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 everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Thank you for joining us as we resume in-person worship. Despite the changes in California guidelines, we continue to recommend that people wear masks indoors. And, we will pass the Peace by bowing, nodding, or waving from a distance. We will celebrate the Eucharist together, and the bread of Holy Communion will be given to all who would like to share in receiving the body of Christ. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact the clergy, the Rev. Jane Gould at jgould@stlukeslb.org or the Rev. Nancy Frausto at revnancy@stlukeslb.org or 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 *Prière du Matin*  
Joseph Jongen  
Dr. Gukhui Han

**Hymn** *O for a world*  
Miriam Therese Winter

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**Opening Acclamation** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant*  
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*  
Glory to God forever and ever.

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God of LOVE, we thank you for the Spirits who were trailblazers, moving and shaking people’s hearts and minds. On this day when we celebrate the beauty in our diversity let us remember those whose courage brought forth the LGBTQ rights movement. We celebrate Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Stormé DeLarverie and all who embraced their true selves. Stir up in us that same energy of those who helped pave the way for where our LGBTQIA+ siblings are today. May we never stop expanding the borders of love and acceptance for queer, brown, and black bodies.
Hymn  *We have come into His house*  
Bruce Ballinger

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to
2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and
3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and

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**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*  God be with you.

*People*  And also with you.

*Celebrant*  Let us pray.

Creator, giver and sustainer of life, today let us celebrate the uniqueness of each individual. May you show your children that they are all welcome and perfect in your image, lifting up our differences as gifts. Provide strength to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, pansexual, gender fluid + people to live our truths, by creating spaces that are safe and affirming to live, worship, and thrive in. *Amen.*
A Reading  *Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal. For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity, but through the devil’s envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

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

**Sacred Stories from Our Community**

*Ignacio Castor*

*My name is Ignacio Castor, a gay man, a student advisor for international students, and a long-time parishioner of St. Luke's who truly believes that trusting in God and our Lord Jesus Christ can allow us to be faithful disciples while expressing our identity as LGBTQIA beings. As a Beloved Community, St Luke's and the Episcopal Church welcomed me as I am and will equally welcome you as you are.*

**Hymn  *With Open Hearts***

*Mary-Ellen Kish*

With open hearts, open arms, open minds there is welcome in this place, there is welcome with embrace, with open hearts. A place of caring and acceptance, a place for risking and affirming, a place for healing and releasing, a place to question and to wonder,
Sacred Stories from Our Community

Leah Ramirez

Leah Ramirez is a Filipino-American bisexual married to Cara Nilsen, one of St. Luke's vestry members. She and her wife currently live in Long Beach and just became the proud aunts of Brielle.

Gospel Processional  

*Ale, Ale, Ale, Aleluya*

Ale, ale, ale lu-uya
Ale, ale, ale, lu-uya
Ale, ale, ale, lu-uya
Aleluya, aleluya

The Gospel  

*Mark 5:21-43*

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

*People*  

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”
While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

The Sermon
Silence follows the sermon.

The Rev. Deacon Steve Alder

An Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, who is love,
and who has given the earth to all people.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,
and to free us from all forms of oppression.
We believe in the Spirit of God,
who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth.
We believe in the community of faith,
which is called to be at the service of all people.
We believe in God’s power to transform and transfigure,
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth
where justice and peace will flourish. Amen.

Litany of Hope and Struggle
adapted from Carol Wisei

Because injustice can break the most eager spirit and force the abandonment of dreams…
We hold tenderly all our siblings and grieve the loss of vibrancy and faith.

Because fear can overwhelm goodness and silence those whom God has called…
We decry the betrayal of God’s own and announce our resolve to speak the truth of our lives.

Because hate destroys the human heart and limits the wonders of love…
We open ourselves to compassion and offer our lives as witnesses to the healing presence of God.

Because complacency gives consent to systems that oppress and harm…
We refuse to cede our world to hurtful power and principalities and dare to dream new creations into being.

Because courage in the face of fear and injustice is a holy deed…
We celebrate the passion that chooses life in the midst of violence and claims the goodness of human dignity with power and grace.

