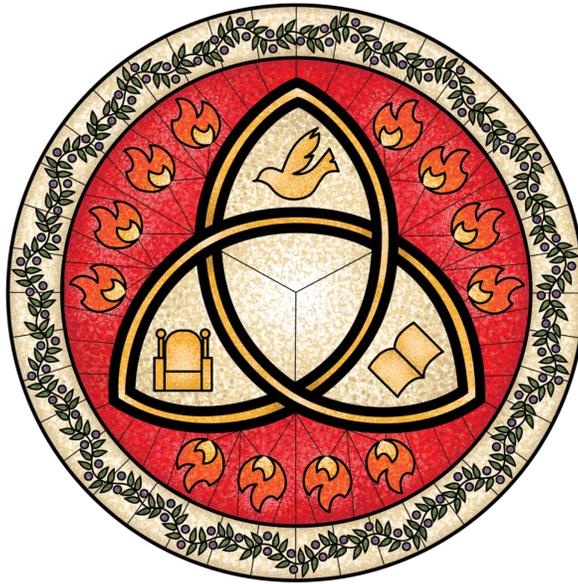


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday, October 24, 2021 | 10 AM



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St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Atlanta, Georgia

*You are welcome here.*

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. You are welcome here. Our congregation comes from near and far and represents a wide range of histories, traditions, ethnicities, and racial, social, and religious backgrounds. We practice our faith through worship and service to the community. It is our hope and prayer that at St. Luke's you encounter a caring congregation committed to the ministry of Christ.

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn in Procession (*sung by all, standing*)  
Hymnal 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

*Lauda Anima*  
Descant: Warren Swenson

*Unison or harmony*

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria  
Hymnal S-280 "Glory to God"

Robert J. Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 WORD OF GOD

### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mac Holladay

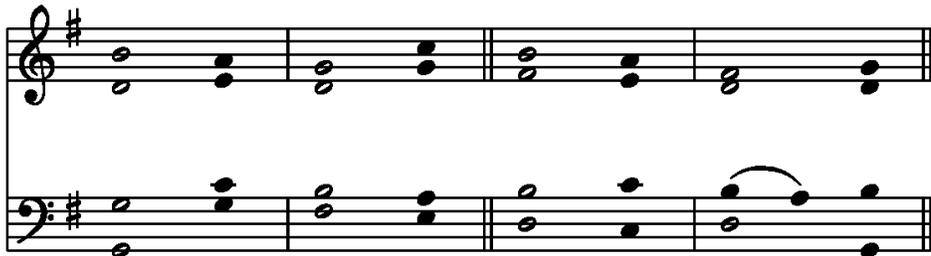
Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126** (*sung by all, seated*)

Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy



1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of / Zion, \*  
then were we like those who / dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.

3 Then they said among the / nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things / for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for / us, \*  
and we are glad in-/ deed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O / Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the / Negev.

6 Those who sowed with / tears \*  
will reap with songs of / joy.

†7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

**The Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28**

Karl Wicker

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

Hymnal 411 "O bless the Lord, my soul"

*St. Thomas*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5  
 Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of our Savior.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All children three years to 4th grade are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. They will reunite their families at the Peace.*

**Sermon**

*A period of silence is kept.*

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

**The Nicene Creed** *(said by all, standing)*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Patty Williams

Just as the Spirit intercedes with deep sighs, let us turn our hearts to God and offer prayers for all peoples.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,

**Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, for Joseph, our President, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom,

**Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

**Hear our prayers for the earth.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders, for Brian, our governor and Keisha, our mayor; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. God of peace,

**Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: for those who have asked for our prayers: Judi, Peter, Mary, Marcie, Stacy, Tom, Kathy, Brad, Kevin, Martha, Rose, Thomas, Louise, Ed, Evelio, Madel, Claudia, members of San Pablo, the church in La Gloria, who have asked our prayers for the people of Cuba as the number of COVID-19 infections rise, and for all those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

**Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died, and the ones for whom the altar flowers are given: Connie DeCostanzo, Nicholas DeCostanzo, Francis DeCostanzo, Joanne Merritt Mellen, Seth Baldwin Mellen, Sarah Hanahan Merritt, and Edward Merritt, and for the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace,

**Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

## **The Concluding Collect**

*Celebrant*

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silence is kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

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.**

### **Rite 13 Liturgy**

#### **The Peace**

*All stand. The children will return from Children's Chapel and join their families.*

*The Celebrant says to the people:*

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **At the Offertory** *(seated)*

Anthem, *Be thou my vision*

Bob Chilcott

Susanne Burgess, *soprano*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art.  
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,  
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art.  
Be Thou my best Thought, in the day or by night,  
Both waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;  
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;  
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;  
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou, and Thou only, the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art;  
O Sovereign of heaven, be Thou my Vision;  
Be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

—8th century Irish; versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne

## At the Presentation

Hymnal 535 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

Paderborn

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son,  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Paderborn, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

## Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: God 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.**

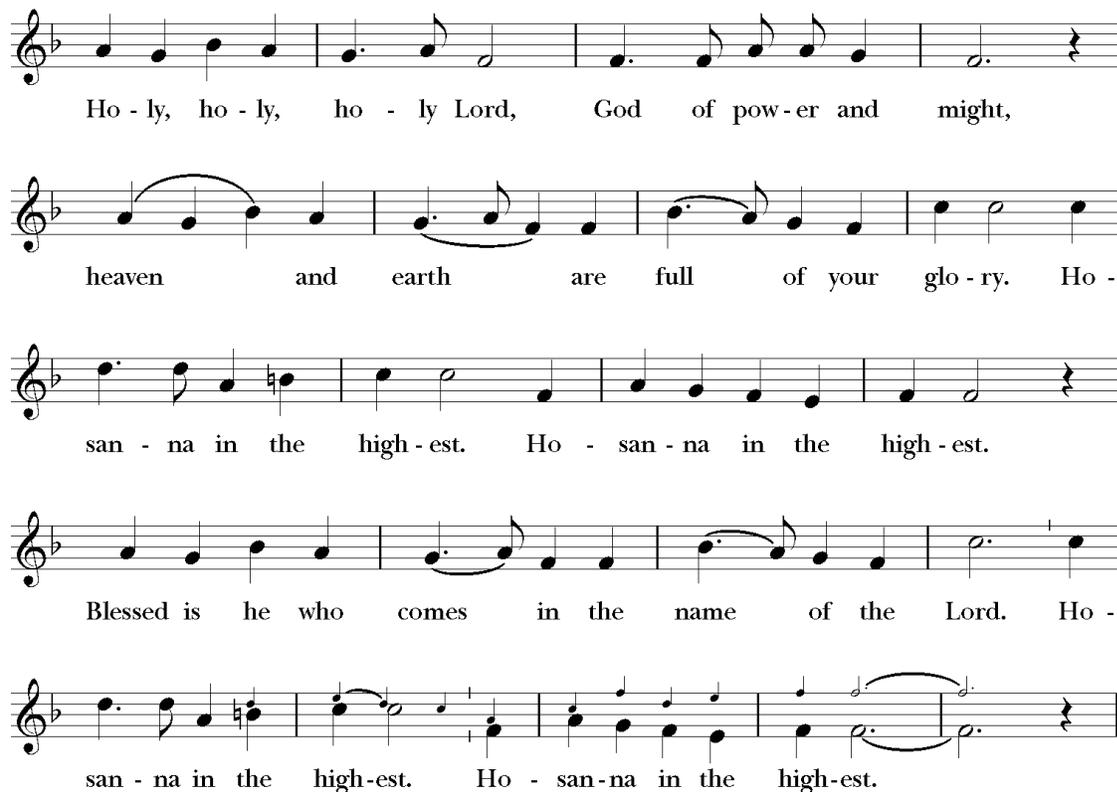
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-125 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Richard Proulx



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

#### *The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God and creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*said by all*)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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**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 Fraction**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**The Invitation**

