Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021  10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's Episcopal Church!
An inclusive, multicultural community pursuing spiritual and social transformation.

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  *Les Cloches*  
Nicolas Lebègue  
Dr. Gukhui Han

**Hymn 390  Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**  
*Lobe den Herren*

**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 worthy 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;

2. *Glory to you*  
for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

4. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

5. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A Reading  Proverbs 31:10-31

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 1
The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

REFRAIN:

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.

REFRAIN

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

REFRAIN

A Reading James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from the Epistle of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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Hymn 448 (v.1-3)  O love, how deep, how broad, how high        Deus tuorum militum

The Gospel  Mark 9:30-37
Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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  Dixit Dominus

Johann Gottlieb Naumann arr. Martin Banner

The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.


The Lord sware, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech. The Lord upon thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and always, and unto the ages of ages. 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 482  Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy  
Slane

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 is 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, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy 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 he 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, he 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 Father: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; 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, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, 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.

*Taste and see, Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

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.

**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  *O Love*  

Elaine Hagenberg  

O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.  

O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
O I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be.

**Communion Hymn**  *I want Jesus to walk with me*  

Traditional Spiritual

1. I want Jesus____ to walk with me (walk with me); I want  
2. In my trials____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my  
3. In my sorrows____ Lord, walk with me (walk with me); In my  

1. long my____ pilgrim journey,____ Lord, I want  
2. shades of____ life____ are falling,____ Lord, I want  
3. heart with____ is aching,____ Lord, I want  

1. Jesus____ to walk with me (walk with me).  
2. Jesus____ to walk with me (walk with me).  
3. Jesus____ to walk with me (walk with me).
Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People  Holy and loving God, 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

Announcements

Hymn 637 (v.1-3)  How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord  Lyons

Dismissal

Deacon  Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Plenty Good Room  Lloyd Larson

Dr. Gukhui Han
The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ramon Joson and Mark Fretland in thanksgiving for their September birthdays: Ramon on Sept. 7 and Mark on Sept. 23.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

For Beryl, Ernie, Joan, Ron, Sue, Harry, Ruth, Kim, Paul, Loretta, Betty, Arcelia, Bill, Tom, Kay, Sandra, Audrey, Caroline, Laura, Cassidy, Nicole, Gus, Kathy, Carl, Nesi, Sheila, Debra, Deming, Jerry, Mary, Blas; for our homeless brothers and sisters; 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* – Dorothy Baker

*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.**

**AUMBRY CANDLE & FLOWER DEDICATIONS OR REMEMBRANCES**

Donating to the Aumbry Candle or Flower Fund is a wonderful way to honor someone who has died, to celebrate a special occasion, or to give thanks for blessings. Candles are $10 and checks may be made to St. Luke's with "Aumbry Candle" noted on the check. We spend $100-$150 a week on flower arrangements but donations of all amounts are greatly appreciated. Checks may be made to St. Luke’s with “Flowers” in the memo line. We print dedications and remembrances each week as we receive them. Contact the office (office@stlukeslb.org) with questions or for more information.
### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (SEPTEMBER 19 – 26)

Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

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### COVID AND KICK-OFF

While our Bilingual Worship and Ministry Fair today normally would kick-off Choir season, Church School, Youth Group, Taize, and lots of other parish activities, all is not normal this year. **Currently, we are offering an outdoor class with a Bible lesson and play time for children** whose parents feel comfortable bringing them to church. Masks are required. We’ll also be asking for parent helpers to support our paid teacher, Ms. Esperanza. **We will not offer Nursery Care** until COVID infection rates decline. We will encourage vaccinated teens to join the Acolyte Corps, coordinated by Chris Williams; interested young people in grades 6-12 should contact Chris. We also plan to hold **monthly Youth Group gatherings**.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH 101 ON-LINE

Sunday, October 17, Bishop John Taylor will be with us for worship, conversation, and blessing our renovated spaces. Worship will include Confirmation and Reception of new members of the Episcopal Church. For those who want to join the Episcopal Church, those who have forgotten most of what they were taught years ago, and those who are curious about the history, traditions, and priorities of the Episcopal Church, join us for **EPISCOPAL CHURCH 101 ON ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**. Classes will meet on-line Wednesdays, September 22, & 29, and October 6 & 13, 6:00-7:30pm, and in-person Saturday, October 16, 9am-noon. Please register through REALM so that we know to expect you, and make sure you get the Zoom link.
SEPTEMBER 23 IS LB GIVES …
– a one-day fundraising event for Long Beach Nonprofits!

SUPPORT ST. LUKE’S SHOWERS …
– the only faith-community participating in LB Gives!

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE??
- EMAIL the St. Luke’s Shower donation link to all your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers
- SHARE & POST LB Gives & The Shower Program on Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter
- LIKE St. Luke’s & LB Gives on social media (@stlukeslb & @longbeachgives)
- SAVE THE DATE: September 23, 2021

HELP UP RAISE $10,000 THIS WEEK!!