SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 25A

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
October 25, 2026
10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest
Ms. Susan Moffitt, 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 "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" Victor C. Johnson (1803-1863)

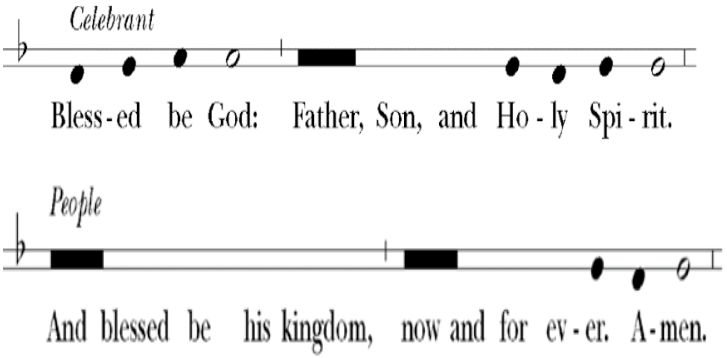
✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H·680 "O God Our Help in Ages Past" *St. Anne*

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Lector: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his

sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

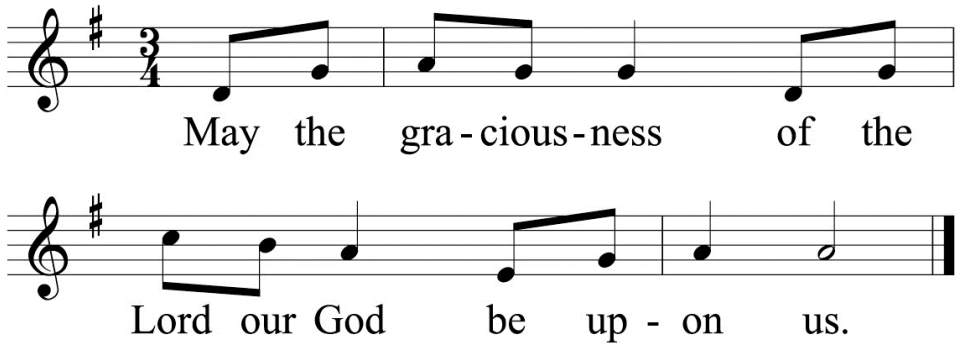
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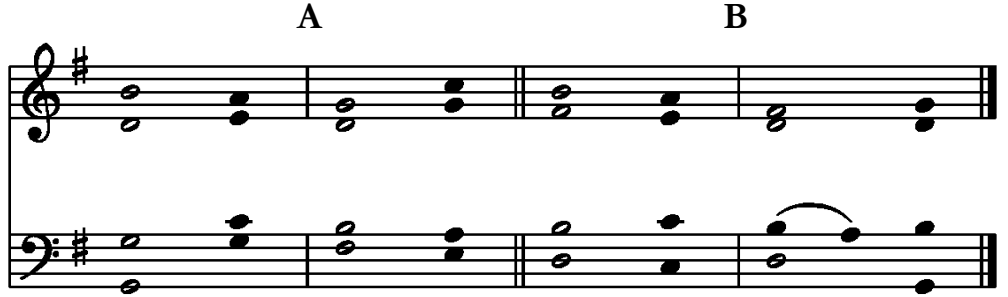
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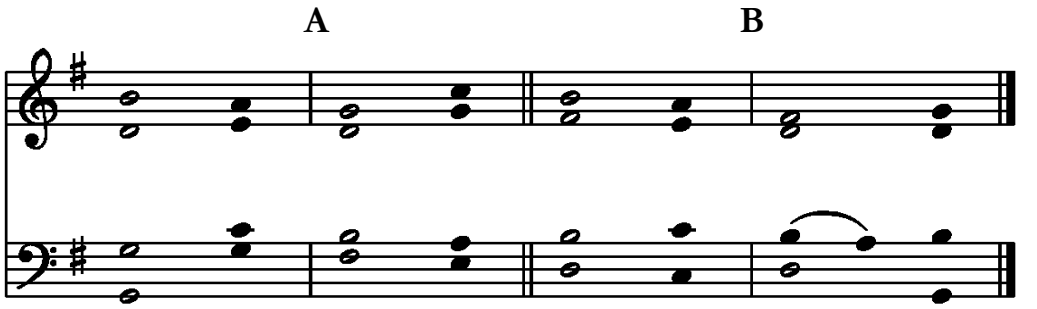
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