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Communion**

*The communion table at St. Luke's is open to all believers, regardless of faith background. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you do not wish to receive the bread, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to offer a blessing.*

**Music During Communion**

Anthem, *O taste and see*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Colleen Kingston, *soprano*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him. —*Psalm 34, verse 8*

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -  
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy  
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.  
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

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 Music: *Rendez á Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

*The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.*

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, John Rees (19th cent.) Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919) Copyright ©1974 by Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

### Prayer after Communion (standing)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

*On Sundays when communion is taken to home-bound parishioners, we send forth our Eucharistic Visitors with these words:*

### Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.**

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God's infinite love, Christ's limitless grace, and the Holy Spirit's relentless companionship, encompass you, and be with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn In Procession

Hymnal 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus" (stanzas 1-4)

*Hyfrydol*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

### The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in Peace to love and serve Christ Jesus our Savior. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

### Voluntary

*Pièce Héroïque*

César Franck

# RITE 13

St. Luke's youth ministry is organized around a program of spiritual formation called Journey to Adulthood (J2A) that is centered on inclusive and relational ministry using Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and service to others. Its creative and developmentally appropriate activities/lessons focus on self, society, and spirituality. At St. Luke's the program has three phases or groups: Club 56 for 5th-6th graders; Rite 13 for 7th, 8th, and 9th graders; and J2A for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders.

The Rite 13 component of our youth program is two years and designed to build self-esteem in the context of the Christian community. Lay leader, clergy, and the congregation at large work together to establish a framework for friendships which bridge gender stereotypes.

Part of our liturgy today at 10 a.m. will include a beautiful set of prayers marking the transition from childhood to adulthood for 11 of our kids. It is held periodically for youth who have recently turned 13 years old.

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## GRACE BLANCHARD

Sister to her twin Julia, daughter to her adoring mom and dad Sara and Rick, and primary playmate of everyone's favorite labradoodle June, Grace is an 8th grader at Druid Hills Middle School.

Competitive in spirit, Grace has yet to find a sport, board game, card game or semi-sport she doesn't hate to lose. She especially loves soccer, where she plays striker with combined ferocity and gracefulness. Grace's more artistic pursuits include dance and aerial silks, the latter of which has been almost entirely self-taught by watching YouTube videos. Grace relishes demonstrating aerial tricks while suspended 12' above the floor, simultaneously thrilling and terrifying her family and friends.

Grace also enjoys listening to and playing music, dabbling in guitar and chorus occasionally. This combined with her sense of humor, keeps those of us lucky enough to spend time with her thoroughly entertained.



## JULIA BLANCHARD

Julia is an 8th grader at Druid Hills Middle School, daughter to her loving parents Sara and Rick, sister to her twin Grace, and good friend to many. A full-blown foodie from as long as anyone can remember, Julia, at age 8, listed on her Summer Bucket List "eat more escargot."

Julia is kind and empathetic, making her a loyal and considerate friend. Being a Blanchard, she enjoys participating in, and winning, soccer matches, board games, and virtually any argument. Julia is also a visual artist, working primarily in graphite and acrylic. She also loves music, mostly good music, and can be heard singing frequently throughout the family home.

Meticulous, disciplined, and organized, Julia has shot up the family executive function rankings, currently holding sole possession of second place, mere fractions of a point behind her mom but well ahead of her sister and dad.

Most importantly, Julia is beloved by her family for her big heart, warm nature, and beautiful smile.



