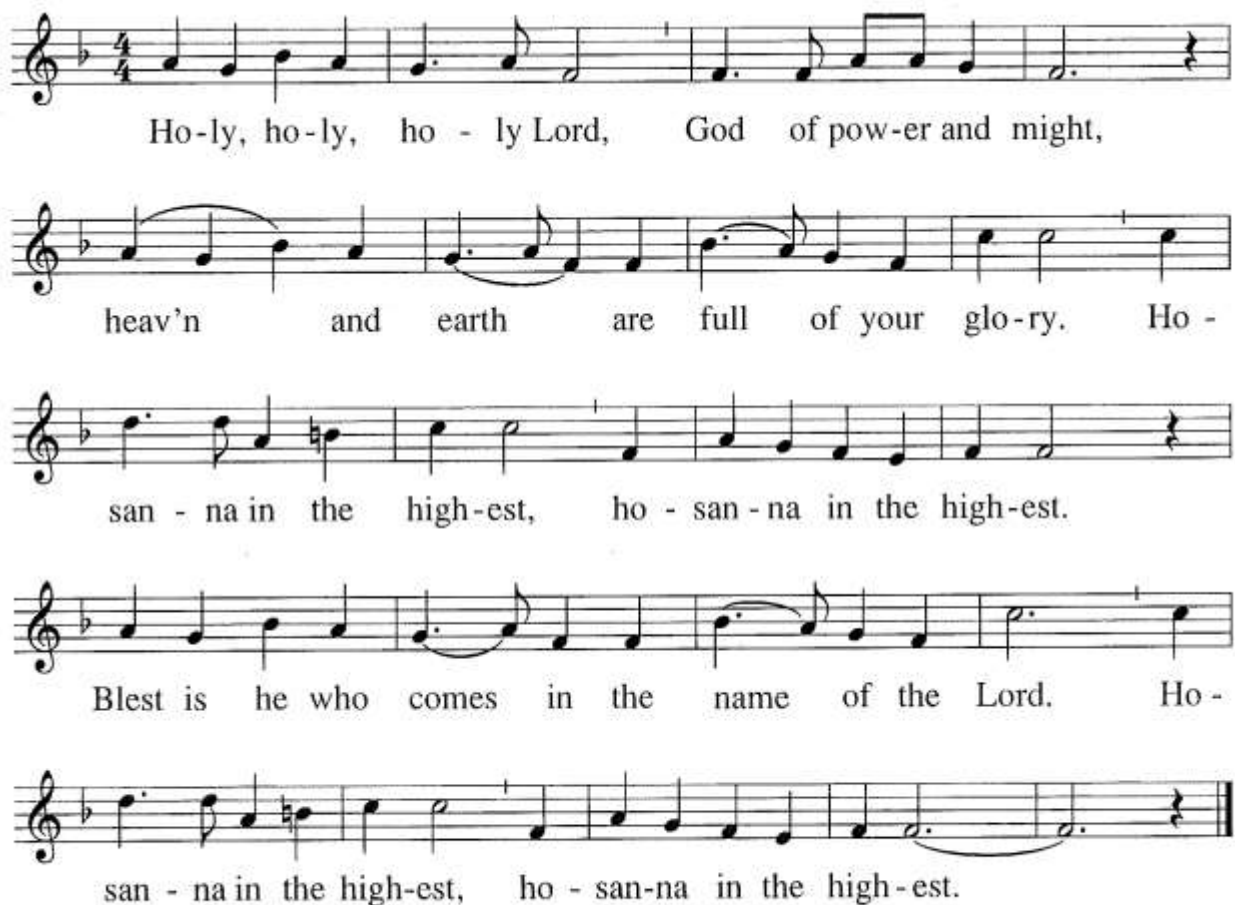
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SURSUM CORDA

