April 21, 2024



St. Luke's Atlanta

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:15 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's

Our worship today is in the Episcopal tradition and centered around the Holy Eucharist (Communion).

As you participate in today's service, you may notice we use many ways of naming God in worship through expansive and inclusive language (HEIIE). This diversity of language engages our imaginations inviting a fuller picture of the Divine mystery dwelling among us.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. You are invited to participate in today's service as fully as is comfortable for you.

Please fill out our online visitor card using the QR code below.



Visitor Card

Nursery & Children's Chapel

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship services at St. Luke's. Nursery care is available from 8:45 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for children ages 0-4.

Children's Chapel is available during this service in Wilmer Chapel. The children will exit the church during the procession and return before Communion.

About the Bulletin Cover Art

The artwork on the cover of this morning's bulletin is by Indian artist Jyoti Sahi, called "Take Refuge in the Lord." Sahi is known for his artwork that portrays Christ in the midst of other religions.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector* The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar* The Rev. Nicole Lambelet, *Associate Rector, Children, Youth, and Families*

Musicians

Matthew Brown, *Director of Music* Ben Weaver, *Assistant Organist* St. Luke's Choir

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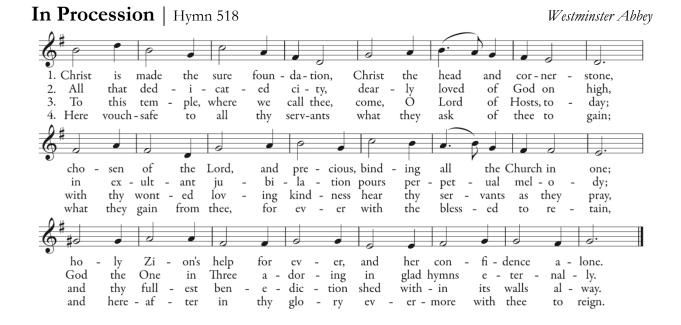
St. Luke's sanctuary and parish hall—Budd Hall—are equipped with a loop hearing system, which can help you hear our services better. If you have a T-coil hearing aid, change the input switch on your hearing aid from microphone to telecoil. Contact your hearing healthcare professional if you're unsure whether your hearing aid has a t-coil. St. Luke's also has a limited number of hearing loop receivers available. Please ask an usher if one is available.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their marriage 39 years ago at St. Luke's, by Sharon Gay and Neil Schemm.

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Voluntary | Celebration

Ruth Watson Henderson (b. 1932)



Welcome

Opening Acclamation

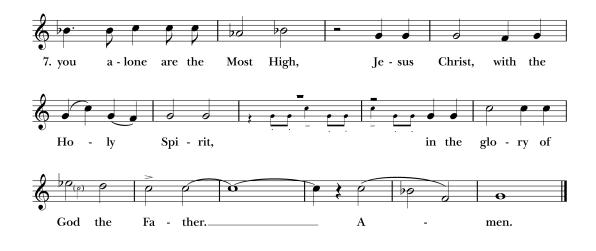
CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleChrist is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HEIIE

Gloria in Excelsis | S-278



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The Collect of the Day

CelebrantGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Reading

The word that was [revealed] to Jeremiah from the HOLY ONE OF OLD said: Stand in the gate of the HOLY ONE's house and proclaim there this word, and say, 'Hear the word of the HOLY ONE, all you of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the HOLY ONE. Thus says the SOVEREIGN of heaven's vanguard, the God of Israel: Reform your ways and your doings and I shall dwell with you all in this place. Do not trust in them, these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the HOLY ONE, the temple of the HOLY ONE, the temple of the HOLY ONE."