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







1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God. {Antiphon}

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night. {Antiphon}

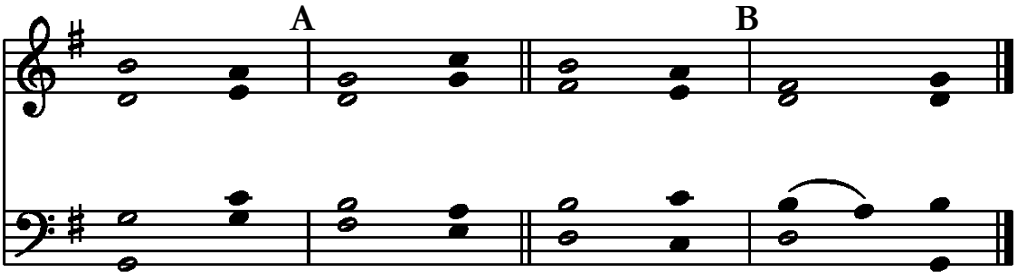
5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered. {Antiphon}

A13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

A14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

B15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity. {Antiphon}



16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork. {Antiphon}

The Epistle **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

Lector: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

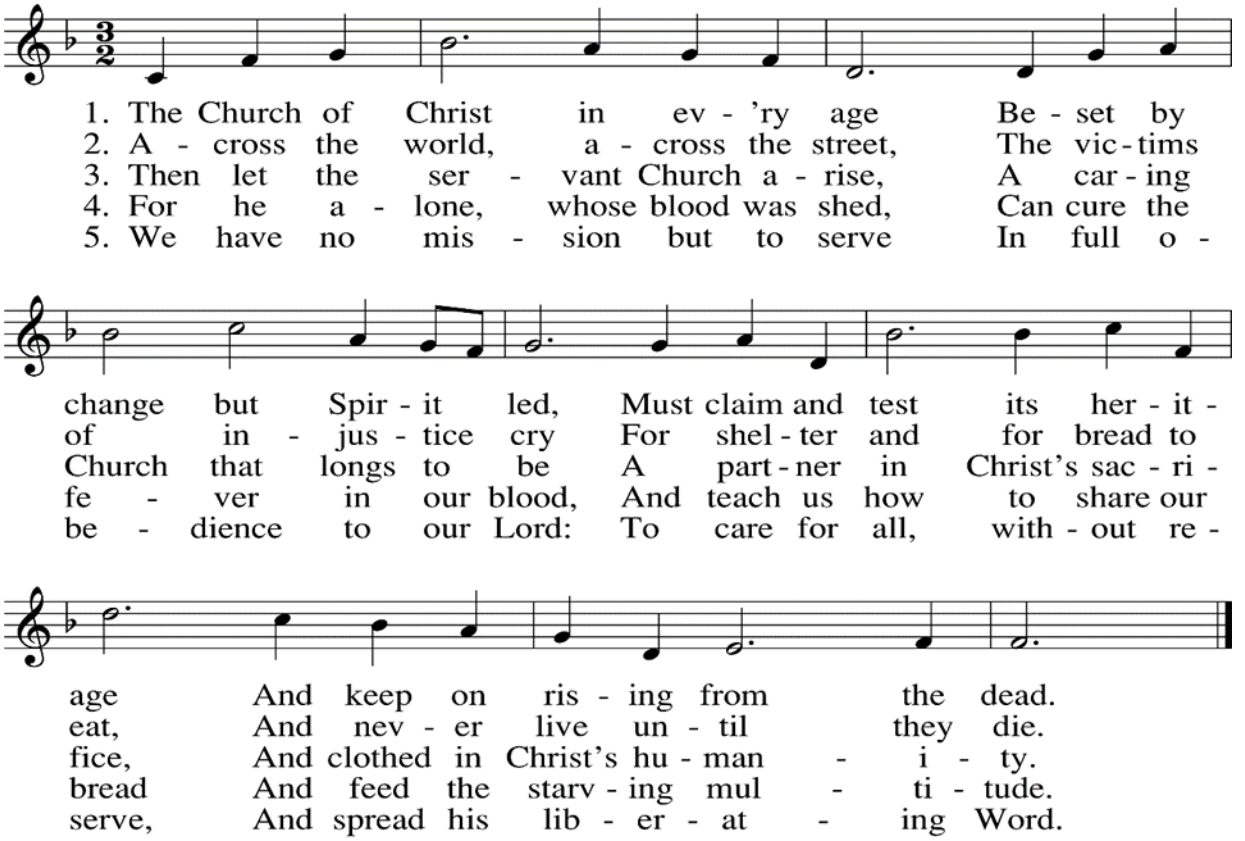
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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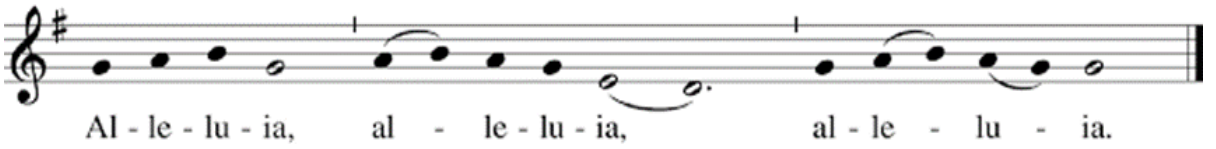
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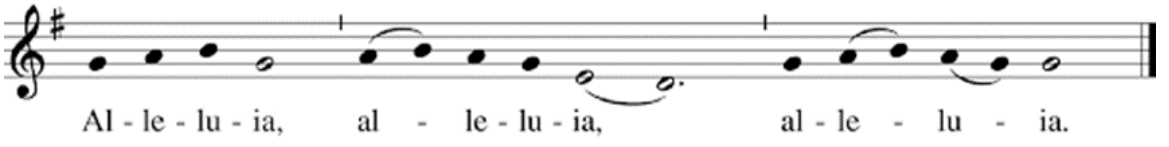
The Sequence Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age" *Dunedin*