### **MADLYNNE SHOWS CAFFEY**

Madelynnne is a very loving person. Since she was a tiny human, she has drawn pictures and written notes to the special people in her life sharing how important they are to her. She is a good friend and sister, sensitive to the needs and struggles of others and seeking to align with compassion and care. She loves animals of all varieties (at 6 she hid a tree frog in the front pocket of her overalls and insisted it sleep in our tent while camping). The animals that she loves most of all are her dogs Ana and Fig. She spoils them with treats and snuggles, but also is very attentive to what they need to be their healthiest and happiest. Within Madelynnne's soul is a deep desire for justice and equality for all people. She doesn't just jump on an issue because it is popular; she does a deep dive into issues seeking to learn all she can before throwing her heart and energies into something. She has a passion for civil rights and the Black Lives Matter movement, as well as for equality for LGBTQ identifying persons. Madelynnne has worked really hard, and this year burst onto the scene as an athlete. This fall she has juggled playing on two teams at the same time. She is a fierce and focused soccer player. Her volleyball team is learning through her school's first ever year of having a team. The dedication and commitment that she offers to both teams is impressive. In her downtime, Madelynnne loves reading and listening to music – of all genres: hip-hop, musicals, pop, country, rock, even electronica. She is silly, mischievous, funny, and very playful when you can catch her in those unguarded moments. She is a true Shows Caffey in that she loves all things chocolate. Chloe, Fig, Ana, and I are grateful that we get to walk this journey of life with Madelynnne.



### **RYAN CONLEY**

Ryan Conley is in the eighth grade at Sutton Middle School. Ryan has changed only in degrees since being baptized here at St. Luke's 13 years ago. Little giggles are now full belly laughs—there is no greater joy than to share a funny moment or show with Ryan. Early curiosity about things to see and touch has grown into curiosity about a whole world to read and learn about—NPR and podcasts about politics, LGBTQ+ rights, the economy, law, science, and world affairs are avidly consumed. Comfortable as an infant to be held by strangers, Ryan is now a poised teenager—ready to stare you or any sized audience in the eyes to tell you exactly what needs to be said. Ryan also remains sensibly unbothered by 2nd-hand clothes—always preferring to shop for outfits at Goodwill. Ryan is quiet, but not shy. Ryan is a staunch defender of your ability to be your true self and will not hesitate to call out injustice, especially when it comes to the treatment of the LGBTQ+ community.



Today, Ryan's favorite activities include swimming, spending summers at the Rockbrook Camp for Girls in North Carolina, and competing on the varsity debate team at Sutton. Debate pulls together all of the best attributes we have watched Ryan develop over the years: poise, civic engagement, sensibility, and a desire to share laughter and knowledge with others. Ryan's parents could not be more proud as Ryan, now approaching adulthood (far too quickly!), continues to grow into an amazing person.

### **ANNA FOWLKES**

Anna has traveled around the sun 13 times, but our Leap Day lady is only 3 years old. She is in the 8th grade at David T. Howard Middle School where she actually seems to enjoy Science and Language Arts, which helps her hone her uncanny skill of imitating accents (especially a British accent – she does a spot-on Hermione Granger). She loves to play soccer, and has been teammates with our St. Luke's family, Julia and Grace Blanchard, and played against some of Ryan Conley's teams. She is excited about attending Midtown High School next year.



Anna lives in Lake Claire with her parents, Ashley and Park, and brother Sam who turns 12 on Tuesday (much older than his Leap Year sister). She also shares the house with three cats: Boudreaux (16!), Franklin (5) and Wendell (1). She loves to play on Pensacola Beach with grandparents Allen and Angie, but Anna has always lived in Atlanta and has a lot of family close by! In addition to aunts, uncles and cousins in Towne Lake, her aunt and uncle, Elizabeth and Thomas, cousins Carter and John, and grandfather Carter Fowlkes, are all fellow parishioners who have served St. Luke's in many capacities over the years. Anna is an acolyte, enjoys Sunday School and Youth Group, and especially loves going to Kanuga.

When she is not "mentoring" her brother, Anna loves taking walks around the neighborhood and listening to music or maybe meeting up with her friends, but nothing beats cozy couch time watching Anime with a nice hot bowl of Ramen noodles.

### **LINK HEALAN**

Link is in the eighth grade at David T. Howard Middle School. He is a lively, creative, and inquisitive young man who possesses a fascination with history and science. He has a knack for writing poetry and he loves to draw. Outside of school, Link enjoys fishing and reading, and he plays baseball, ultimate frisbee, and basketball.



