

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*



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 10, 2025

10:00AM

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford, Rector & Priest

Mrs. Cynthia Fruth, Organist & Choirmaster

Vestry Theme for 2025

Reset to the New Normal

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. 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

“Voluntary in D Major”

John Alcock

✠ indicates where to make the sign of the cross

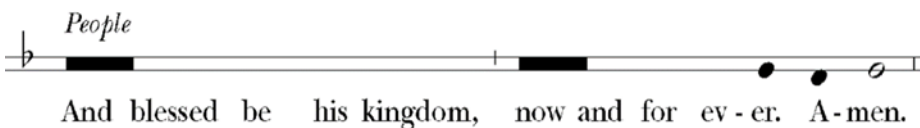
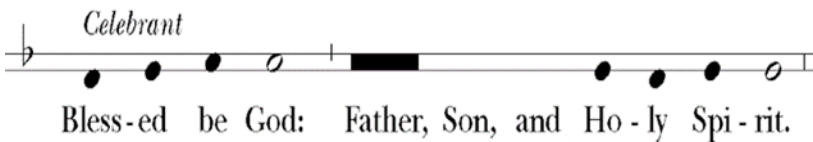
**At the ringing of the bell, all stand.

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession H • 636 “How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

The Opening Acclamation



✠Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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

Robert Powell

✠ “in the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 First Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Lector: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of

bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

[Silence]

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *Deus deorum*

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

Three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I de - sire mer - cy more than
sac - ri - fice, and the know-ledge of God
more than burnt of - f'rings.

A single staff of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The staff is divided into two sections by a double bar line. Section A starts with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). Section B starts with a bass clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

A B



1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

[Antiphon]

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame,

and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *

to witness the judgment of his people.

[Antiphon]

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me

and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *

for God himself is judge.

[Antiphon]

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *

for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *

your offerings are always before me.

[Antiphon]

23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *

but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

[Antiphon]

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Lector: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

[Silence]

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn H • 605 “What Does the Lord Require of You?” *Sharptborne*

The Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

*Sung first by the Cantor; then by all.



“Let the peace of Christ control your heart;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Col. 3:15)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Raphiell Ashford

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

✠ “and the life of the world to come. Amen.”

The Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP 387

✠ “Give to the departed eternal rest.”

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

BCP 360

✠ “forgive you all your sins ...”

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements, Birthday, & Anniversary Blessings

Fr. Raphiell+

**The Blessing of the Backpacks;
Prayer & Blessing for Educators & Administrators**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

“With A Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw
arr. Alice Carpenter

At the Presentation of Alms “Glory Be to the Father”

Greatorrex

**All standing*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer "C"

BCP 369

**The people remain standing.*

Sursum corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

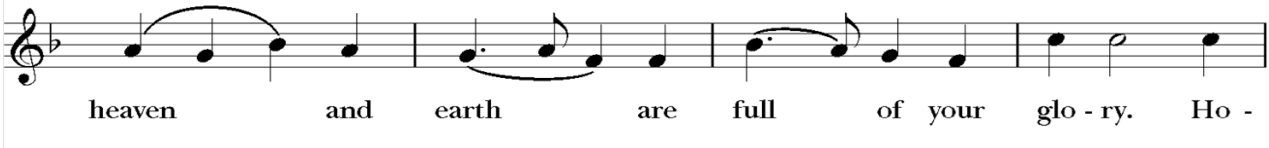
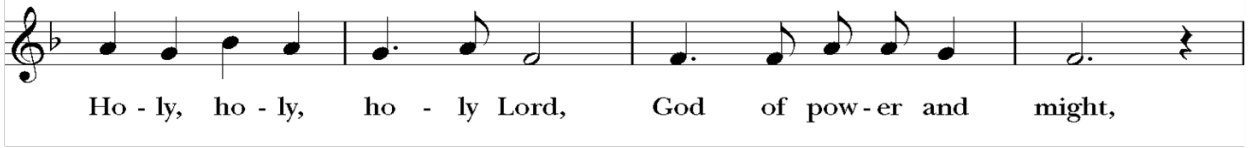
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**The Celebrant proceeds*

Sanctus et Benedictus

from *A Community Mass*; Proulx



✠ “Blessed is he ...”

**The people may stand or kneel.*

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 372

(At the invoking of the Holy Spirit);

“Let the grace of this Holy Communion ✠make us one body ...”

The Great Amen

*The Priest sings the first "Amen."

AMEN



Music: *Jubilation Mass*, James Chepponis, © 1999, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Lord's Prayer (*Pater Noster*) L • 265

*The priest sings the *Pater Noster*.

Carl Haywood
from *A Mass for Grace*

The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of brief silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

"Christ Our Passover"

Thaddeus P. Cavouti
from *Mass of St. Columba*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;' are written below the notes. The second staff is identical to the first.

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.

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 Communion but are not able to come to the Altar rail, please notify an usher and the Priest and Chalice bearer will bring Communion to you.