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD *Sanctus*

Proulx

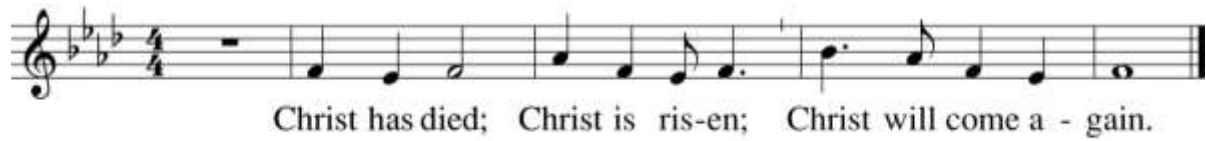


Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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GREAT AMEN

Proulx



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The Celebrant then continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Proulx

A period of silence is kept



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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. The Celebrant will place the consecrated host in the palm of your hand; a Eucharistic minister will then offer you the common cup. We ask that you do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish, the Celebrant will intinct for you; you may indicate your desire to receive in this manner by keeping your hands folded. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to receive 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 Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Elisabeth Poston (1905–1987)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree*

*His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree*

*For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought:*

*I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree*

*I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

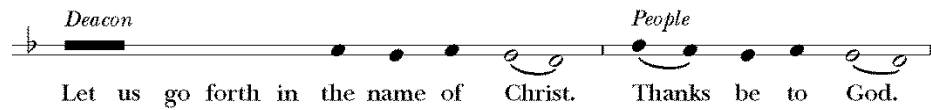
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THE FINAL HYMN #530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

THE DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Gott sei Dank

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

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 candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
John S. Guzzi by Carole S. Guzzi and daughters.

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Sunday, 10:00 am: TBD (Altar Guild); TBD (Ushers); A. Guthrie (Crucifer and Acolyte); D. Kraus, B. Ott (Lectors); E. Rayburn (Intercessor); S. Sollami (Chalice Bearer); **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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

► Annual Meeting of the Parish

St. Luke's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024 immediately after the 10:00AM Eucharist and will be followed by a pot-luck luncheon. Mother Barnes, parish officers, and committee leaders will present their annual reports and share specific plans for ministry, mission, and spiritual growth in the year to come. The 2024 approved annual budget will also be presented and Vestry members will be elected. At its 2016 Diocesan Convention, the diocese established canons that stipulate that every parish shall conduct its annual meeting in January at a time and place designated by the parish Vestry, and most recently at Convention, a canon allowed for online attendance/voting by members in good standing. "Members in good standing" is defined as those individuals at least 18 years old, who are regular attendants at the services of the parish, and who are regular contributors for the six months preceding the meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business requires that 25% of the persons entitled to vote be present OR 25 persons entitled to vote, whichever is less.

This year, Rick Ammenhauser will be standing for re-election to a second three-year term; Kimberly DeSanto will be standing for election to a three-year term. Standing for election to serve as a Delegate to Diocesan Convention will be Sharon Sollami and Mickey Baccoli; standing for election as Alternate Delegate are David Wegner and TBD.

To Join the Meeting via Zoom click the link in red:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88452238933?pwd=WE5tQ09QVGdydzQrT2NPS05od3RGUT09>

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Lent at St. Luke's

► **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** Join us on **Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in Kreitler Hall for the Annual St. Luke's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The last day of the Season after the Epiphany is also known as Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras in French. In the life of the Church, this day is referred to as Shrove Tuesday—the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday—so named from the “shriving”, i.e. confession and absolution of the faithful that day. We mark Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake Supper. Come join in or cheer on your favorite “pancake flipper” in the pancake races! Tickets are \$10; Children 5 and under are free. Take-outs will be available.

► **Palms Collection:** Last year's palms will be collected until Tuesday, February 13th when they will be burned for the making of ashes for Ash Wednesday. Anyone wishing to join in watching Mother Barnes burn the palms on Tuesday evening at the end of the Pancake Supper is welcome.



Ash Wednesday: The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. St. Luke's schedule of services will be:

12:10 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes. No Music.

7:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, with the Imposition of Ashes with hymns, organ and choir.

