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  
*Toccata in C*  
Carlos Seixas  
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn  
*546  Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*  
*Siroë*

**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

1. Glory to you, Lord

God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise;

Glory to you.

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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  *Ruth 1:1-18*

A reading from the Book of Ruth.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.” Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 146
The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Marty Haugen
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN:

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

REFRAIN

Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

REFRAIN

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free. The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

REFRAIN

Epistle  Letter to the Church

Melody Gray

Gospel Procession  551  Rise up, ye saints of God

Festal Song
The Gospel  Mark 12:28-34
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.
One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

The Sermon  The Rev. Jane Gould
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  Cantate Domino

Cantate Domino, canticum novum:
Cantate Domino omnis terra.
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus:
Annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus, in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, and bless his name:
Announce his salvation from day to day.
Announce among the nations his glory, and his wonders to all peoples.

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 382  King of glory, King of peace

King of glory, King of peace
General Seminary
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:
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 Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.
Where charity and love are, there God is. Amen.

Communion Hymn Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endures,

1. There is no shadow of turning with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
3. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou changest not, thy compassion, they fail not,
2. Join with all nature in manifold witness,
3. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

1. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
2. To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Blessings all mine, with ten thou sand beside!
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 556 (v.1-3)  *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*  Marion

Dismissal

Deacon  Let us remember that it is in giving that we receive.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  *I Love You, Lord*  Laurie Klein arr. Jack Schrader
Dr. Gukhui Han

Cover image: “Naomi & her daughters in law”, Marc Chagall (1960)
The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God in memory of Ruth Bryan.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

For Ronald, Teresa, Luis Eduardo, Gary, Mona; 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* – Ruth Bryan

*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 31 – NOVEMBER 7)**

*Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31**

- 8am – Holy Eucharist in English
- 9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
- 10am – Holy Eucharist in English
- 12:30pm – Día de los Muertos Misa en Español
- 1:45pm – Día de los Muertos Fiesta

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

- 6:00pm – Baptism Preparation (A101)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

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

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

- 4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

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

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

- 8am – Holy Eucharist in English
- 9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
- 10am – Baptism & Holy Eucharist in English
- 12:30pm – Misa en Español
COME CELEBRATE THE SAINTS WITH BAPTISM

BAPTISM PREPARATION GATHERING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 6:00pm

Our next Baptismal Day will be All Saints Sunday, November 7, at 10:00am. On that day, we truly will weave together the living and the dead as we remember those who have died, and welcome new members into the body of Christ. On Tuesday, November 2 at 6:00pm, anyone interested in being baptized, as well as baptism sponsors such as parents, guardians, and Godparents are asked to attend our Baptism Preparation Gathering. We'll meet in Room A101 in Building A, accessible from the 7th Street parking lot. Before the gathering on the 2nd, please complete a Baptism registration form, available from the ushers or from the church office.

JOIN US FOR VETERANS’ DAY WORSHIP ON ZOOM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 6:00pm

Join us for our St. Luke’s Veterans’ Day Time of Prayers & Reflection on Thursday, November 11 at 6:00pm on Zoom. If you have photographs of active military or veterans connected to you or to St. Luke’s, please email them to the church office (office@stlukeslb.org) by Tuesday, November 9. And, please plan to join us on November 11 on Zoom!