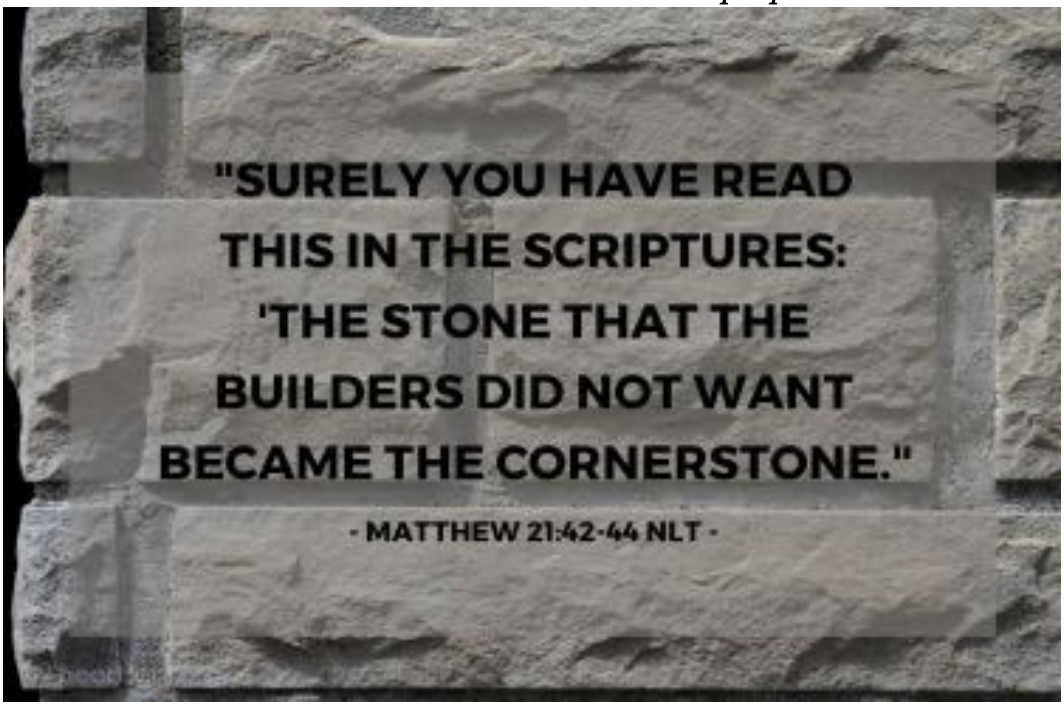
SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Organized 1871

Celebrating 155 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



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

October 4, 2026

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

Mr. Leonard Gordon, Supply Organist

Vestry Theme for 2026

Reset to the New Normal: The Work Continues

Mission Statement

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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. We will use *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.

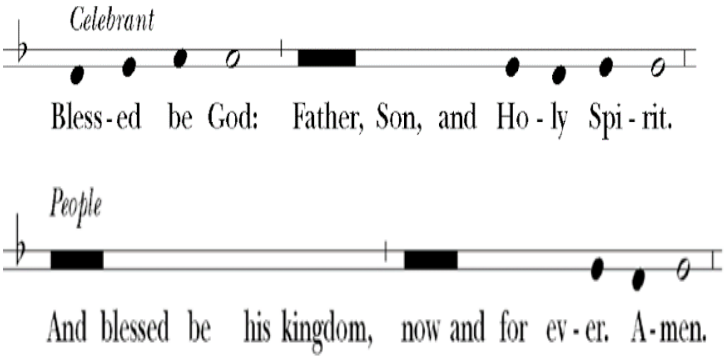
Prelude "Ayre" George Friderick Handel
Ed. & arr. by S. Drummond Wolff

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross
**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H ٠ 518
"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" *Westminster Abbey*

The Opening Acclamation✠



The 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.*

Gloria S 280 Setting: Robert Powell

✠ "in the glory of God the Father. Amen."