Fridays in Lent:

► **Lenten Loaves and Lessons:** This lay led time of fellowship and reflection on Friday evenings during Lent will begin at 5:30PM with a light (meatless) Lenten supper of soup, salad and bread. The hour together will focus on Lenten meditations on our baptismal promises using the book, *Will You? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises*. This five-week Lenten small group study offers daily reflections, examples of evangelism in action, and an invitation to think in new ways about the promises we make to God, each other, and ourselves in baptism. The study was written by Amanda Perkins McGriff, who received a 2021 Episcopal Evangelism Society grant to create a curriculum exploring connections between baptism, eucharist, and evangelism. Books are available for \$12. For more details, please see Mother Barnes.



► On **Friday, February 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM** (and continuing at this time on Friday evenings throughout Lent) we will pray the Stations of the Cross followed by Compline.

► Holy Cross Monastery Lenten Retreat

For the second year, St. Luke's is planning a parish retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in the New York Hudson Valley. Holy Cross is a Benedictine Community in the Anglican Communion. The retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 through Friday, March 15, 2024. Space is limited and reservations must be made no later than Monday, February 12, 2024. The cost for the retreat is \$430 which covers three night's lodging, meals, and retreat program leadership by one of the brothers. Scholarship is available upon written request. Please see Mother Barnes for more details.

Christian Education and Formation

► Children

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. Please see Rick Ammenhauser or Mother Barnes to register your children for classes.



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

► Youth



Province III is hosting its youth event (PYE24) open to grades 6 - 12, on **April 5 - 7, 2024**, at the [Caroline Furnace Camp and Retreat Center](#) in Fort Valley, VA. Please "Save the Date" and look for registration details later this month.

Additionally, high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to join the PYE24 Leadership Team and help plan and lead PYE24. There will be a Leadership Team planning retreat on February 24 - 25, 2024, at the Caroline Furnace Camp and Retreat Center in Fort Valley, VA. More information and an application for the PYE24 Leadership Team can be found online: [click here](#) or by visiting the DioBeth website.

► Adult

Wednesday Bible & Book Study - Each week, following the 12:10 Healing Eucharist the Wednesday Bible/Book Study group meets at 1:15 PM. Currently, the midweek Bible study is exploring ***The Path: A Journey Through the Bible***. *The Path* is the story of the Bible excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end from creation and John's revelation. With informative trail signs to help one see how each piece of the narrative fits together, *The Path* is an overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's love for ordinary people. *The Path* is available through Forward Movement (<https://www.forwardmovement.org/>); pdfs will be distributed for the weekly class.



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." For more information, contact Mother Barnes at mthrbarnes@gmail.com.

Epiphany Bible Study



Genesis | Epiphany 2024

Reading the Bible is one of the best ways to grow spiritually, especially if you are able to join in the company of fellow travelers on the journey. The Good Book Club offers you a chance to join with others—whether locally in your church or globally online—in an immersive experience in a book of the Bible. For our journey through scripture during Epiphany 2024, the Good Book Club will explore the Book of Genesis with daily scripture readings, reflections, and teachings, starting Jan.

6. **The list of readings is now available!** (<https://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/>).

Here at St. Luke's, Mother Barnes will offer a class following the Sunday Coffee Hour starting on January 7 (please note new start date). **On 1/7 the class will be held on Zoom due to inclement weather** (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85896079795?pwd=TGFkcFNDK29qRW9ST3hmemlhMldnQT09>)

If you are unable to participate in the class here at St. Luke's, consider signing up for a free class on ChurchNext led by Vicki Garvey, a respected teacher and author and Canon for Lifelong Education at the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. In this class, Vicki will teach us about the author, origin, setting, and message of the book of Genesis. Classes will meet live on Thursday nights via zoom from January 9-February 13, and they will last an hour. Learn more and register [here](https://churchnextblog.wordpress.com/2023/11/27/the-good-book-club/) or visit (<https://churchnextblog.wordpress.com/2023/11/27/the-good-book-club/>)

