

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Celebrating 154 Years of ministry in Columbia, South Carolina

*The Mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word  
and share the love of God with all people.*



## Ash Wednesday

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

February 18, 2026

6:30PM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector  
Mr. Ezra Blackwell, Supply Organist

## Vestry Theme for 2026

### Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

#### Mission Statement

The mission of St. Luke's Episcopal Church is to spread the Word and share the love of God with all.

#### Vision Statement

{To become} a vibrant self-sustaining institution that serves and respects the spiritual, social, and physical needs of our community and congregation, while preserving the history of the church.

**Quiet Please:** Please be mindful of others as you enter the church before the service. Upon entering the nave, there should be a period of quiet and reverence as many parishioners are in prayer and or meditation.

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# Saint Luke's Episcopal Church



**It is the parish custom to observe silence prior to the start of the Eucharist.** Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord, during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

We invite you to join us as an active participant in our worship of God.

This bulletin is your guide to our worship. You will find three books in front of you that contain most of the material needed for this service; *The Book of Common Prayer [BCP]*, *The Hymnal 1982 [H]*, and *Lift Every Voice and Sing, II [L]*. **[S]** denotes service music which is found in the front of the hymnal.

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

\*\*At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

\*\*The Choir & Altar Party processes during the Introit.

## Prelude

“Passacaglia in C Minor, BWV 582”

J.S. Bach

## Introit

Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord, and hates none of the things which Thou hast made; winking at the sins of all for the sake of repentance, and sparing them: for Thou art the Lord our God. (Ps. 57:1) Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me; for my soul trusts in Thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

\**The people sit.*

## The Lesson

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

Lector A reading from the Book of Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near-- a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

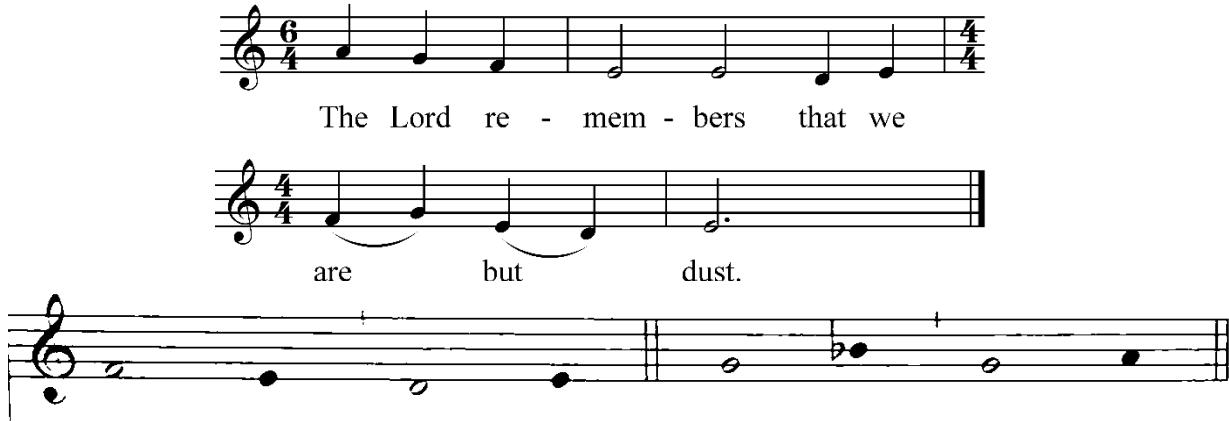
[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 103:8-14 *Benedic, anima mea*

\*The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all; thereafter where indicated.



The Lord re - mem - bers that we  
are but dust.

<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

<sup>10</sup> He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. [Antiphon]

<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us. [Antiphon]

<sup>13</sup> As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
he remembers that we are but dust. [Antiphon]

# The Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

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. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

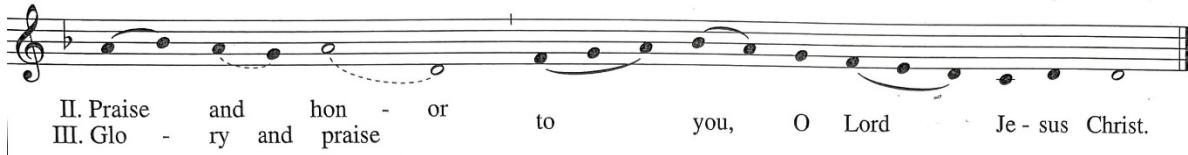
## The Sequence Hymn H·149

"Eternal Lord of Love, Behold your Church"

*Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

## The Lenten Acclamation

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Acc. by David Hurd, 1979



II. Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.  
III. Glo - ry and praise

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3:7)

## The Holy Gospel

## Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Priest      **℣** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

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

## The Sermon

Fr. Raphiell Ashford

## The Observance of a Holy Lent/The Invitation and Exhortation   BCP 264

\*A Time of Silence – (all kneeling)

\*Prayer

BCP 265

## The Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

BCP 265

**\*H·693**

"Just As I Am"

*Woodworth*

**Psalm 51 Miserere Mei (Spoken)**

BCP 266

**The Litany of Penitence**

BCP 267

**The Absolution**

BCP 269

**The Peace**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

**Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory Anthem**

“What Wondrous Love”

Charles Dupree

**At the Presentation of Alms H·380**

*\*All standing*

“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”  
(v.3)