The Salutation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day
O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Collect for Saint Francis of Assisi
Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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.*

First Lesson **Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

Lector: A reading from the Book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in

heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

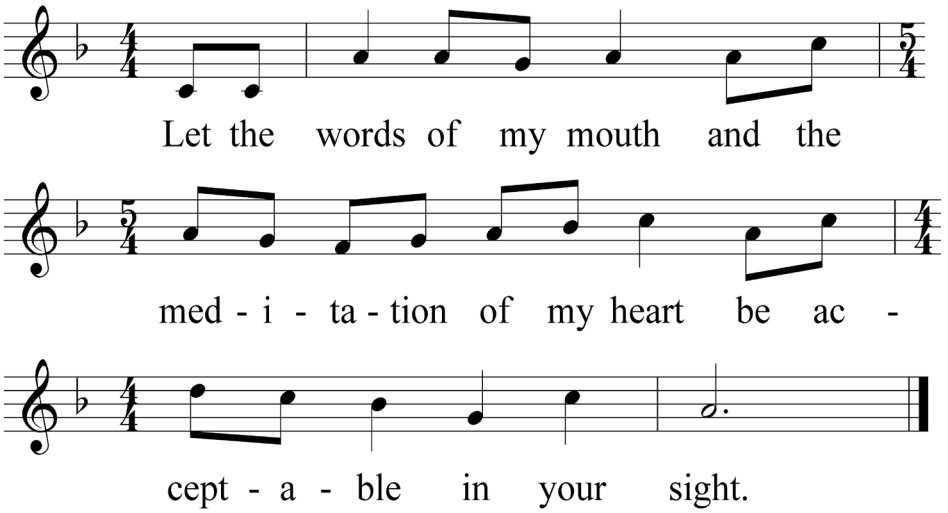
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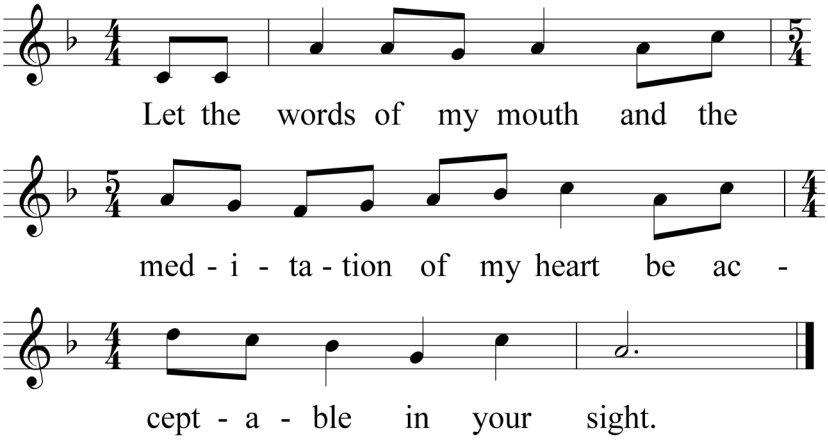
Lector The Word of the Lord.

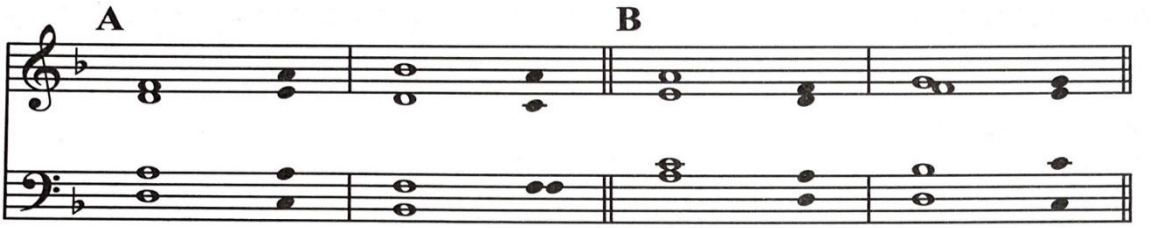
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

**The antiphon is sung first by the Cantor and then by all. Thereafter where indicated.*







**Chanted by all.*

A 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

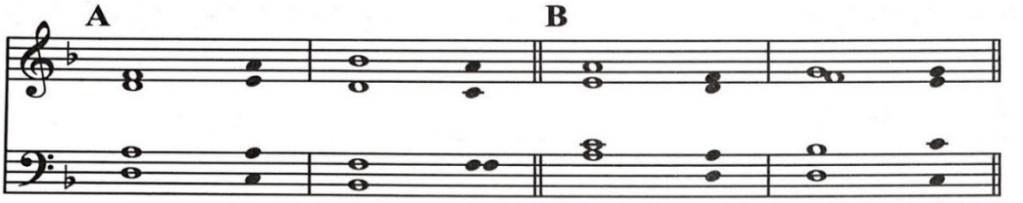
B 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

A 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

B 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world. [Antiphon]

5A In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6B It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. [Antiphon]