The Music at Communion

H•316 "This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song" *Canticum refectionis*
H•510 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" *St. Agnes*
H•623 "O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be" *O quanta qualia*

The Post Communion Hymn

L•208 "We've Come This Far by Faith" Albert A. Goodson

The Post Communion Prayer

**All kneel as able or sit.*

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 for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no-one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of Almighty God, ✠the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn in Procession H•68 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Trumpet Tune in F Major (Processional)” Albert Zabel

*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:** Charles W. Blakely, Gary Bowden, John Bowden, Damion Cokley, Carole Cooper, Gloria Eaddy, Eddie Glenn, Cynthia Goines, Robert Green, Yvonne Hall, Daryl Hammonds, Jr., Desmond Hammonds, Valencia Hammonds, Tarnez Hickman, Justin Hickmon, LaToya Hickmon, Levi Johnson, Sr., James McLemore, Mary McLemore, Marie Martin, Carmen Murray, Jay'ceon Quattlebaum, Malik Quattlebaum, Joseph Ray, Reginald Reed, Peyton Parker-Smith, William Smith, Jr., Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Patricia Cokley
- **Family & Friends:** Ingrid Dowdell, Cynthia Fruth, Gerald L. McNair, Elsie Mitchell, Quintin Morris
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer...** St. Mary's, Columbia The Ministry of the Deans and Lay Wardens of Convocations
- **Birthdays...** Venesia Johnson (10th), Angela Blalock (14th), Xavier Smith (14th), Brian Baldwin (15th), Heniretta Bynum (15th), Corine Whittington-Kimpson (16th), Oliver Smith (16th)
- **Anniversaries...** Luther & Judy Battiste (10th)
- **Births...**
- **Deaths...**
- **Traveling Mercies...** Peyton Parker-Smith, Beverly Ray & grandsons (Caden Leysath, Ethan Leysath)

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Gospel Acclamation

“A Celtic Alleluia”

Finnian O’Carroll

The Great Amen

from *Jubilation Mass*

James Chepponis

Service music

Opening Acclamation, Gloria, *Sursum corda*, *Sanctus*, & *the Lord’s Prayer*, Permission by RiteSong online music library for one-time use of this material for congregational use.

The Fraction Anthem

from the hymnal, *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL NOTICE... Celebration of Life in honor of Terri Terrell Bynoe, wife of Dr. Raymond P. H. Bynoe, Friday August 15, 2025, 4:00pm-7:00pm; Elm Abode Mansion, 1335 Elm Abode Terrace, Columbia, South Carolina

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY/ST. LUKE’S DAY: The Feast of St. Luke will be observed on Sunday, October 19th. All parishioners are asked to pay \$154, the age of the parish (officially May 21st). Funds are due by Sunday October 19th, but may be paid at any time before that date. The Guest Speaker/Preacher: TBA

ST. LUKE’S CHORAL SCHOLARS & BLAKELY-ROBINSON MUSIC FUND... Your contributions are needed more than ever now that the Chorister Fund Deficit is no longer. Thank you for help with bringing the deficit current. Contributions to these funds help to secure choristers 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.

SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

The Old Testament Lector

Rachell Hall

The Gospel Book Bearer

Corliss Wise

Intercessor

Reginald Reed

Thurifer

Cory James

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Deadra Bowden

The Epistoler

Karen Castelli

Server

Herman Hickman

Eucharistic Minister

Corliss Wise

Crucifer

Jaylen Caldwell

Oblation Bearers

Karen Castelli
Rachel Hall

Ushers

Gloria Eaddy, Loretta Johnson,
Venesia Johnson

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Levi & Loretta Johnson in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Parish Fellowship – sponsored by the Mildred S. Murray Chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK)

AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR OF SERVICES, MEETINGS, & EVENTS

10 th (Sunday)	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am/Nave Blessing of the Backpacks; Prayer & Blessing for Educators & Adminstrators
11 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
12 th (Tuesday)	Archives Committee	10:30am-1:00pm Archives Room
	Finance Committee	3:00pm-4:15pm Griffin Hall
13 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
14 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
15 th (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
16 th (Saturday)	Daughters of the King (DOK)	3:00pm Griffin Hall
17 th (Sunday)	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
	Memorial Garden Committee	11:45am Griffin Hall
18 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
19 th (Tuesday)	Vestry Meeting	6:00pm Griffin Hall
20 th (Wednesday)	Quilters & Crafters	10:30am Griffin Hall
	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
21 st (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center

22 nd (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
	Columbia Laboratory Rehearsal	Nave 6:00pm-9:00pm
23 rd (Saturday)	4 th Saturday Feeding	12:00noon-1:00pm Griffin Hall Entrance
24 th (Sunday)	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave
25 th (Monday)	Rector's Day Off	
26 th (Tuesday)	Buildings & Grounds	5:30pm Griffin Hall
27 th (Wednesday)	Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm-7:30pm Hurley Music Room
28 th (Thursday)	Fresh Start	9:00am-12:00noon The O'Neal Center
29 th (Friday)	Rector's Sermon Prep, Spiritual Direction, etc.	
30th (Saturday)	UBE Interest Group (Planning & Organization)	1:00pm Griffin Hall
31 st (Sunday)	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost w/The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	10:00am Nave

SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS/REFLECTIONS

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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*