For if you all truly reform your ways and your doings, if you all truly do what is just between one person and another, if you all do not oppress the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow, or pour out innocent blood in this place, and if after other gods you all do not go to your own harm, then I will dwell with you all in this place, in the land that I gave to your mothers and fathers from forever and to eternity.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

Jeremiah 7:1-7

BCP 222

Psalm 68:4-11



- Sing to God, sing praises to her Name;
 exalt her who rides upon the / clouds;
 Holy is her Name, rejoice be-/ fore her!
- 5 Mother of orphans and defender of / widows, is God in her holy habi-/ tation!
- 6 God settles the solitary in a home bringing prisoners into pros-/ perity; while the rebellious shall live in a / wasteland.
- 7 God, when you marched before your people, when you moved out through the / wilderness,
- 8 the earth shook, even the heavens poured / down, at the presence of God, the ONE OF / SINAI, at the presence of God, the GOD OF / ISRAEL.
- 9 Rain in abundance, God, you showered a-/ broad; when your heritage grew weary you prepared / rest.
- 10 Your creatures found a dwelling in / her;God, you provided in your goodness for the op-/ pressed.

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11 The AUTHOR OF LIFE gave the / word; the women who proclaim the good news are a great / army.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 5:1-4

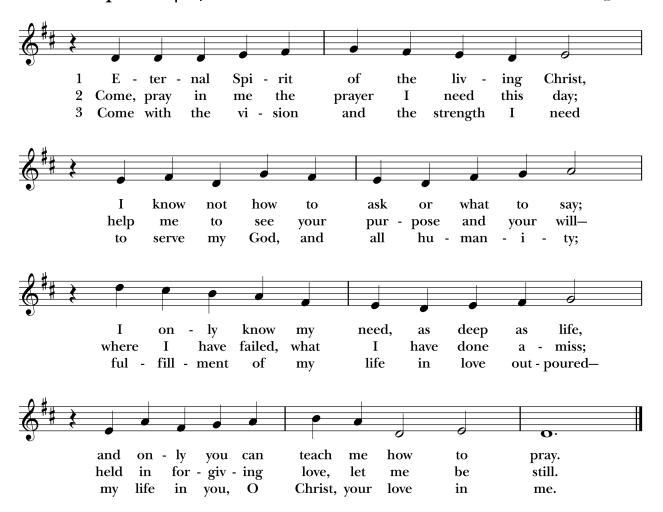
Do not rebuke an elder man, but speak to them as to a father, to those younger, as brothers, to elder women as mothers, to younger women as sisters, in absolute purity. Honor widows who are really widows. If a widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to show devotion to their own family and make repayment to their parents; for this is pleasing in God's sight.

And whoever does not provide for their own, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

At the Sequence | Hymn 698

Flentge



The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "I shall not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you all. Yet, in a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live you all also shall live. On that day you all will know that I am in my Abba, and you all in me, and I in you all. The one who has my commandments and keep them is the one who loves me and the one who loves me will be loved by my Abba; I shall love that person and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to Jesus," Rabbi, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "The one who loves me will keep my word and my Abba will love that person and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine rather, it is from the Creator who sent me."

DeaconThe Gospel of our Savior.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney

A period of silence is kept. Then, as able, all stand.

The Nicene Creed

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 of 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 worshipped 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

Intercessor People	Eternal God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.
Intercessor People	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Intercessor	We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop, Robert our bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Intercessor	We pray for Joseph, our president, Brian, our governor, Andre, our mayor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Intercessor People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.
Intercessor People	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.
Intercessor People	Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Intercessor People	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Intercessor	We pray for those who have asked for the prayers of this church: Betsy, Jennifer, Bill, Peggy, Hunter, Larry, Bob, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Burgess, Mary, Kim, Liz, Libba, Nancy, Daniel, Maggie, Lula, Ruth, John, Sherry, Thom, Price, Andrea, Bob, Gene, Lee, Winnie; and for those who have died: Clay Thompson. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
	The people may offer prayers either silently or aloud.
Celebrant	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

The Peace

CelebrantThe Peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Holy Communion

Your contribution to today's offering benefits the ministries and programs of St. Luke's. We are grateful for your support. You can also contribute online using the QR code below.



At the Offertory | Anthem

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

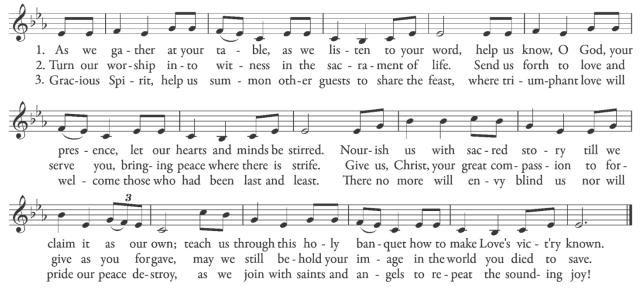
Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum Et ex corde diligamus nos sincere Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Amen.