7A The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8B The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes. [Antiphon]

9A The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10B More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb. [Antiphon]

11A By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12B Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults. [Antiphon]

13A Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14B Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. [Antiphon]

The Epistle **Philippians 3:4b-14**

Lector: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
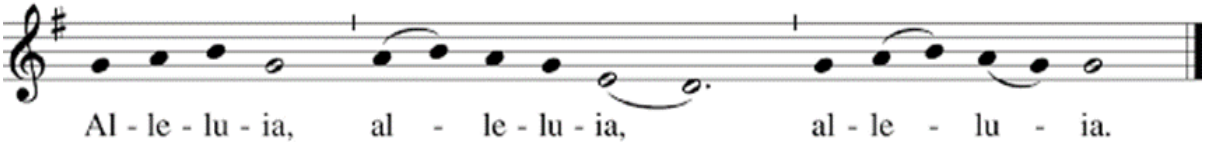
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Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H · 545 "Lo! What A Cloud of Witnesses" *St. Fulbert*

The Gospel Acclamation Mode VI/Melody
**Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.* arr. Richard Proulx



"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
And the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:18)

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

Priest The Holy Gospel ✠of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Fr. Raphiell Ashford +

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

✠ "and the life of the world to come. Amen."

The Prayers of the People **Form I** BCP 385

✠ "For all who have died in the communion of your Church …"

The Confession & Absolution BCP 360

✠ "forgive you all your sins …"

The Peace

Welcome & Announcements

The Blessing of the Animals/Pets

Stewardship Presentation Fr. Raphiell Ashford+

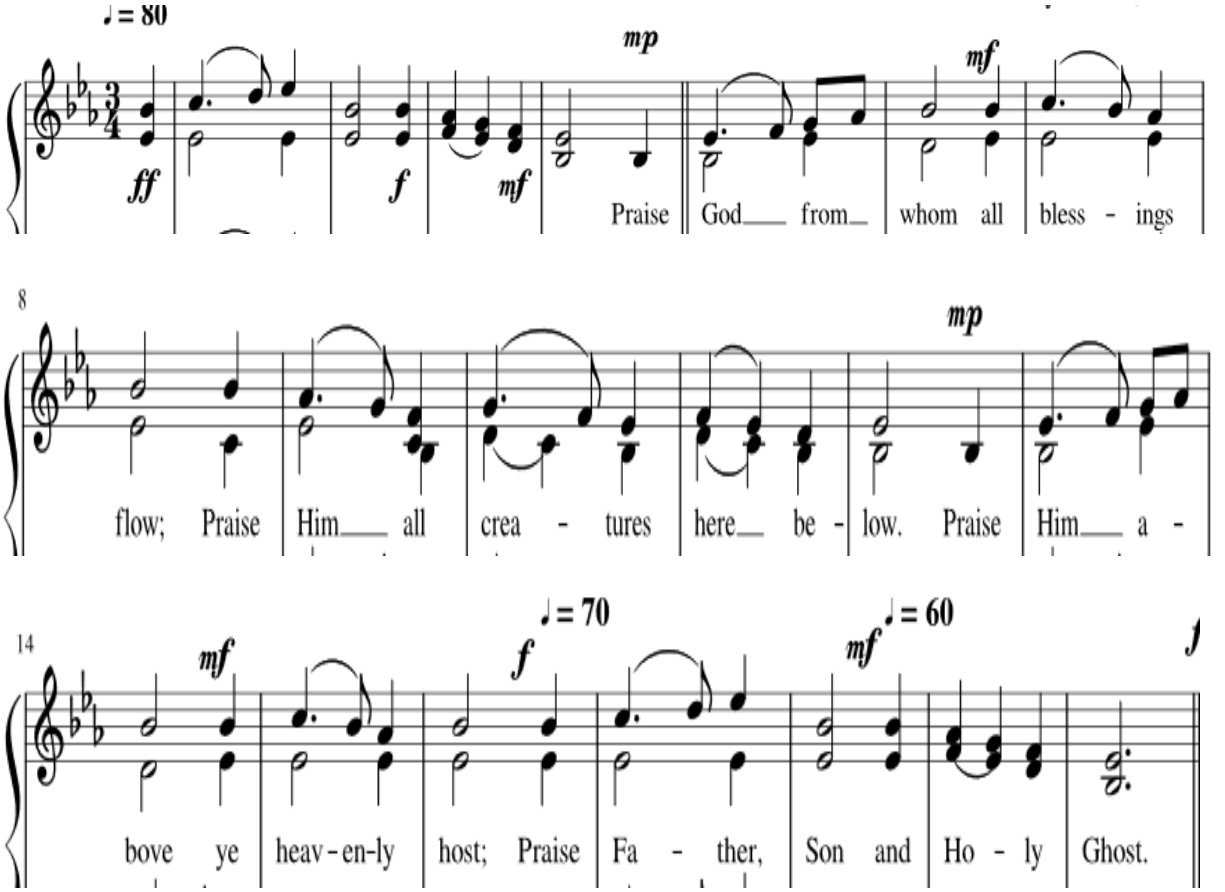
Theme: "Rooted in the Past; Reaching Toward the Future"
Tree: Branches, Leaves & Blossoms

