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 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  *Impromptu Op.90 No.3*  
Franz Schubert  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn 409  *The spacious firmament on high*  
*Crestation*  
*Creation*

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.**

*Benedictus es, Domine*  
John Rutter

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1. Glory to you, Lord

God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;

2. Glory to you

for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Collect of the Day

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
The First Reading  Job 23:1-9, 16-17
A reading from the Book of Job.
Job said: “Today also my complaint is bitter; God’s hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. “If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!”

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

Psalm 22
The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

REFRAIN:

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?
My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.
Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

REFRAIN
They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.
“Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”

REFRAIN
Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,
and kept me safe on my mother’s breast. I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

REFRAIN
Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.
I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;
my heart within my breast is melting wax. My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

REFRAIN

Epistle  Letter to the Church  Brad Neumann
The Gospel  Mark 10:17-31
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Silence follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith  If you are able, please stand.

We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.

Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.

Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.

We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader  Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may commit to heal and defend the earth; pour your blessing upon all in leadership that they might honor your creation, and for all who work for the good of the planet.

Silence

God, Giver of life, Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

Silence

God, Giver of life, Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life, Hear our prayer.
Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings in our lives and in the world you have made.

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, sustain all those who desire or need your presence and help [especially ________________].

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially ________________].

Silence

God, Giver of life, **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*  Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*(source: Anne Kelsey, *SCLM 78th General Convention Liturgies Honoring God in Creation)*

**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.

**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  With A Voice of Singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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 655  O Jesus, I have promised

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer C

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 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:

Sanctus

And so, Holy God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, 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 Jesus 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, Jesus 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 many 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 Ancestor: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Hannah, Deborah, Miriam, 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, holy God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

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**Sung by the cantor:**  
I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me.

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**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  *Walk Worthy*  
Walk worthy of the Lord.  
Come give your heart to Christ.  
Live always bearing fruit for him  
Live strengthen by his might.  
Walk worthy of the Lord.  
All power to his name.  
Give him glory, give him honor,  
Walk worthy of the Lord.

Blessed is the one,  
The one who trusts in God,  
For he is like a tree  
Planted by a stream.

**Communion Hymn 488  *Be thou my vision***  
*Slane*

Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*  Let us pray.

*People*  Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. (*Prayer of St. Francis*)

The Blessing

Announcements

**Hymn 539  *O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling***  
*Tidings*

Dismissal

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

*People*  Thanks be to God.

**Postlude  *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart***  
*Arr. Mark Hayes*

Dr. Gukhui Han

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY
For Debra, Deming, Mary, Ronald, Teresa, Luis Eduardo; for our homeless siblings; for all those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by COVID-19; for all refugees and immigrants; for an end to violence of all kind. For those who have died – Rick Ybarra
For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishops John and Diane; for our clergy: Jane, Jennifer, 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 (OCTOBER 10 – 17)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español
1:45pm – Clase de la Iglesia Episcopal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry
9:00am – Confirmation Retreat (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children
11am – Bilingual Eucharist & Bishop’s Visit

BISHOP TAYLOR VISITS
11:00AM BILINGUAL WORSHIP
CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION
BLESSING OF RENOVATIONS
FESTIVE RECEPTION

COME CELEBRATE THE SAINTS WITH BAPTISM
On Sunday, November 7 when we celebrate the Saints, we will read the names of members of St. Luke’s who died this year, and we will welcome new members into the Body of Christ through baptism. If you are interested in baptism, talk with the clergy TODAY. In addition, please complete a baptism registration form, available from the ushers or the church office (office@stlukeslb.org)