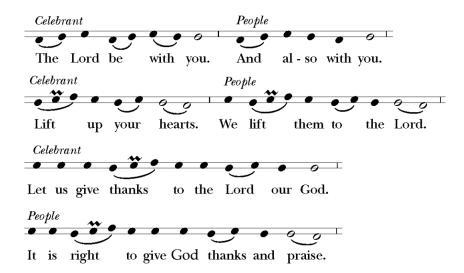
—The Antiphonary

At the Presentation | Hymn

Beach Spring



Text: Carl P. Daw



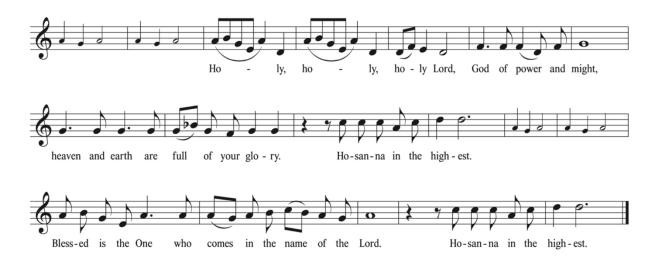
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By Christ's death he has destroyed death, and by Christ's rising to life again he has won for us 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 | S-128

William Mathias (1934-1992)



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, the God and maker 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 forever.

People A- men.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People 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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.**People** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

CelebrantThe Gifts of God for the People of God.And may addTake them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts
by faith, with thanksgiving.

You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.

EOW 69

BCP 364

Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

Wusic at Communion Hymn 424	East Acklam
2. In the just re-ward of la-bor, God's will be done.	For his gifts to ev-ery na - tion, thanks be to God. In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will be done. For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.
For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, In our world-wide task of car - ing For the won - ders that as-tound us,	si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, for the truths that still con-found us,
fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - in the har - vests we are shar - most of all that love has found	

Music at Communion | Hymn 424

East Acklam

Music at Communion | Lift Every Voice and Sing II 192



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Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant	Let us pray.
People	Eternal God,
	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 Savior. Amen.

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

When Communion is taken to home-bound parishioners, we send our Eucharistic Visitors with these words:

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

The Priest offers a blessing.

In Procession | Hymn 657



The Dismissal

DeaconLet us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary | Hyfrydol

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

– Announcements and Opportunities –

April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Nursery Childcare (ages 0-4)
9 a.m. Family Service with Communion
10 a.m. Sunday School and Chorister Rehearsals
10:15 a.m. Forum with The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney in Budd Hall
11:15 a.m. Service with Communion
12:30 p.m. Lunch and "The Amen Effect" Book Study Discussion in Budd Hall
4 p.m. In the Nave Evening Worship Service followed by a meal in Budd Hall

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney

St. Luke's is honored to welcome The Rev. Wil Gafney, Ph.D., this morning. She is a womanist biblical scholar and The Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulsey Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. She is the author of "A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church" and translator of its biblical selections. She is an Episcopal priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and licensed in the Diocese of Texas and a former Army chaplain and congregational pastor in the AME Zion Church. Learn more about The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney and her work at **wilgafney.com**.

Today: "The Amen Effect" Parish Book Study Conversation

On Sunday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m., you are invited to lunch and a conversation about Rabbi Sharon Brous' book, "The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts and World." Rabbi Brous visited St. Luke's in February and her book was the focus of St. Luke's Lenten Soup and Scripture series. This will be a space for us to reflect on the book together.

Today: In the Nave Evening Worship Service

St. Luke's invites you to a new worship offering on April 21, at 4 p.m. The service will follow an evening liturgy and will feature prayers, musical guests, and the opportunity to gather for a meal following the service. In the Nave Evening Worship will be held April 21 and May 12, at 4 p.m. Please mark your calendar and invite your friends!