THE HOLY COMMUNION
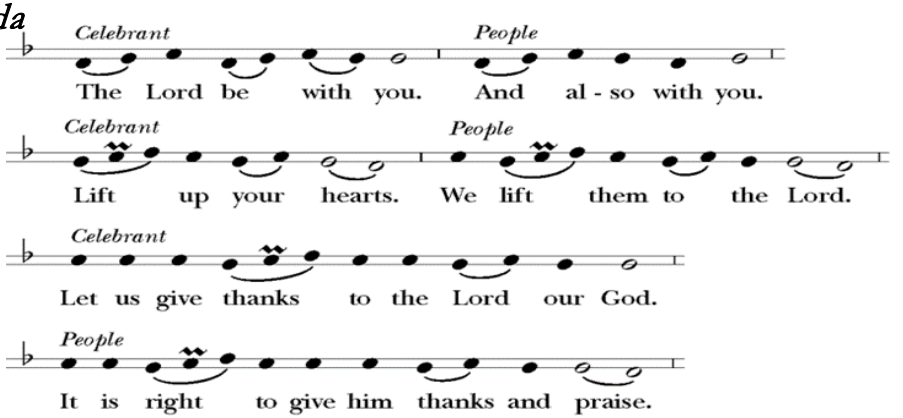
The Offertory Anthem "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" Richard Shephard

At the Presentation of Alms"

