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  *Gabriel’s Oboe (The Mission)*
Ennio Morricone
Bennett Imai, oboe

Hymn 522  *Glorious things of thee are spoken*
*Austria*
*If you are able, please stand.*

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
The First Reading  Acts 9:36-43
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23
Remain seated. The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Robert Buckley Farlee
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

REFRAIN

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

REFRAIN

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

REFRAIN

Epistle Meeting God in Ministry
Darita Seth

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.
Hymn 664  My Shepherd will supply my need
If you are able, please stand.

The Gospel  John 10:22-30
Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

Celebrant  The Gospel of the Lord.
People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
Silence follows the sermon.

Davis Mac-Iyalla is an Anglican, born in Port-Harcourt, Nigeria. He is the founder of Changing Attitude Nigeria, an LGBTIQ affirmation pressure group, and Interfaith Diversity Network of West Africa, because of his belief that no one should be discriminated against or excluded from God's loving care because of their ethnicity, background, or sexual orientation.

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

Blessing Prayer for Mothers
Offertory Sentence
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and oblation to God.

Offertory Anthem  The Lord Is My Shepherd, from Requiem  
Bennett Imai, oboe

The Lord is my shepherd;  
Thou art with me:  
Therefore can I lack nothing.  
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
He shall feed me in a green pasture,  
Thou shalt prepare a table before me  
And lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.  
Against them that trouble me:  
He shall convert my soul,  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil  
And bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,  
And my cup shall be full.  
For his Name's sake.  
For his Name's sake.  
But thy loving-kindness and mercy  
Shall follow me all the days of my life:  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
You may contribute electronically by scanning the QR code to the right.  

During the anthem, please support the parish by contributing financially  
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 645  The King of love my shepherd is  
St. Columba

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. Glor y 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:

**Sanctus**

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! 

Celebrant  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  I Have Felt The Hand of God

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. I have seen the face of God in your face.
Holding me, you gave me strength to stand. Giving all, you shared with me God’s grace.
When I was all alone you came and met my need. And you were faithful to guide me as I grew.
And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead. I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
Through your touch, God’s hand reached out to me. When you smiled, God’s love surrounded me.
I have felt the hand of God in your hand. I have seen the face of God, I have heard the voice of God, I have felt the hand of God through you.
I have heard the voice of God in your voice, Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
And when I lost my faith, you called me home again, When you spoke, God’s voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

Craig Courtney
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  *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?*  Mary Alexandra

**If you are able, please stand.**

1. Will you come and follow me if
   I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and
   never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
   let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
   you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if
   I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
   never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your
   life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in
   you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blind see if
   I but call your name? Will you set the prisoner free and
   never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do
   such as this unseen? And admit to what I mean in
   you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “You” you hide if
   I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and
   never be the same. In your company I’ll go where your
   shape the world around through my sight and touch and sound in
   you and you in me?

5. Christ, your summons echoes true when
   you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and
   let my faith you’ve found to renewed be the same. In your company I’ll go where your
   love and footsteps show, thus I’ll move and live and grow in
   you and you in me?

   **(Final Ending)**

   you and you in me?
   you and you in me?
   you and you in me?
   you and you in me?
   5. you and you in me.

Dismissal

**Deacon**  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**People**  Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude  *Boat on Tai Lake*  Fan Li Bin

Bennet Imai, oboe

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers, Yvonne and Mary. (Harry & Susan Holgate)
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, Kathy, Barbara. 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 Glenn & Joyce Howard.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (MAY 8 – 15)

Check the weekly newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 8
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
Guest Preacher: Davis Mac-Iyalla
8am – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45am – Sunday School (Building A)
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
Guest Preacher: Davis Mac-Iyalla
11:30am – Conversation with Davis Mac-Iyalla
12:30pm – Misa en Español
Guest Preacher: The Rev. John Watson

TUESDAY, MAY 10
5:00pm – Welcome Reception for The Rev. John Watson
7:00pm – Ascension Taizé (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MAY 12
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commns Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 13
1:00pm-5:00pm – Realm Training: Staff (church office closed)
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, MAY 14
7:30am-Noon – Showers, Clothing, & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke
9:00am-Noon – Realm Training:
Ministry Leaders & Vestry
10:00am – Flower Arranging Workshop

SUNDAY, MAY 15
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
Guest Preacher: The Rev. John Watson
8am – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45am – Sunday School (Building A)
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
Guest Preacher: The Rev. John Watson
11:30am – Realm Training: Congregation
12:30pm – Misa en Español
2:00pm – Realm Training: Congregation