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. If you are not feeling well today, please take care of yourself and others by refraining from joining worship today. Worship guidelines of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles require that masks be worn and that people maintain physical distance. The Peace can be passed 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  *Hiding in Thee*  
Arr. James Southbridge  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Opening Acclamation  *Please stand.*

Celebrant  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People  Glory to God forever and ever.

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.

Hymn  *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness*  
*Ton-y Botel*

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at thy speaking  
2 Lo, on those who dwell in darkness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be-speaks us right-eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Father, Light-Creator, to thee laud and

it was done; for created light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy salvation,  
holiness, glorious now, we press toward glory,  
honor be; to thee, Light of Light be gotten,  

while thine ordered seasons run: Alleluia, alleluia!  
breathed thine own life-giving breath: Alleluia, alleluia!  
and our lives our hopes confess: Alleluia, alleluia!  
praise be sung eternally; Holy Spirit, Light-Refug  

lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia!  
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vocalize, glory, glory be to thee; mortals, angels,
Collect of the Day

Celebrant  God be with you.
People       And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading  1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 138
The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

REFRAIN:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

REFRAIN

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.
The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

REFRAIN

A Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1
A reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.
Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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Anthem  *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  

Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

The Gospel  *Mark 3:20-35*

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

*People*  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

*The Sermon*  

The Rev. Dean Farrar

*Silence follows the sermon.*
Nicene Creed  If you are able, please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader We gather as people created and renewed by the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit. Let us open our hearts to her compassionate touch as we pray.

For your creation and all its creatures, and for our sense of stewardship for all you have made, let us pray:
Lord, fill us with your sustaining Spirit.

For the nations of the world, for all leaders, and for the will toward peace, let us pray:
Lord, fill the earth with your calming Spirit.

For the church of Christ, strong in mission and compassionate in service, let us pray:
Lord, fill the Church with your loving Spirit.

For this congregation, for our hearing and doing of the Word, let us pray:
Lord, fill us with your passionate Spirit.

For refugees and the homeless, for the lonely and the brokenhearted, let us pray:
Lord, fill them with your empowering Spirit.

For those who are sick or suffering, for those who are troubled or in need, let us pray:
Lord, fill them with your healing Spirit.

For those who have died, that they may be held in God’s eternal grace; and for those who mourn, that they may be comforted.
Lord, fill them with your abundant Spirit.
For the people and places we now name:

(please add your own prayers at this time, aloud or silently.)

Let us pray:

**Lord, fill them with your Holy Spirit.**

_Celebrant_ O God, we commend to your care all for whom we pray in confidence that your love is greater than anything we can imagine. Hear us, through the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

_Celebrant_ Let us confess our sins to God.

**People** God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

_Celebrant_ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

_Celebrant_ The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Offertory Sentence**

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

**Offertory Anthem** *See what love*

Felix Mendelssohn

See what love hath the Father bestow’d on us in His goodness,
That we should be called God’s own children
See what love hath the Father bestow’d on is in His goodness.

_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 below, or by placing your offering in the plate at the front or back of the center aisle._

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Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries
The Holy Eucharist

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and people
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. 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

Communion Music  Let all mortal flesh keep silence  Wilber Held
George Bullock (Cello) & Dr. Gukhui Han (Piano)

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 physically distanced line down the center aisle. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail, and maintain physical distance between household groups. You may 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People  Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Blessing

**Hymn God the Omnipotent!**

1. God the Om-ni-po-tent! King, who or-dain-est
2. God the All-mer-ci-ful! earth hath for-sak-en
3. God the All-right-eous One! earth hath de-fied thee;
4. God the All-prov-i-dent! earth by thy chas-tening

thun-der thy clar-ion, the light-ning thy sword;
thy ways all ho-ly, and slight-ed thy word;
yet to e-ter-ni-ty stand-eth thy word,
yet shall to free-dom and truth be re-stored;

show forth thy pi-ty on high where thou reign-est:
bid not thy wrath in its ter-rors a-wak-en:
false-hood and wrong shall not tar-ry be-side thee:
through the thick dark-ness thy king-dom is haste-ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

Dismissal

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

_People_ Thanks be to God.

**Postlude Rejoice, Ye pure in heart**

Arr. David S. Gaines
Dr. Gukhui Han