*All standing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" F*airhill*



Sursum corda

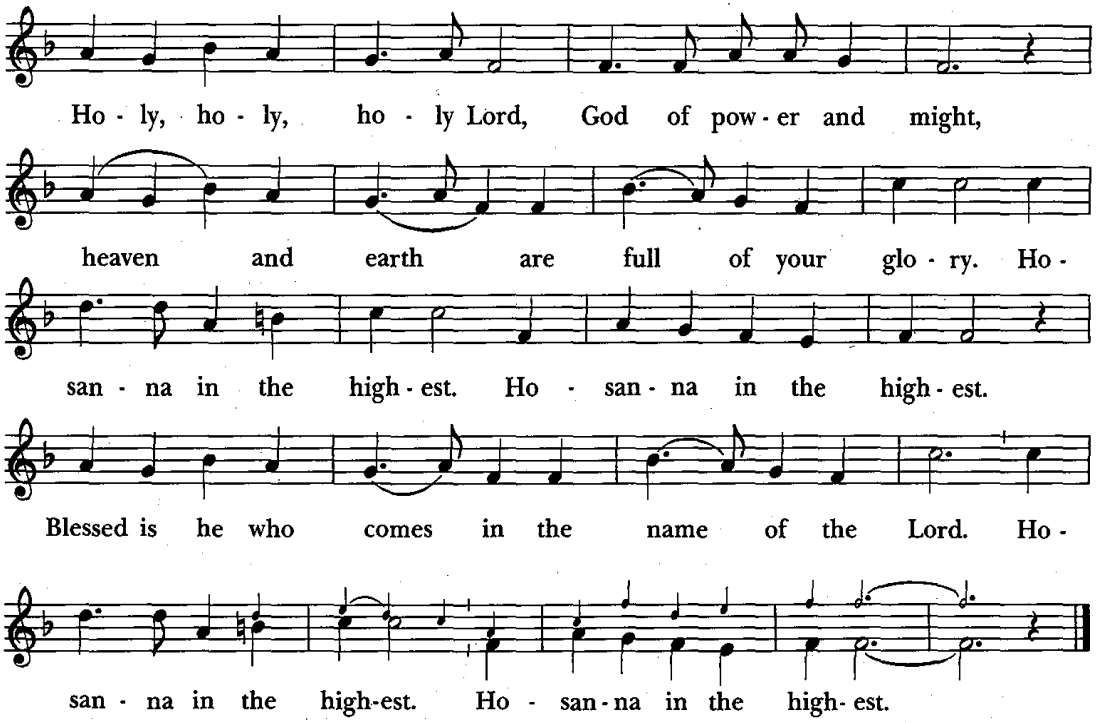


**The Celebrant proceeds*

The Proper Preface for the Lord's Day

**Said by the Priest*

Sanctus et Benedictus Setting: from *A Community Mass*



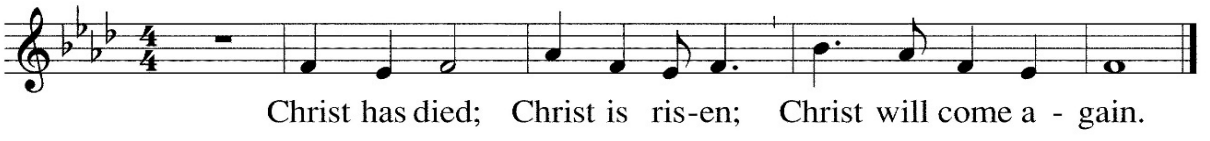
✠ "Blessed is he …"

**The people kneel or sit.*
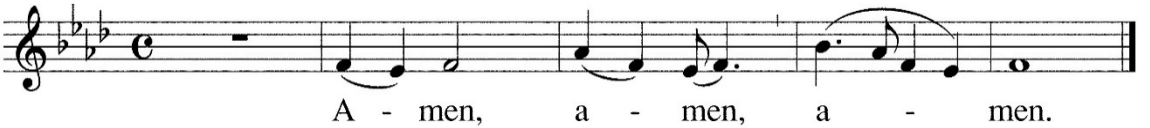
The Prayer of Consecration BCP 362

"do this in remembrance of me." ✠

The Memorial Acclamation Setting: from *A Community Mass*



The Great Amen Setting: from *A Community Mass*

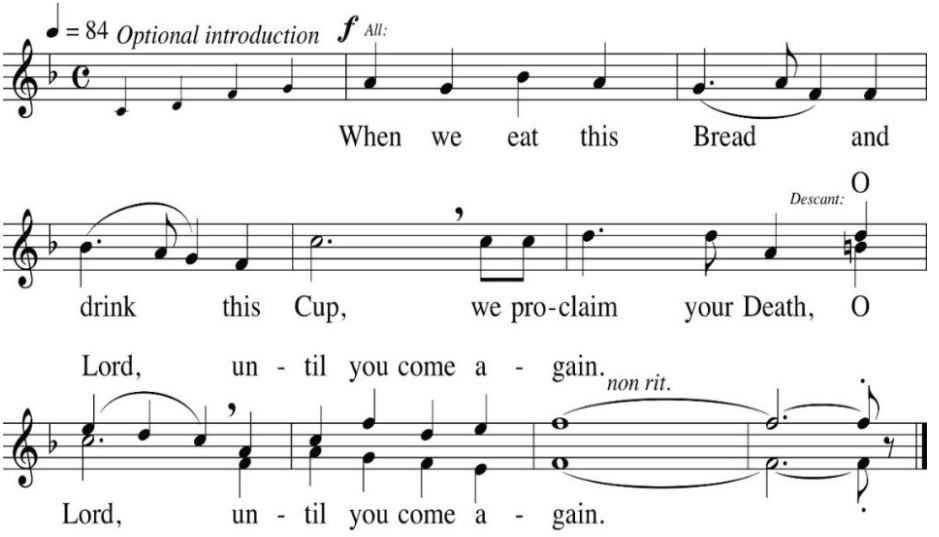


The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem Setting: from *A Community Mass*



Agnus Dei

Priest	Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People	Have mercy upon us
Priest	Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
People	Have mercy upon us
Priest	Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
People	Grant us thy peace.
Priest	✠The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving."