### **ELIAS KIDD**

Elias Cade Kidd is a soon to be 14-year-old Eighth grader at Hopewell Middle School. He lives in Alpharetta with Mom, Dad, brother Bobby, sister Charlotte, and his two dogs, Maisy and David Bowie. Growing up the middle child has led Eli to be the glue to the family. He is a thoughtful and introspective young man, who values family above all else. Within the family, he is often referred to as a “mini-me” of his father, but in truth, Elias is his own person. He is quick-witted, funny, and devastatingly loyal. To know this, however, Elias must accept you into his circle, which is not easy to gain access to.



Elias loves spending time playing with his friends and siblings, but also looks forward to recharging in solitude... just like every self-respecting introvert. He is an avid mountain biker and can often be found shredding the trails with Bobby and his dad. Elias is a Star Scout in Troop 51 and is working toward his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. He loves camping, hiking, and spending time outdoors. When inside, Elias loves to read, play video games, and learn all he can about movie making, Kaiju, and the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Elias has grown up in the Episcopal church and views Camp Mikell as his home away from home. (He's excited to return to Kanuga, another of his short list of places in a few weeks!). Since arriving at St. Luke's, Elias has enjoyed bonding with his Rite 13 peers, both in person and virtually, and the Parish has quickly become his church family. He is a discerning young man who continues to amaze his parents, siblings, and family. We all see wonderful things in this bright young man's future, and we are so proud to celebrate him during this Rite 13 ceremony and beyond. WE LOVE YOU ELIAS!

### **VIOLET KILFEATHER**

Mary Violet Kilfeather is the daughter of Hillary and Eric Kilfeather. She is 14 years old and a freshman at Druid Hills High School. She has a younger brother named Charlie who is in 5th grade, and two cats named Lily and Bailey.



Violet, as she's most commonly called, has brought sunshine to those around her since she was a baby. Her bright personality and positivity will improve anyone's mood. Kind and empathetic, she is considered a dear friend by many, and she is drawn to those who are good to others, too. Violet is the one that her brother wants first when something upsetting happens, and to say that they are close is an understatement.

Violet loves being around people and being back at school in person. She even joined the cross country team...mostly for the social aspect! She attends Camp Juliette Low, a summer camp for girls, each July and talks about it all year long. Through camp and lots of family camping, she has a deep love for being in nature, campfires, and sleeping under the stars. She thoroughly enjoys visiting new places and making fun video montages of our adventures together. And if you need a skincare product recommendation, Violet's your gal!

## **STEVE MARSHALL**

Stephen Philip Marshall. Steve is our stealthiest family member, meaning he likes to fly under the radar. Steve is incredibly funny. He has a great sense of humor and can deliver even the worst joke in a way that makes you laugh. He is quick and clever, captures details and remembers them, and knows exactly when to remind you of something you'd like to forget. He is often quiet out in the world, but boisterous at home. He can fill a whole walk with details about a game he is playing or scientific discovery he has learned about. Walking the neighborhood with our dog and listening to Steve talk will always be one of the best memories of quarantine. He is a wonderful clarinet player. During the year of online school, Steve's jazz clarinet filled our house every morning. It was fantastic. Steve has an incredibly strong and clear sense of right and wrong. He strives to do the right thing in all areas of his life – whether it is helping his grandparents or refusing to cut across a neighbor's lawn or showing respect to his teachers and coaches. Steve loves to play ultimate frisbee, and he is great at it. He is a good sport, a great team player, and works equally hard in practices and games. Steve is smart, and he is kind. He has a sharp mind and a good heart. We thank God for Steve's presence in our lives, teaching us about new things, keeping us honest, making us laugh, and reminding us to pay attention to all of the seemingly quiet things in the world so that we don't overlook something truly amazing. We pray that Steve will always know God's love and feel affirmed and supported as the amazing person he is.