*Old 100th*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer C**

BCP 369

*\*The people remain standing.*

***Sursum corda***

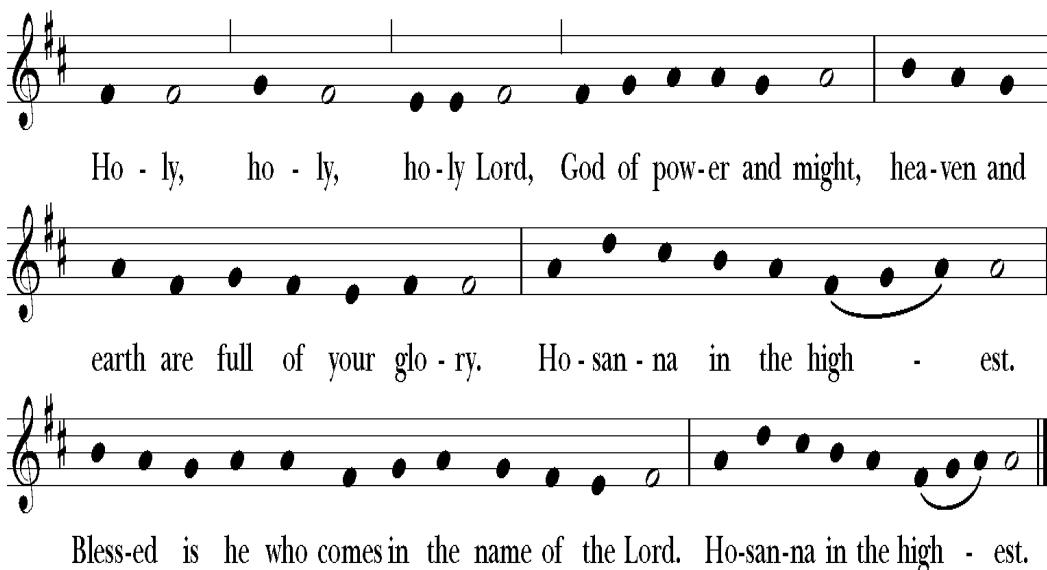
The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff shows the Celebrant and People singing "The Lord be with you. And also with you." The second staff shows the Celebrant and People singing "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff shows the Celebrant and People singing "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff shows the People singing "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

*\*The Celebrant continues*

*Sanctus et Benedictus* S·124

Setting: from New Plainsong

David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**The Prayer of Consecration**

BCP 371

**The Memorial Acclamation**

BCP 371

**The Great Amen**

BCP 372

**The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*)** S·119

Setting: New Plainsong

**The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

\*(A period of brief silence is kept.)

**The Fraction Anthem**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### Instructions for Receiving Communion

- *All baptized persons are welcome to receive Communion, and those who do not desire to receive Communion may come to the Altar rail to receive God's blessing.*
- *An usher will direct you to approach the Altar for Communion or a blessing. Please kneel, if you are able, at the Altar Rail.*
- *To receive the consecrated bread, extend your hands upward, palms crossed and facing up.*
- *To receive the consecrated wine, please guide the chalice to your lips as it is offered. However, if you prefer, you may leave the consecrated bread in your palm and the Chalice bearer will intinct the host into the wine and place it on your tongue. **Please do not personally intinct the host into the chalice.***
- *If you desire to receive the Sacrament but are not able to come to the Altar rail, please notify an usher and the Priest and Chalice bearer will bring the Sacrament to you.*

## The Music at Communion

**H · 574**

“Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”

**L · 39**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

**H · 674**

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

*St. Petersburg  
Cleansing Fountain  
Detroit*

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

## A Solemn Prayer Over the People

Priest: Bow down before the Lord.

\*(The people kneel or sit.)

Celebrant: Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Hymn in Procession **H · 143**

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

## The Dismissal

**Postlude**

“Scherzo, Op. 2”

Maurice Duruflé

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\*It is the custom of this parish to kneel or remain seated in prayer and reflection during the Organ Postlude. If you need to leave, please do so quietly.

## INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Jackson Cokley, Patricia Cokley, Byron Eaddy, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Tia Hicks, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Mary McLemore, Marie Martin, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** Grace Church, Camden
- **Birthdays...**
- **Anniversaries...**
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...**
- **Confirmands...** Kennedy Johnson, Nadia Muhammad

## SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

### The Old Testament Lector

Stephanie Baldwin

### The Epistoler

Patricia Ancrum

### The Gospel Book Bearer

### Server

Herman Hickman

### Lay Eucharistic Minister

Sheryl D. Belcher

### Crucifer

### Oblation Bearers

Mary Martha Altar Guild

### Thurifer

### Ushers

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Cynthia Goines

Rudolph Wise

### Boat Bearer

### Videographer

Joni James

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Shekinah Frieson

Angela Blalock

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## **LITURGICAL NOTES**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

The first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross. Ash Wednesday is observed as a fast in the church year of the Episcopal Church. The Ash Wednesday service is one of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days in the BCP (p. 264). Imposition of ashes at the Ash Wednesday service is optional.

### **ASHES, BLESSED**

Ashes blessed for use on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality. The OT frequently mentions the use of ashes as an expression of humiliation and sorrow. Ashes for use on Ash Wednesday are made from burned palms from previous Palm Sunday services. Ashes are imposed on the penitent's forehead with the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (BCP, p. 265). The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday is optional.

## **SERMON NOTES/REFLECTIONS/QUESTIONS**

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“The Episcopal Church is a secret too well kept. Many are starved for what we experience daily and too easily take for granted. Invite others to come to your parish to experience this joy.”

Louie Crew, author of *101 Reasons to be Episcopalian*