The Music at Communion

H · 313	"Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured"	*Jesus, meine Zuversicht*
H · 598	"Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth"	*Mit Freuden zart*
L · 165	"Higher Ground"	Charles Gabriel

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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

Hymn in Procession H · 448

"O Love, O Deep, How Broad, How High"

Deus tuorum militium

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "Andante in E Minor" J. Walczynski
arr. by Carlo Rossini

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

INTERCESSIONS



- **Parishioners:** Luther Battiste, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Christina Caldwell, Damion 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, Cedric Johnson, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Gwendolyn Meadows, Carmen Murray, Peyton Parker-Smith, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Cassandra Sims, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Steven Bowden
- **Family & Friends:** Carline Armstrong, Ingrid Dowdell, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Ann Morris, Greg Morris, Katherine Robinson, Mattie Anderson-Roberson, Theodora Washington
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**
- **Birthdays:** Patricia Todd (8th)
- **Anniversaries:**
- **Births:**
- **Deaths:**
- **Traveling Mercies:**
- **Blessing of the Animals:**
  Paulette Parker-Smith: Bailey, Bruno, & Arabella
  Joseph & Beverly Ray: Buddy, Finn, Jackie, & Valentine
  Chris & Karen Castelli: Cooper & Pepper
  Mervel Pressley: Stormi
  Levi Johnson, Venesia, & Kennedy Johnson: Trixie

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Fr. Raphiell Ashford+ in recognition of his seven years as Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Columbia.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored the Levi & Venesia Johnson, III.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VESTRY NOMINATIONS… Do you hear an authentic call from God to serve on the governing body of the parish? Do you have a desire to work with the Rector & the Vestry to help move the parish forward and to live out its mission? If so, please submit your name to one of the members of the Nominating Committee by 12noon, Thursday, October 15th. The members of the Nominating Committee consist of the outgoing Vestry Members; Beverly Turner (Chair), Errol Porter, Yvonne Hall, and Joni James. All Vestry nominees will meet with the Rector & the Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting for prayer and discernment The date of this meeting is TBD. When the nominating committee has finished meeting with all persons recommended to it, it will approve a slate of candidates and the parish will be notified. Anyone not placed on the ballot may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The slate of candidates will be announced following the meeting.

Also, if you feel called as a delegate the 105th Diocesan Convention in 2027, please submit your name as well. These positions will also be chosen by election. The 2027 convention will likely either be held in Spartanburg or Greenville. All nominees will meet with the rector **prior to the Annual Meeting for prayer, discernment.**

2026 MOCK DELEGATION CONVENTION MEETING…Delegates to the 2026 Diocesan Convention to be held at Trinity Cathedral are asked to meet at St. John's Episcopal Church on next Sunday, October 11th @ 3PM to review the Statement of Mission. St. John's is located at 2827 Wheat St. (Shandon Community).

THANKS FOR HELPING - The Wardens could not have successfully completed their tasks **June 1st- September 8th, 2026,** without your help. Thank you: supply priests and organists, choir members, Altar Guild members, ushers, Vestry members, committees' members, commissions, and ministry staff. Parishioners, we thank you too for being there 100%. Tell Father Raphiell Ashford when he returns how much he was missed and you hope he enhanced, increased, and strengthened his skills during his Sabbatical. Tell him you are ready September 9th to start Fall and holiday

events at St. Luke's in the name of Jesus Christ. -- Errol Porter, Senior Warden, and Beverly Turner, Junior Warden.

THANK YOU… Thank You for a much-needed gift for St. Luke's. Thanks to Darnell Holmes, St. Luke's Episcopal Buildings and Grounds (B&G) member/Asst. Treasurer for your collaboration and leadership with Gwendolyn Meadows, Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Herman Hickman, Men Club and Beverly Turner, Jr. Warden and Chairman B&G) Committee in researching, replacing, purchasing, and installation of a new ice machine at St. Luke's. Parishioners look forward to years of service from this precious gift that enhance social events at St. Luke's.

155th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST LUKE'S DAY… We will observe the anniversary on the Feast of Saint Luke Sunday, October 18th. **Each parishioner is asked to give $155 in celebration for the anniversary.** The guest preacher for the anniversary and patronal feast will be the Rev. Vincent P. Harris, Retired. Fr. Harris is in the Diocese of Washington. He serves as Rector Emeritus of St. George's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC and participates in services at Washington National Cathedral. His father was also an Episcopal Priest in Jacksonville, FL. He stated, "I would be honored to be the guest preacher at St. Luke's 155th Anniversary Celebration."

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) MILDRED S. MURRAY CHAPTER joyfully welcomes five prospective members: Cynallyhia Indriago, Jean Roberts Indriago, Gloria M. Johnson, and Nadia Muhammad. They are beginning their 12-week Service of Preparation discernment study as they continue their spiritual journey in prayer, service, and evangelism. Please keep them in your prayers during this meaningful season of preparation and growth.