## **Zoe Marshall**

Zoe Frances Marshall. When Zoe was born, the doctor said: “oh, she's feisty.” And she is. She is strong and determined, disciplined and focused. She is someone you want on your side. She is brave and does not tolerate nonsense. She will tackle anything. She is a problem-solver who gets things done. She works incredibly hard on everything she does and always sees things through. Zoe is an amazing dancer. When she performs, our hearts soar not only because she is so strong and graceful, but because she is so clearly doing something she loves. She is remarkable. Zoe loves things that feel good and smell good, but she also loves our dog who never smells good. Zoe is generous. She always has extra snacks to share with her friends at school and at dance; she never hesitates to donate to people, to church, and to causes. And she spends hours making clever, unique gifts for her friends and family. Zoe loves traveling, camping, fishing, floating in creeks, and playing in pluff mud. She is a voracious reader and a faithful letter-writer. She loves sweets. She sets multiple alarms to stay organized and on-time throughout the day, but she also loves to blob on the couch with her family. She gives great hugs, carefully observes the world around her, and tells wonderful, detailed accounts of her day. We are so grateful to have Zoe in our lives. What a gift to be able to watch her grow up; and what a thrill to watch her life unfold. We thank God for Zoe's life, health, and happiness. And we pray that she always has the opportunity to do the things she loves, surrounds herself with loving and kind people, and feels God's gracious presence in her life.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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### FILL THE OUTREACH BASKETS FOR HOLY COMFORTER CHURCH

Our friends at Holy Comforter play a lot of bingo and their stock of prizes is dwindling, so they've asked us to help restock their good box. Be fun, be creative. Who doesn't love a little gift now and then?

*Suggestions* include:

note pads, pens, colored pencils, sunglasses, candy, packs of hot chocolate/tea, mugs, travel cups, \$5 gift cards (fast food), key chains, hand sanitizer, and, and, and.

If you're in-person on Sundays, bring your donations with you and place them in the baskets in the Narthex. If not, you can drop off your donations during business hours (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) at the door by the Reception Area (there is a basket waiting) and when you return to your car, please call Valerie at the desk and she'll come retrieve your gifts. You can reach Valerie at 404-873-7600.

### Vigil Remembering Victims of Gun Violence

**Wednesday, October 27 at 5 p.m.**

Join us for our annual vigil remembering those who have died by gun violence. This year we will remember 777 people who died in 2020 and 542 people so far in 2021. We will also remember the 11 people who died in the shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue as October 17 is the third anniversary of that hate crime.



Register

### COTTAGE GATHERINGS

Everyone is invited to attend an informal gathering for community and sharing our dreams for St. Luke's future. These 90-minute events are a key part of this year's stewardship campaign and are offered at a variety of times and places during late October and early November. All adult attendees must be fully vaccinated. Space is limited at each home, so please sign up early. Registration is online - use your phone to scan the QR code at right to go to the sign up information.



Cottage Gatherings

### SEASON TWO OF MUSIC AT ST. LUKE'S GETS UNDERWAY IN OCTOBER

Music at St. Luke's begins its second season of concerts on **Friday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m.** with a performance by internationally acclaimed cellist, Guy Johnston. He will be joined with collaborative pianist, Chiao-Wen Cheng. Their performance, sponsored through the generosity of Claire and Gordon May, will feature music by Bach, Grieg, Messiaen, and the USA premiere of a new cello sonata by UK composer, Joseph Phibbs. All are welcome. A reception will follow the performance in Budd Hall. The concert will also be streamed live online.

### Registration Continues for the Annual Parish Retreat

**This FRIDAY**, October 22 is the deadline to register. Don't miss this opportunity to be in community with other folks from St. Luke's in the gorgeous North Carolina mountains. The Rev. Becca Stevens is our guest speaker. This year's dance theme is "Together ... the Musical" - dress up as a character from your favorite musical.

As we move closer to the parish retreat at Kanuga we hope and believe we will be in a better place with COVID. Adults continue to have access to free vaccinations, Pfizer booster shots are available for certain individuals, and the FDA is meeting this month to consider authorizing additional booster shots for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson as well as the Pfizer vaccine to children 5 - 11.

For the good of all, the expectation is that all Kanuga attendees who are eligible will be vaccinated. Also, at this time Kanuga is requiring that individuals be masked at all times while in any public, indoor spaces.