Because hope in a world of complacency and hate is a sacred act of resistance…
We stand among this incredible cloud of witnesses and proclaim:
Where hatred roars, we will sing of love.
Where fear stalks, we will stand with courage.
Where bigotry rages, we will call for justice.
Where pain overwhelms, we will extend kind comfort.
Where systems oppress, we will work for change.
Now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore. Amen.

Celebrant Welcoming God, help the whole Body of Christ show up and be present for your kingdom. Let the Holy Spirit breathe through your church gifts of compassion and radical hospitality for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions. Remind your clergy and lay leaders of the call to love the neighbor, doing so in a way that is intentional and graceful. Amen.

The Peace
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries

Offertory Sentence
Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

Offertory Anthem True Colors Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

You with the sad eyes
Don’t be discouraged
Oh, I realize
It’s hard to find courage
In a world full of people
You can lose sight of it all
And the darkness inside you
Makes you feel so small

Show me a smile then
Don’t be unhappy
Can’t remember when
I last saw you laughing
If this world makes you crazy
And you’ve taken all you can bear
You call me up
And you know I’ll be there

But I see your true colors shining through
I see you true colors, that’s why I love you
Don’t be afraid to let them show
Your true colors
Your true colors are beautiful like a rainbow

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Hymn  All Belong Here

Leonora & Hannah Rand

Verse 1
When you're not sure who you really are, When all you feel is the shape of your scars, And you have more wounds than you can count, Open your eyes, look all around, You aren't alone, this is your home.

Chorus
Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am. Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.

Verse 2
When you don't know how to forgive, When locked doors seem like the only way to live, And you've got more questions than you can count, Open your eyes, look all around, You aren't alone, this is your home.

Bridge
At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's okay. At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving
If you are able, please remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

Holy One, we gather this day as one people, members of the same body, grateful for your many gifts, and carrying the hope within us for a world filled with love. This hope was given by you, from the very beginning of your creation. You made the earth, and all that lives on it. You inspired prophets and widows and enslaved people, to seek liberation from all that oppresses, so that we might be released to love fully. You became incarnate in Jesus Christ, so that through him we might experience the depth and width of your unquenchable love. And so, joining our voices with the ancestors who have gone before us, we praise your name in song:

Sanctus

| Richard Proulx |

While Jesus lived among us he stood up for women and children, he touched those society deemed untouchable, healed the sick, and welcomed those who had given up hope of being included and loved. Through him we see a path not only to our own freedom, but a path to the liberation of the whole world.

He taught us that it will not be in the brutality of violence that our world will be saved. Rather, it will be in showing kindness to our neighbor, in standing up against injustice, in returning hate with love, in transforming one heart at a time. It will be in the simple but holy task of dining together, sharing bread and wine, truly seeing one another as beloved by you.
We know this because on the night before he was murdered, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his friends saying “Take, eat. This is my body broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After dinner he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them and said: “Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new promise, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.”

Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, into these gifts of bread and wine. Please send your Holy Spirit into us, that we may recognize each other as members of the same body, Christ’s hands and feet and heart, sent for the healing of the world. All this we ask in your name. Amen.

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

**Lord’s Prayer**
(from the Anglican Church of New Zealand BCP)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Parent of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for 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.

Celebrate the love of God.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Celebrate the love of God.
The Holy Communion

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Eucharist. At this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the bread of Holy Communion will be offered to the congregation. To receive Communion, please form a line down the center aisle. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail to stand or kneel around the altar rail 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. If you desire a Blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms on your chest. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Our prayer partners are in the Chapel to offer prayers with anyone who would like special prayers.

Communion Anthem *The Power of Your Love*  Geoff Bullock

Lord, I come to You  Lord, unveil my eyes
Let my heart be changed, renewed  Let me see You face to face
Flowing from the grace  The knowledge of Your love
That I found in You  As You live in me
Lord, I've come to know  Lord, renew my mind
The weaknesses I see in me  As Your Will unfolds in my life
Will be stripped away  In living everyday
By the Power of Your love  In the Power of Your love

Hold me close, let Your love surround me  Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side  Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle  And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on In the Power of Your love  And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on In the Power of Your love
Prayer of Gratitude

Those who work for change suffer resistance: **So make us strong.**
Those who do new things sometimes feel afraid: **So make us brave.**
Those who challenge the world as it is arouse its anger: **So grant us inner peace.**
Those who try to love encounter hate: **So make us steadfast in you.**