FRESH START MINISTRY GALA 2026…Fresh Start Ministry will host its 10th anniversary at this year's Gala on December 5th. The Gala will be held at Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Center in West Columbia, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Valerie Riley, Dr. Eddie Glenn, or Corliss Wise.

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND…Please consider giving a donation on your birthday and/or anniversary of $1 per year. Donations to the Endowment Fund will help to secure the future of St. Luke's. Your donations are needed and appreciated.

SECURITY…Parishioners, the importance of security cannot be taken lightly. Please consider giving a donation for Security so that we may be proactive ant not reactive.

ST. LUKE'S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND…Your contributions are always appreciated and needed more than ever. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers & instrumentalists for our Sunday services as well as special services: funerals, weddings, etc. It is because of your continued generous contributions that we are able present glorious choral & instrumental music to the glory of God. Please consider contributing towards this fund.

155th Church Anniversary Souvenir Advertisement (Ad) Booklet

The purchase of an Ad can be used to advertise a business, celebrate or memorialize a loved one, celebrate your family, or simply to give a "Shout-Out" to the church.

	Dimension	Price
Full Page	(6" width x 9.5" length)	$125
Half Page	(6" width x 4.75" length)	$75
Quarter Page	(2.5" width x 4.25" length)	$45
Inside Front Cover - *Bishop B. Harris Sponsor*	(6" width x 9.5" length)	$1000
Inside Back Cover - *Bishop B. Harris Sponsor*	(6" width x 9.5" length)	$1000
Outside Back Cover – Bishop Holly Sponsor	(6" width x 9.5" length)	$1500
Diamond Level Sponsor	Listings on Diamond Sponsor Page	$750

- Ways to Submit
  - Provide pictures and text if you want your ad to be designed by the ad book team
  - Provide your "ready to publish documents" to stlukescolumbia@gmail.com or Cynthia.Reed121@gmail.com put "Souvenir Ad Booklet" in the subject line
- Ways to Pay
  - By Check - put "Souvenir Ad Booklet" in the memo line of your check
  - By Realm – Select- "Church Ad"

For more information contact Cynthia Parker Reed.

ALL Ads ***must*** be submitted by **Sunday, October 4th**

OCTOBER	SERVICE/MEETING/EVENT	TIME & PLACE
1st (Thursday)	7th Year Anniversary of Fr. Raphiell as Rector of St. Luke's	
	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	A Celebration of New Ministry: The Rev. Dean Cameron Nations as Dean of Trinity Cathedral	6:30pm Trinity Cathedral
2nd (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
	Rector's Spiritual Day, Sermon Prep, etc.	
3rd (Saturday)	Diocesan Learning Day @ Voorhees University	9:00an-2:00pm Registration required.
4th (Sunday)	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
	The Blessing of the Animals	4:00pm Courtyard
5th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
6th (Tuesday)	Rector meets w/Wardens	Time: TBD
7th (Wednesday)	Adult Formation w/Morning Prayer: Rite II Leader: Fr. Raphiell+	10:30am Griffin Hall
8th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
9th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
	Rector's Spiritual Day, Sermon Prep, etc.	
10th (Saturday)	2nd Saturday Feeding	9:00am-12:00noon

		Entrance Door/Griffin Hall
11th (Sunday)	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost w/ The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave
	Delegates to 2026 Convention to meet for Mock Meeting	St. John's Episcopal Church 2827 Wheat St. Columbia, SC
12th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
	Historic Waverly Association Meeting	6:00pm-7:30pm Bishop's Memorial AME Church
13th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room
	Finance Committee	4:00-5:15pm Griffin Hall
	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Griffin hall
14th (Wednesday)	Rector invited to South Carolina State University Music Class to teach Gregorian Chant	10:00am-1:00pm
15th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Deadline for Vestry & Delegate Nominations to the Nomination Committee	12:00 Noon (late submissions will not be accepted)
16th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
	Rector's Spiritual Day, Sermon Prep, etc.	
	Parish Kitchen Reserved	11:00am-5:00pm

