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 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. 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  Air in G  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)  
David Tinoco

Hymn 574  Before thy throne, O God  
St. Petersburg  
If you are able, please stand.

A Penitential Order

Celebrant  Blessed be the God of our salvation.  
People  Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Invitation to Confession

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
If you are able, please kneel.

People  Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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.

Kyrie  Missa de Angelis  
Plainsong chant  
Sung by the choir

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
The First Reading  Exodus 3:1-15
A reading from the Book of Exodus.
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

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

Psalm 63:1-8

Remain seated.

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on your in the night watches. For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.
The Second Reading  1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Gospel Processional  When Israel was in Egypt’s land

If you are able, please stand.

1. When Israel was in Egypt’s land, let my people go;
2. The Lord told Moses what to do, let my people go;
3. They journeyed on at his command, let my people go;
4. Oh, let us all from bondage flee, let my people go;

1. oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.
2. to lead the children of Israel through, let my people go.
3. and come at length to Canaan’s land, let my people go.
4. and let us all in Christ be free, let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land;

tell old Pharaoh to let my people go.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

The Sermon
Silence follows the sermon.

Antonio Gallardo

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 for Lent

*If you are able, please kneel.*

Let us pray to God, who leads the lost and calls sinners home.

We pray for creation, that the damage done to land, water, and sky may cease and the Spirit renew the earth. Pray for creation.

*(Please offer your prayers for creation.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the world, that all may be safe from oppression, discrimination, famine, and war. Pray for the world.

*(Please offer your prayers for the world.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for the Church, that it may reconcile the wounded, gather wanderers, and guide pilgrims to You. Pray for the Church.

*(Please offer your prayers for the Church.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for St. Luke’s, that we will be an example of stewardship, justice, mercy, and love. Pray for this church.

*(Please offer your prayers for the parish.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those whose souls thirst for You in the watches of the night, that You will keep them safe in the shadow of your wings. Pray for those who suffer.

*(Please offer your prayers for those who suffer.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us through the wilderness.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in You; and for those who mourn, that You will caress their hearts with compassion. Pray for the departed and those who mourn.

*(Please offer your prayers for the dead and those who mourn.)*

Return to the Lord,

**Who leads us home.**

Gracious God, we have wandered far from Your presence; lead us back through the wilderness, that we may return to You and make Your heart our home. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.
Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries

Offertory Sentence
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15-16

Offertory Anthem Ave Verum Corpus Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
Have mercy on me. Amen.

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 338 Wherefore, O Father Lobet den Herren
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer A
If you are able, please stand.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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  Missa de Angelis

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

_Celebrant and People_

**Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
_Christ will come again._

_The Celebrant continues_

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,
The Breaking of the Bread

\*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

\*Celebrant\* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

\*People\* Therefore let us keep the feast.

\*Agnus Dei Missa de Angelis\*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

\*Celebrant\* The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Lord’s Table, and all are welcome here.

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 Pie Jesu\*

Pious Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

\*Communion Hymn 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless\*

\*St. Agnes\*

The Thanksgiving after Communion

\*Celebrant\* Let us pray.

\*People\* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements
Hymn  When from bondage we are summoned
If you are able, please stand.

1. When from bondage we are summoned out of darkness into light,
2. When our God names us a people, Jesus leads us by the hand
3. Through all stages of the journey Christ is with us, night and day,
4. We must not lose sight of Jesus, who accepted pain and loss,
5. See the prize our God has promised: endless life with Christ our Lord.

Dismissal
Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Toccata (from Suite Gothique)
Léon Boëllman (1862-1897)
David Tinoco

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; 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 those who have died – Susan Richards, Tina Guidotti

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 Edd Nazelrod-Woodward.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (MARCH 20 – 27)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
8am – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45am – Drop-in Church School
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

MONDAY, MARCH 21
7:00pm – Listening for Spirit in Wilderness Times (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
11:30am – Listening for Spirit in Wilderness Times
Contact: Lori Prince (loriprince@princehum.org) or Robert Hum (robertprincehum@gmail.com)
6:30pm – St. Luke’s / San Lucas LA Voice Team (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23
2:00pm – Listening for Spirit in Wilderness Times
Contact: The Clemensen’s (clemensen@mac.com)
6:00pm – Lenten Bible Study: Jonah (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Lenten Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)
6:00pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)
8:00am-11:00am – Community Service Project (Room A101)
8:30am – Manna Meals
Contact: Patricia Waldeck (pswaldeck@cs.com)

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
8am – Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:45am – Drop-in Church School
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español
2:00pm – Evensong Rehearsal
4:00pm – Choral Evensong with Reception