Call to Action

Dearest Lord, in our times of need, grant us the presence of those who are in solidarity with us. In our moments of marginality, grant us the ability to act boldly on our own behalves. In our commitment to human liberation, grant us a spirit of sacrifice that will enable us to empower others to seek and find their own freedom in Christ Jesus. Amen.
(adapted from “Out in Scripture: An honest encounter between LGBT lives & the Bible”)

Blessing

May the God who dances in creation; Who embraces us with human love; Who shakes our lives like thunder + Bless us and drive us out with power to fill the world with justice and peace. Amen.
Hymn  *We are marching in the light of God*  Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

Dismissal

*Deacon*  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People*  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  *Love Medley*

Arr. Marilynn Ham
Dr. Gukhui Han
TRANSGENDER AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING WOMEN OF COLOR,
THE STONEWALL INN AND THE MODERN LGBTQ MOVEMENT

The rebellion at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969 is considered the lightning rod that started the modern LGBTQ rights movement. While the police frequently raided gay bars in the 1960’s, this time the patrons fought back. Outside the bar, hundreds of other LGBTQ people and allies joined in. Four transgender and gender non-conforming women of color who were at Stonewall, becoming an integral part of the LGBTQ movement – Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Miss Major and Stormé DeLarverie. DeLarverie is included as she instigated the Stonewall riots as the first person to stand up to the police in their raid on Stonewall.

**Marsha P. Johnson**

Marsha P. Johnson was a Black transgender woman who was an outspoken advocate for transgender people of color and an activist for LGBTQ rights. After that she was a founding member of the Gay Activists Alliance that started soon after Stonewall. Later she established an organization called STAR, the Street Transgender Action Revolutionaries. STAR provided housing and social services to homeless transgender youth and transgender people of color. Johnson died in 1992 at the age of only 46. Many people believe she was murdered. Her life and her work have been celebrated in numerous books and documentaries.

**Sylvia Rivera**

Civil rights pioneer Sylvia Rivera was born in New York City of Puerto Rican and Venezuelan descent. In 2002, she stated “I’m tired of being labeled. I don’t even like the label transgender. I’m tired of living with labels. I just want to be who I am. I am Sylvia Rivera. I left home at the age of 10 to become Sylvia. And that’s who I am.” Rivera pushed the LGBTQ rights movement to include transgender people and people of color. She was 17-years-old on the night of Stonewall. When the riots began, she thought. "My god, the revolution is finally here!" After Stonewall, she was a founding member of the Gay Activists Alliance. Then, along with Marsha P. Johnson, she started the Street Transgender Action Revolutionaries (STAR) to help homeless transgender youth and transgender people of color.
**Miss Major Griffin-Gracy**
Miss Major was at Stonewall on the night the riots began. In the 60’s going to a bar or a club was one of the primary ways to meet other LGBTQ people. She has worked and volunteered for many LGBTQ organizations since the Stonewall Uprising with a particular focus on women of color. She has helped trans women who were homeless, who have been in prison or who were dealing with addiction. During the 90’s she became very active with organizations that were responding to the AIDS crisis. Now, living in California, she says that her goal for transgender people is very simple, "We just want to be left alone to live our lives....I'd like for the girls to get a chance to be who they are. For young transgender people to go to school, learn like everyone else does, and then get out there and live their lives, not afraid or thinking that the only solution for them is death."

**Stormé DeLarverie**
Stormé DeLarverie was born in New Orleans in 1920 to a black mother and a white father. She became known for her masculine appearance with men’s suits and short hair. DeLarverie was at Stonewall on the night of the police raid. Among those handcuffed and led outside by police, was a butch lesbian (Stormé) who resisted arrest. She repeatedly tried to escape before she was struck on the head with a baton. When that happened, she then punched the police officer, shouting to bystanders, “Why don't you guys do something?” This moment motivated the crowd that had gathered to action, and the Stonewall Riots began. At the time, the identity of this woman was unclear, until Stormé was interviewed in 2008 saying it was her though she said it really was no one’s business so she hadn’t talked about it before. After Stonewall, she continued to perform and she worked as a professional bodyguard. She was also known for roaming the streets of the West Village in New York at night to keep people safe from harassment and attacks.