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



"Open Our Hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son."
(Acts 16:14)



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 22:34-46**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 383

✠ "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

Stewardship Presentation Joni James
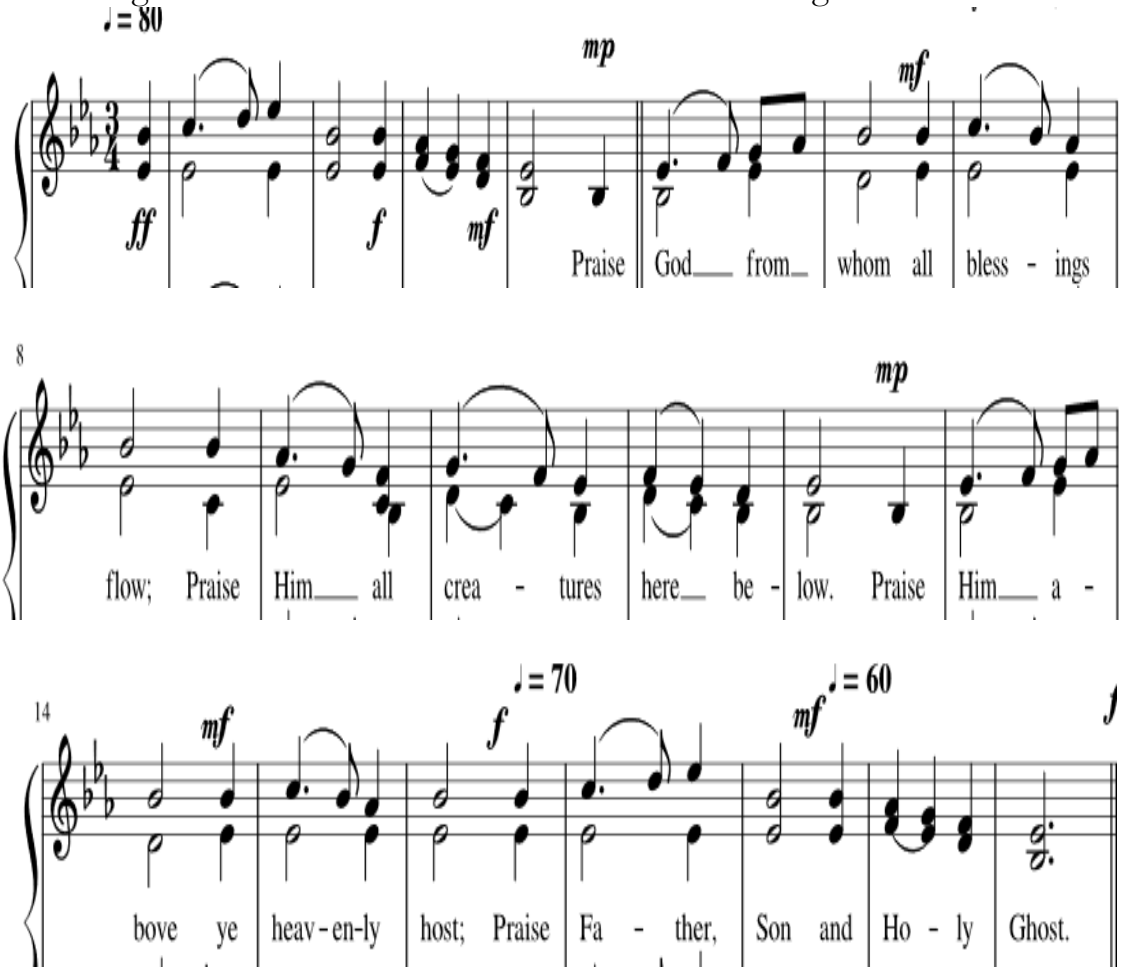
Theme: "Rooted in the Past; Reaching Toward the Future"
Tree: Fruit

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem "If Tongues of Men and Angels Sing" Mark Schweizer
Based on 1 Corinthians 13 Old Irish Air
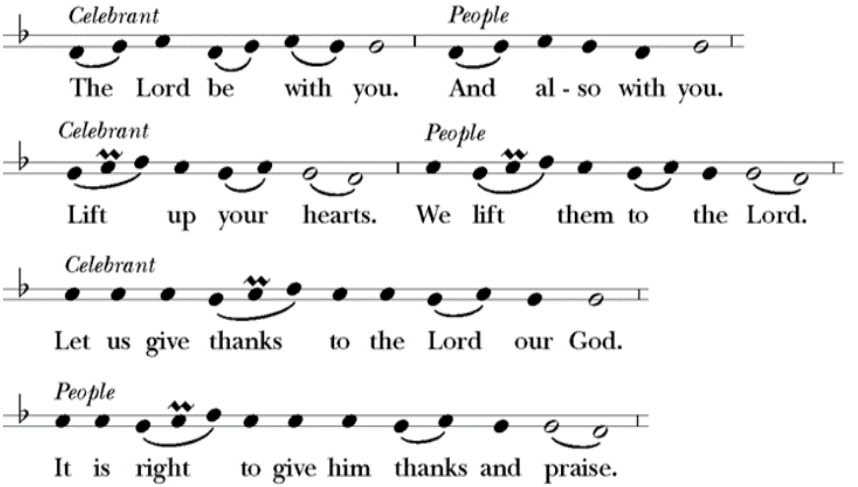
At the Presentation of Alms"