Kanuga Sign Up

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<b>8 am</b>	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
<b>8:30 am</b>	Nursery opens
<b>9 am</b>	Education for adults
<b>10 am</b>	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
<b>11:30 am</b>	Time for gathering (meetings, classes)

*The Healing Station,  
which is located in the foyer,  
is open during the distribution  
of communion. Trained lay  
ministers will pray with you and,  
if you wish, offer the laying on of  
hands and anointing for healing.*

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and with deep thanks to our Creator and in loving memory of Connie and Nicholas DeCostanzo and Francis DeCostanzo by Elaine, Annabeth, and Stephen; and in loving memory of Joanne Merritt Mellen and Seth Baldwin Mellen, Sarah Hanahan Merritt and Edward Merritt by Anne Gaillard Mellen.

## TODAY

### ADULT CLASSES - 9 a.m.

#### Locating a Heart of Compassion for Self and Neighbor

*Budd Hall*

In this experiential and interactive session, we will explore the impact of internal, interpersonal, and systemic suffering. We will engage in methods to tend to the suffering with the positive contagion of compassion. The Rev. Caroline Peacock has her LCSW and is an ACPE Certified Educator. She is the Director of Spiritual Health at the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University.

#### Finding Your Path of Love

*St. Luke Room*

Throughout October, Martha Eskew brings to St. Luke's experience and wisdom from her studies at the Living School at the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque. Using Richard Rohr's *The Universal Christ* as a foundation for discussion and practice of contemplation and wisdom, Martha will challenge us, as Rohr does, to strive to see the Christ everywhere- and in everyone. This class will meet each Sunday this month.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH | 9 a.m. every Sunday

Children's Sunday School (Grades PK-4) meets in The Park

Club 56 Sunday School (Grades 5-6) meets outside by the playground

Rite 13 Sunday School (Grades 7-9) meets in Room 203

J2A Sunday School (Grades 10-12) meets in Room 202

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

All children Pre-K to 4th grade are invited to follow the cross to Wilmer Chapel after the reading of the Gospel during the 10 a.m. service. They will return to their families during the Peace.

### SENIOR CHORISTERS REHEARSAL 11:15 in Room 201.

### YOUTH GROUPS 11:15 a.m. weekly

Club 56 (Grades 5-6) meets in Room 205

Rite 13 (Grades 7-9) meets in Room 203

J2A (Grades 10-12) meets in Room 202

### J2A PILGRIMAGE MEETING - PARENTS TOO 11:15 A.M. - ROOM 202

An important part of J2A youth group is the pilgrimage! We're going to Iceland this summer for a super experience of being together and learning about God. If you are in high school and interested, grab your parent(s) and join us in Room 202 following the 10 a.m. service. Lunch will be provided.

## SACRED GROUND WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP FORMING

If you are interested in joining a Sacred Ground Dialogue Group that would meet bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings, please indicate your interest online using the QR code at right or by visiting the Register/Sign Up page online. Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful framework that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. The 10-session small group invites participants to walk back through history in



Sacred Ground

order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. Each session is guided by the vision of beloved community – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. More information on the program: [www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground).

## Urban Adventure

Youth in Grades 10-12 are invited to a fun scavenger hunt across our great city on Sunday, November 7. We will meet after the 10 a.m. service and won't be back to St. Luke's until 6 p.m. All kids going on the pilgrimage need to participate. We will learn teamwork and navigation skills as we make our way across Atlanta on foot and on MARTA. Please bring \$20 and wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothing. You might also want to bring a backpack and water bottle. Pick up will be at 6 p.m. in the St. Luke's reception area parking lot off Peachtree Street.

## TRUNK OR TREAT - this Saturday

Bring friends and join us this Saturday, October 30 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the Courtland Street lot for the CYF Trunk or Treat! This year in addition to treats, we have prizes for the best costume and the best, most creative trunk decorations! Be sure to bring a bucket, basket, or bag to collect all your candy. Youth and adults are encouraged to come in costume to decorate their trunk and pass out candy. You don't have to have children to participate! Decorate your truck and join the fun!



Visitor Card

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