Holy Eucharist

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022  10:00 a.m.

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  *Spirit Wings*  Cloninger, arr. Saunder Choi

**Hymn 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord**  Land of Rest
*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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**
The First Reading  *Acts 11:1-18*


Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 148

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

Mark Mummert
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights,
Praise the Lord, all you angles; sing praise all you hosts of heaven.
Praise the Lord, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining star.
Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded, and they were created, who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God’s will;
mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

REFRAIN

Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world
young men and maidens, old and young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!

REFRAIN

Epistle Meeting God in Ministry

Ann Burdette

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 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

If you are able, please stand.

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

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Celebrant  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. John Watson

Silence follows the sermon.


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  *Schaffe In Mir Gott*  
Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

*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  *Love The Lord Your God*

1. Love the Lord, __ your God, with all ___ your heart, with all ___ your soul, ___ with all ___ your mind.
2. I will serve ___ the Lord with all ___ my heart, with all ___ my soul, ___ with all ___ my mind.

and with all ___ your strength; ___ and with all ___ my strength; ___
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!

**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  Lead Me Lord

Arnel De Pano, arr. Seth

Lead me Lord, lead me by the hand
and make me face the rising sun.
Comfort me through all the pain
that life may bring.
There’s no other hope that I can lean upon,
Lead me Lord, all my life.

Walk by me.
Walk by me across the lonely road of everyday.
Take my life and let your hand
show me the way.
Show the way to live inside your love;
lead me Lord, lead me all my life.

You are my light
You're the lamp upon my feet,
All the time, my lord, I need you there.
You are my life, with you I’m not alone.
Let me stay by Your guiding love,
All through my life,
Lead me Lord.

Lead me Lord, even though at times
I'd rather go along my way.
Help me take the right direction,
take Your road.
Lead me Lord and never leave my side,
all my days, all my life.
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

Announcements

Hymn 657  Love divine, all loves excelling  Hyfrydol
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  Kanaka Waiwai  John Almeida

The Altar Flowers are given by Karen Fraser
to the glory of God and in loving memory of her cousin, Bonita Lou Everts.

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, Lori. 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.**
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (MAY 15 – 22)

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

MONDAY, MAY 16
7:00pm – The Great Migration Group
Contact: Claudia Bryan
(ebryanward@gmail.com)

TUESDAY, MAY 17
7:00pm – Vestry Meeting (in-person)

THURSDAY, MAY 19
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)

FRIDAY, MAY 20
Church Office Closed
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, MAY 21
7:30am-Noon – Showers, Clothing, & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

SUNDAY, MAY 22
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
8am – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45am – Sunday School (Building A)
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

*Youth Group moved to May 29 at 5:30pm for Cooking with Julie*

LONG BEACH EPISCOPAL PARISHES
ASCENSION DAY CELEBRATION

May 26 at 7:00pm

St. Thomas of Canterbury
(5306 E Arbor Rd # B,
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