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



The Great Thanksgiving **Eucharistic Prayer "A"** BCP 361

Sursum corda

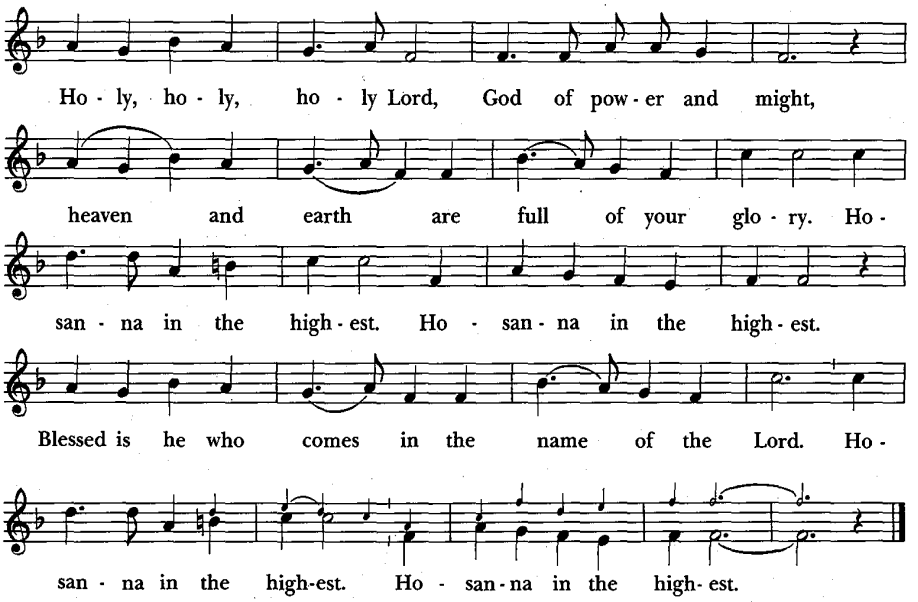


**The Celebrant proceeds*

The Proper Preface for the Lord's Day

**Said by the Priest*

Sanctus et Benedictus Setting: from *A Community Mass*



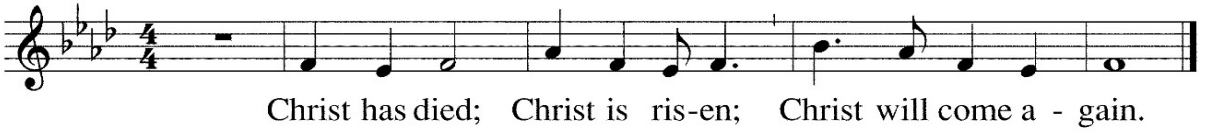
✠ "Blessed is he …"

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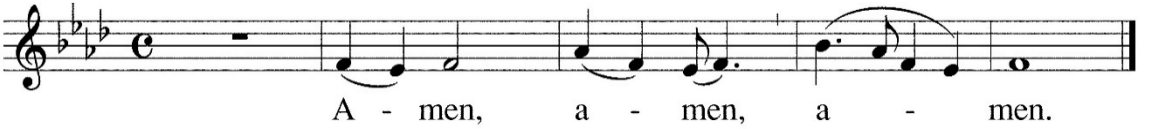
The Prayer of Consecration BCP 362

