Welcome to St. Luke's Episcopal Church!
An inclusive, multicultural community pursuing spiritual and social transformation.
Una comunidad inclusiva y multicultural, en búsqueda de transformación espiritual y social.

At St. Luke’s, we welcome and fully affirm everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Thank you for joining us for in-person worship. Despite the changes in California guidelines, we continue to recommend that people wear masks indoors. And, we mostly pass the Peace by bowing, nodding, or waving from a distance. We celebrate the Eucharist together and will offer both bread and wine to the community. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact the clergy, the Rev. Jane Gould at jgould@stlukeslb.org or the Rev. Dr. Antonio Gallardo at agallardo@stlukeslb.org or contact the church office at 562-436-4047.

Please turn off your cellphone. If God is going to speak to you during the service, other means will be used.
The Order of Service

Prelude  O Kou Aloha No  Queen Lilioukalani
                         Darita Seth

Hymn 412  Earth and All Stars
If you are able, please stand.  Earth and All Stars

Opening Acclamation
Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People  The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity
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.

Gloria  (Sung Twice)  Jacques Berthier

Collect of the Day
Celebrant  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The First Reading Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 30

Remain seated. The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Marty Haugen
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and
have not let my enemies triumph over me. O Lord my god, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health. You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

REFRAIN

God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night,
but joy comes in the morning. While I felt secure I said, “I shall never be disturbed.
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear. I cried to you, O Lord;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying, “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper.”

REFRAIN

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

REFRAIN

Epistle  Meeting God in Ministry

Arlene Thompson

St. Paul’s Epistles were letters to the early church as believers sought to live faithfully and in
community as they pursued God’s mission of “reconciling all things to God in Christ.” Our Epistle is
a letter to our church and city as we engage God’s mission of reconciliation here and now.

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God. After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Celebrant  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.
The Sermon
Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Jane Gould

The Apostles' Creed  If you are able, please stand.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader:  Risen Lord, you greeted all you met with a word of peace; give us your Spirit to pray for peace for all people.

For those overcome by war, violence, and degradation … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those possessed by envy, rage, and hatred … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those overwhelmed by fear, illness, loss, and despair … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those who work at the centers of power and those who live on the margins … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those who desecrate the earth and those who cherish creation … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those held down by sin and those lifted up by grace … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For those who have betrayed our trust and for those we have wronged … we pray:
Peace be with them.

For our friends and all who warm us with love … we pray:
Peace be with them.
For those who show God’s love by caring for God’s people and all creation … we pray:
**Peace be with them.**

For those in whose memory the altar flowers are given and for all who have died … we pray:
**Peace be with them.**

For those whose joys and concerns we now raise up in prayer and thanksgiving.
*(please add your prayers and thanksgivings at this time)*

For those we have named aloud and those we hold in our hearts … we pray:
**Peace be with them.**

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

**Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries**

**Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and oblation to God.

**Offertory Anthem** *Take and Receive*

Take and receive, O Lord, my liberty
Take all my will, my mind, my memory
All things I hold and all I own are Thine
Thine was the gift, to Thee I all resign

Do Thou direct and govern all and sway
Do what Thou wilt, command, and I obey
Only Thy grace, Thy love on me bestow
These make me rich, all else will I forgo.

*Manuel Francisco, arr. Arnold Zamorra*

_During the anthem, please support the parish by contributing financially to the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s / San Lucas._

_You may contribute electronically by scanning the QR code to the right, or by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed._

**Offertory Hymn 157** *Open for me the gates of righteousness*

Psalm 118: 19-29
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer C
Please kneel as you are able.

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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.
Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Hannah, Miriam, Deborah, and Mary; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

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

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  The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
Celebrant  Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Lord’s Table, and all are welcome here.
The Holy Communion
Whoever you are and wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. According to the guidelines of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, we will offer both bread and wine to the community gathered for worship. To receive Communion, please form a line down the center aisle as the ushers invite your row. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail to stand or kneel to receive the bread, which will be placed in your hands; gluten free wafers are available. Anyone with mobility issues is welcome to remain standing in the center, or stay seated and have the clergy bring Communion to you. Although bread alone constitutes full reception of Communion and no one need receive wine, those who wish to receive wine may drink from the Common Cup or take an individual serving from a small cup. Intinction, or dipping wafers in the Common Cup, is not allowed according to Diocesan health safety protocols. If you desire a Blessing rather than receiving the bread or the wine, cross your arms on your chest. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion
Those participating in the live streamed service and therefore not able to receive communion may wish to say the following prayer in recognition that the desire to receive communion carries the same spiritual benefits as actually consuming the consecrated elements.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: “This is my body; this is my blood — given for you.” Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

Communion Anthem Prayer of St. Francis

Il Signore, Mi Rende Uno Strumento Della Vostra Pace (Lord Make Me, Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace)
Dove Ci E Odio Lasciarlo Seminare L’amore (Where There Is Hatred, Let Me Sow Love;)
Dove Ce E Ferita, (Where There Is Injury) Perdono; (Pardon)
Dove Ci E Dubbio, (Where Is Doubt) Fede; (Faith)
Dove Ci E Disperzione, (Where There Is Despair) Sperare; (Hope) Dove Ci E Nerezza, (Where There Is Darkness) Illuminarsi; (Light)
Dove Ci E La Tristezza, (Where There Is Sadness) Gioia. (Joy)

O Divine Master, Grant That I May Not So Much Seek; To Be Consoled As To Console;
(To Be Understood As To Understand,) To Be Loved, As To Love; (As To Love)
For It Is In Giving That We Receive;
It Is In Pardoning That We Are Pardoned;
It Is In Dying That We Are Born Again,
(It Is In Dying That We Are Born Again)
It Is In Dying That We Are Born Again,
To Eternal Life.

Communion Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Il Signore, Mi Rende Uno Strumento Della Vostra Pace (Lord Make Me, Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace)

St. Agnes
The Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People    Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Creator bless you and keep you;
May the Beloved Compassion face you and have mercy upon you;
May eternal Spirit’s countenance be turned to you and give you peace;
This day and always. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn 460  Alleluia! sing to Jesus
If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
People  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude  We Know The Way  Opetaia Foa’i
           Hyfrydol
           Darita Seth

WE PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those who have asked for our prayers:
Amos, Debra, Kim, Shelley, Stacy, Beryl, Gary, Charlotte, Jason, Deming, Michelle, Debbie, Joan, Phil, Christine, Carol, Roger, Tom, BreeAnna, David, Claire, Rick, Elva, Carol, Jackie, Jassa, James, Robbie, Rev. Mary Jo, Audrey, Jill, Diana, Leah, Luis Eduardo, We the Conduits. For our homeless siblings. For all those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by COVID-19. For the people of Ukraine and all those working to maintain peace. For all refugees and immigrants. For an end to violence of all kinds.

For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop John; for our clergy: Jane, Antonio, Dean, Beryl, Peter, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff.

**If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the yellow Visitors Card found in the front of your pew or at the back of the church. We would love to get to know you and keep you informed of the many activities happening at St. Luke’s! Cards may be placed in the offertory plate or given to an usher.**

Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by the Parish Nurses (Lucille Sevigny & Melody Gray).