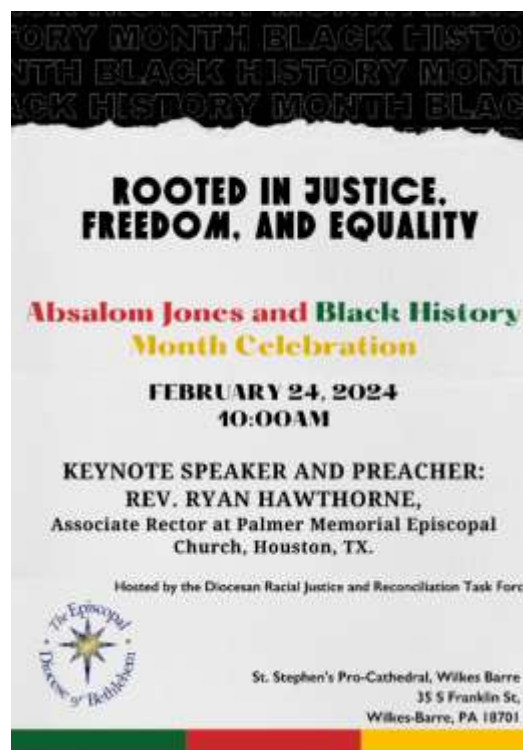
Black History Month

Diocesan Gathering celebrating Absalom Jones & Black History Month on February 24th.

The Racial Justice & Reconciliation Task Force will host a celebration of Absalom Jones and Black History Month Celebration on **February 24, 2024**, at [*St. Stephen's Pro-cathedral \(Wilkes-Barre\)*](#).

Join us for a day of reflection, formation, and fellowship with keynote speaker the Rev. Ryan Hawthorne, Associate Rector at [*Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church*](#), Houston, TX.

This event consists of check-in at 9:30 a.m., keynote address, discussion, lunch, and a concluding worship service. Registration is needed for your participation: [click here](#) or visit the Diocesan website.



Community Outreach and Social Justice

► Food Pantry – Volunteers Needed

St. Luke's satellite food pantry in partnership with Friends of the Poor will resume on **February 20th from 1-2:30pm**. For more information on how to volunteer or if you or someone you know is in need, please email Sharon Sollami at sharonsollami@gmail.com or Amanda Wrazien at manders018@gmail.com

► **DOK Service Project:** St. Luke's St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapter of the Daughters of the King will begin collecting items for the Women's Resource Center this September. The Women's Resource Center provides services including emergency shelter and safe housing for those affected by domestic violence in Lackawanna and Susquehanna Counties. A collection box will be available at the back of the nave. Donations of the following items would greatly assist those in need:

- Full-size personal hygiene items (deodorant, soap, shampoo, lotion)
- Combs, brushes, nail clippers, etc.
- Twin and queen bedding in good condition (blankets, sheets, pillowcases)
- Towels and washcloths
- Laundry detergent
- Size 6-7 toddler's diapers (no infant diapers please)
- Suitcases
- Fabric tote bags
- Non-perishable food items (canned meats, vegetables, peanut butter, noodles, pasta, spaghetti sauce, etc.)

The DOK greatly appreciate your participation in this ongoing service to our community.

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.



January 28, 2024 – Epiphany 4 (B)
The Feast of the Presentation

Each year on February 2, the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification, and Candlemas. This feast commemorates the 40th day after Jesus' birth, when he was presented in the Jerusalem Temple and Mary was purified in accordance with Jewish Law.

The Book of Leviticus mandates that, after childbirth, a woman must go to the temple to offer "two turtle-doves or two pigeons, one for a burnt-offering and the other for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement on her behalf, and she shall be clean" (Leviticus 12:8).

The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple is chronicled in the Gospel of Luke, when St. Simeon the Righteous saw Jesus in the temple and "took him in his arms and praised God," saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation" (Luke 2:30).

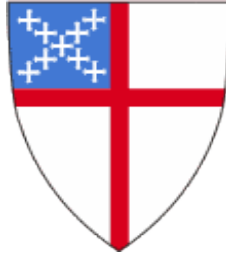
This blessing by Simeon is the basis for the canticle *Nunc dimittis* or "The Song of Simeon":
*Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen*
(Luke 2:29-32; Book of Common Prayer, p. 120).



An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, edited by Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, explains that when the celebration of the Presentation was first introduced in Rome in the seventh century, it included a procession with candles and the singing of the *Nunc dimittis*, which is why this feast also became known as "Candlemas."

Collect for the Presentation

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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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