Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 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 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  Allegro (from Concerto in A minor)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
David Tinoco

Hymn 623 (vs 1-3)  O what their joy and their glory must be  
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.
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The First Reading  Joshua 5:9-12
A reading from the Book of Joshua.
The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.”

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

Psalm 32
Remain seated.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; My moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; When the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance. “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; Who must be fitted with bit and bridle or else they will not stay near you.” Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading  2 Corinthians 5:16-21
A reading from Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gospel Processional 693 (vs 1-4) Just as I am

If you are able, please stand.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.” ’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

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

The Sermon  The Rev. Deacon Steve Alder

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 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*  

William Byrd (1539-1623)

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.*
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer A
Please kneel as you are able.

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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
Plainsong chant
Sung by the choir

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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**  
Plainsong chant  
Sung by the choir

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.

**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 Panis Angelicus**  
César Franck (1822-1890)  
Harlee Balajadia, Tenor

May the bread of angels  
Become bread for mankind;  
The bread of heaven puts  
All foreshadowings to an end;  
Oh, thing miraculous!  
The body of the Lord will nourish  
The poor, the servile, and the humble.
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

Bow down before the Lord.
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. And, the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Announcements

Hymn 690  Guide me, O thou great Jehovah
If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

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

Postlude  Te Deum Laudamus
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
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, Carol, Roger, Tom; 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 – Mona Rodrigues, Roy, Lori Stevens
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.**

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God in celebration of Harry & Susan Holgate’s grandson, Janek B. Buczkowski

Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by Robert Freese.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (MARCH 27 – APRIL 3)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 28
7:00pm – Listening for Spirit in Wilderness Times (Zoom)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
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 30
2:00pm – Listening for Spirit in Wilderness Times
Contact: The Clemensen’s (clemensen@mac.com)
6:00pm – Lenten Bible Study: Jonah (Zoom)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Lenten Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)
6:00pm – Bilingual Stations of the Cross (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
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 – Palm Cross Making Workshop