17th (Saturday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Acolyte Review Meeting/Lay Eucharistic Minister in Preparation for the 155th Parish Anniversary	0:30am-12:00noon Chancel **For those participating in the service.**
18th (Sunday)	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost/The Feast of Saint Luke/155th Church Anniversary w/the Holy Eucharist: Rite II	Guest Speaker: The Rev. Vincent Powell Harris, Ret. St. George's Episcopal Church, Rector Emeritus
19th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	Rector's Day Off
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
20th (Tuesday)		
21st (Wednesday)	Rector's Birthday	
	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:30pm Griffin Hall
	Norfolk University Concet Choir, Norfolk, VA	6:00pm-7:00pm Nave
22nd (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm-6:30pm Griffin Hall
23rd (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	Parish Office Closed
	Rector's Spiritual Day, Sermon Prep, etc.	
24th (Saturday)	4th Saturday Feeding	9:00am-12:00noon Entrance Door/Griffin Hall

	DOK Mildred S. Murray Meeting	TBD
25th (Sunday)	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	
	DOK Study Guide Discernment Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm Chancel
26th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	Rector's Day Off
27th (Tuesday)		
28th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
29th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Endowment Committee	12:30pm-1:30pm Griffin Hall
30th (Friday)	Parish Office Closed	
	Rector's Spiritual Day, Sermon Prep, etc.	
31st (Saturday)	All Hallows Eve (Halloween)	
	Memorial Garden Committee	9:00am-11:00am Preparation of the Memorial Garden for All Saints' Sunday
	St. Luke's Bazaar	The O'Neal Center

CHOIR REHEARSAL: TBD

2027 Stewardship Theme

"Rooted in Faith, Reaching Toward the Future"

Where St. Luke's has been, through what we are doing now, to what we are preparing for the future. *Our 2026 Church anniversary theme will also serve as our 2027 Stewardship theme

Speakers

9/27/2026 - Gloria Eaddy (roots & trunk)

10/4/2026 – Fr. Raphiell Ashford (branches, leaves, & blossoms)

10/11/2026 - Cassandra Sims (fruit)

10/18/2026 - St. Luke's Celebration
The Rev. Vincent P. Harris Rector Emeritus,
St. George's Episcopal church, Diocese of Washington

10/25/2026 - Joni James (seeds for the future)
Due date for Pledge Cards

11/01/2026 - Blessing of the Pledge Cards (All Saints' Day)

"Just like a tree that's planted by the water, I shall not be moved."

Fr. Raphiell Ashford (10/4)

- **Branches — Ministry & Mission:** The different ways St. Luke's reaches outward: worship, Christian formation, outreach, pastoral care, evangelism, fellowship, etc.
- **Leaves — The People:** Individual members whose participation gives life and vitality to the whole.
- **Blossoms — New Possibilities:** New ministries, new members, new ideas, and opportunities God is bringing forth.

Cassandra Sims (10/11)

- **Fruit — Impact:** The tangible results of faithful stewardship—lives changed, people served, disciples formed, and ministry accomplished.

Joni James (10/25)

- **Seeds — The Future:** What we invest today so that St. Luke's ministry continues for generations yet to come.

Parish Office Hours: 10:00am—2:00pm (M-Th)

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FEAST DAY – SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis of Assisi (born 1181/82, Assisi, duchy of Spoleto [Italy]—died October 3, 1226, Assisi; canonized July 16, 1228; feast day October 4) was the founder of the Franciscan religious orders of the Friars Minor (Ordo Fratrum Minorum), the women's Order of St. Clare (the Poor Clares; with St. Clare of Assisi), and the lay Third Order. He was also a leader of the movement of evangelical poverty in the early 13th century. His evangelical zeal, consecration to poverty, charity, and personal charisma drew thousands of followers. Francis's devotion to the human Jesus and his desire to follow Jesus' example reflected and reinforced important developments in medieval spirituality. The Poverello ("Poor Little Man") is one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic history, and he and St. Catherine of Siena are the patron saints of Italy. In 1979 Pope John Paul II recognized him as a patron saint of ecology. He is also revered as the patron saint of animals.

Servants for the Lord

The Old Testament Lector
Joseph Ray

The Epistoler
Paulette Parker-Smith

The Gospel Book Bearer
Stephanie Baldwin

Server
Valencia Hammonds

Intercessor
Gloria Eaddy

Eucharistic Minister
Corliss Wise

Thurifer & Boat Bearer
Desmond Goines

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Cory James
Herman Hickman

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Mary Marth Altar Guild

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Levi Johnson, III

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Daryl Hammonds
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Angela Blalock
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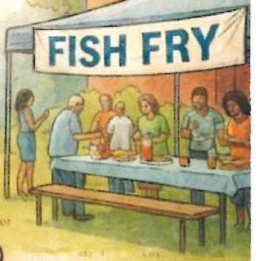
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