- Lifelong Formation -

April 27: A Day of Discernment and Learning

Do you feel a nudging in your heart to do or be something that you can't quite define? Do you feel a restlessness or a worry that you're not living out your deepest call? Have you always wanted to be more involved at St. Luke's but aren't quite sure where to start? Join The Rev. Winnie Varghese and Kate Kennedy on Saturday, April 27, for a day of discernment and learning. The day will be divided into two sessions. Learn more and register using the QR code *(right)*.



May 15: Stephanie Spellers at St. Luke's

Ebenzer Baptist Church and St. Luke's invite you to an evening with The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, who is a canon to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and spearheads Episcopal efforts around evangelism, racial reconciliation and creation care. She is the author of "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline and New Hope for Beloved Community," which Ebenezer and St. Luke's are reading together for their annual book study. Even if you're not participating in the book study, please plan to join us at 6 p.m. at St. Luke's on Wednesday, May 15. Use the QR code *(left)* to register.

– Parish Life –

April 28: Parish Brunch Sponsored by St. Luke's Good Shepherd Society

On Sunday, April 28, at 10:15 a.m., you are invited to a brunch hosted by St. Luke's Good Shepherd Society. This is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and a meal together. Please mark your calendar!



May 8: Act III Luncheon with Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright

Act III, a group for members of St. Luke's community who are ages 60 and older, is hosting a luncheon event with guest speaker Dr. Beth-Sarah Wright on May 8, from noon until 2 p.m. This event will be catered by Soiree Catering and Events and a \$10 contribution is requested for lunch. Dr. Beth-Sarah is the author of five books and an advocate for authenticity in our communities, by aligning our aspirational identities with our lived realities. Please use the QR code *(left)* to register.

- Pastoral Care -

April 21: Grief Group Information Session

New grief group meetings are being planned for the spring. If you've experienced the pain of losing a loved one, whether recently or in the past, we invite you to join a grief support group, led by a trained counselor. There will be an information session for those who are interested on Sunday, April 21, from 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Parkins Room. Please contact The Rev. Matt Babcock – **babcock@stlukesatlanta.org** – for additional information, or if you have questions.

May 5: Daughters of the King Royal Tea Party

Let the St. Luke's Daughters of the King treat you like royalty at a Royal Tea Party! This event will take place Sunday, May 5, immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service. The attire is festive. Hats, including fascinators and tiaras, are encouraged. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the Daughters of the King and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Learn more and register using the QR code *(right)*.



- Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) -

Today: Youth Lunch at The Varsity

This afternoon, youth in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for lunch at The Varsity immediately following the 11:15 a.m. service. We will meet in Budd Hall after the service and walk together to the restaurant. If you would like to join this fun, please register in Realm and bring money for lunch. Email Djalia or Nicole with questions. The Varsity is located at 61 North Ave.



Register Today! St. Luke's Vacation Bible School (VBS)

This year, St. Luke's will partner with Georgia Interfaith Power and Light to host a week-long summer camp for kids ages 4 years through 6th grade on creation care. Mark your calendar for July 15-19, and use the QR code *(left)* to register.

— Community Ministries —

April Fill the Baskets: Returning Her Home

This month, St. Luke's will collect items for Returning Her Home, a transitional home for women returning from prison. Needs include: Visa, Target, or Wal-Mart gift cards in any amount, personal health items, such as feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, ankle socks (women's sizes 8-10), and twin sheet sets. Donation baskets can be found at the reception desk and in the Narthex on Sundays and during the week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Today: Plant Share Sponsored by The Park at St. Luke's

The Park at St. Luke's is hosting its second Plant Share for Creation Care this morning. There will be native plants for sun or shade waiting to bloom and give your yard the perfect pop of color this year. Come find us on the walkway by the Memorial Garden before or after services, and learn about the benefits of native plants.

- Music -

May 3: Fourth Annual Concert for a Cause Benefitting the Hodgson Organ Fund

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. when Music at St. Luke's will host the Fourth Annual Concert for a Cause. This year's concert will feature St. Luke's Director of Music Matthew Brown, performing with the principal players of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. The concert will raise funds to benefit the Alston Memorial Organ, which is undergoing critical maintenance this year. Contact **matthew@stlukesatlanta.org** if you're interested in being a lead sponsor.

Clergy

The Rev. Winnie Varghese, *Rector* The Rev. Matt Babcock, *Vicar*

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