"do this in remembrance of me." ✠

The Memorial Acclamation Setting: from *A Community Mass*



The Great Amen Setting: from *A Community Mass*

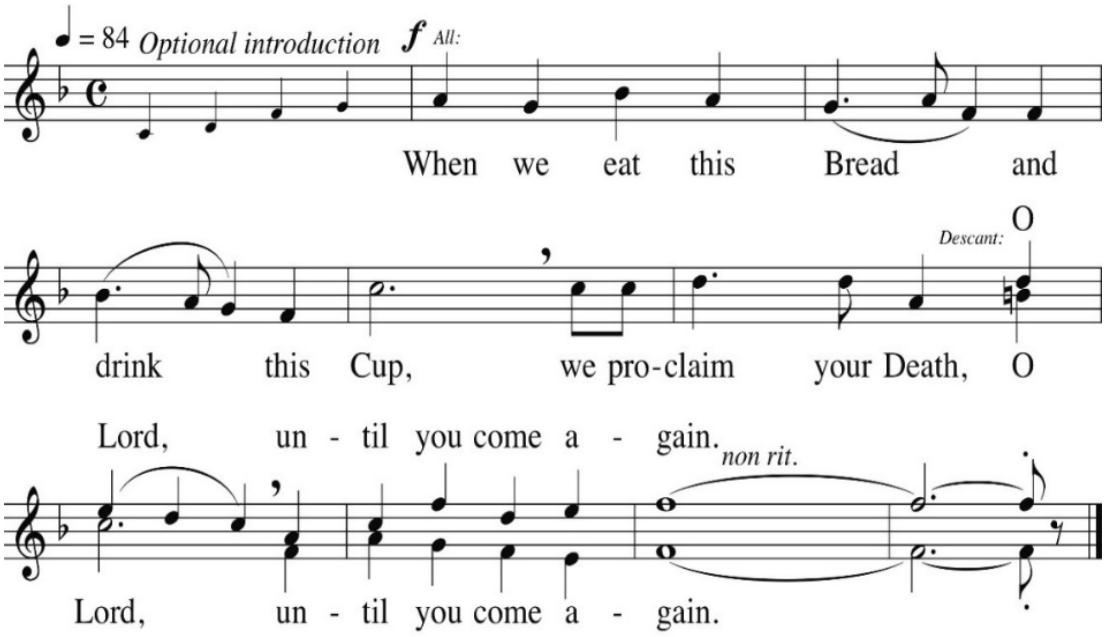


The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) BCP 364

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·336	"Come, with Us, O Blessed Jesus"	*Werde munter*
H·707	"Take my Life and Let It Be"	*Hollingside*
H·653	"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"	*Repton*

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·423 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *St. Denio*

The Dismissal

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

Postlude "This Is my Father's World" Robert J. Hughes

*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, Steven 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
- **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:** St. Simon and St. Jude, Irmo; St. Thaddeus, Aiken
- **Birthdays:** Gloria M. Johnson (28th), Ronald Turner (30th)
- **Anniversaries:**
- **Births:**
- **Deaths:**
- **Traveling Mercies:** The Bowden Family

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Charlette Blakely in loving memory and a Happy Heavenly Birthday "to my Daddy", Charles W. Blakely.

Parish Fellowship is sponsored by Eddie Glenn in loving memory of my mother, Vivian S. Glenn and my husband, Stanley C. Bryant, both who are greatly missed.

SERMON/STEWARDSHIP NOTES/QUESTIONS/ETC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING (DOK) MILDRED S. MURRAY CHAPTER joyfully welcomes four 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.

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 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.

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.

BAZAAR TME…The Quilters & Crafters is sponsoring the 2nd Fall Bazaar for St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Saturday, October 31, 2026 in the O'Neal Center from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We will be selling fall and winter craft items: table Christmas trees, shawls, capes, quilts, costume jewelry, plants, and more. Have lunch in our Café, selling hot dogs, cookies, drinks, chips, etc. Since the Bazaar is on Halloween, we will be giving free candy and books to all kids that come to the Fall

Bazaar. Please help us with donations of Halloween Candy for the children. If you can, bring or drop off the candy to the church by October 29, 2026. If you need more information, speak with Pat Cokley (803-622-2524). Please come out and enjoy our Bazaar! You will be surprised at the things you can buy!

ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS…Wardens and all Committees, Commissions, Organizations, etc. are asked to submit written reports for inclusion in the Annual Meeting Booklet by **Sunday November 1st.** The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the service on Sunday, November 15th.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

2nd FALL Bazaar

Sponsored by Quilters & Crafters

Thanksgiving & Christmas Craft Items

Table Christmas Trees
Candles, Scents, Decorative Rocks, Dish Towels
Capes, Scarfs, Shoulder Bags
Tissue Holders & Gift Card Holders
& Lots of Other Stuff

Food Café

Free Halloween Candy, Fresh Fruit,
and Books for all Children

Place: William F. O'Neal Center, 2211 Lady St.
Date: October 31, 2026 Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF SERVICES/MEETINGS/EVENTS

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	10:00am-1:00pm Griffin Hall
29th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
	Endowment Committee	12:15pm-1:15pm 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 Fall Bazaar	9:00am-3:00pm The O'Neal Center
	Daylight Saving Time ends Set clock back 1 hour before going to bed.	

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

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."

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.

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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*