



# **St. Luke's Atlanta**

**Day of Pentecost  
Choral Evensong**

**May 19, 2024**

**4 p.m.**

Atlanta, Georgia

*As able, all at the bell toll.*

**Introit** | Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Come Lord, come to us.  
Enter our darkness with your light,  
Fill our emptiness with your presence,  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.  
In our sadness, come as joy,  
In our troubles, come as peace,  
In our fearfulness, come as hope,  
In our darkness, come as light,  
In our frailty, come as strength,  
In our loneliness, come as love,  
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

—David Adam

**In Procession** | Hymn 225

*Salve festa dies*

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for  
ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the  
world with God's grace. *First time only* 2 grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -  
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his\_\_\_

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the  
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:  
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:  
*Repeat Refrain*

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold\_\_\_  
4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man  
fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en\_\_\_

souls in - fin - ite rich - es of God:  
all, life that in all dost a - bide:  
*Repeat Refrain*

## The Opening Sentence

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.  
—*Psalm 96:9*

## Invitatory and Preces

Peter Aston (1938-2013)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
Cantor O God, make speed to save us.  
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.  
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

*The congregation is seated.*

## Psalm 145 *sung by the choir*

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The First Reading**

Deuteronomy 16:9-12

You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time the sickle is first put to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the festival of weeks to the Lord your God, contributing a freewill-offering in proportion to the blessing that you have received from the Lord your God. Rejoice before the Lord your God—you and your sons and your daughters, your male and female slaves, the Levites resident in your towns, as well as the strangers, the orphans, and the widows who are among you—at the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and diligently observe these statutes.

Lector            Here ends the Lesson.

*As able, all stand.*

## **Magnificat**

*Evening Service in D; Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*All are seated.*

## **The Second Reading**

John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Lector            Here ends the Lesson.

*As able, all stand.*

## **Nunc dimittis**

*Evening Service in D; Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

BCP 120

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

Cantor     The Lord be with you.  
Choir       And with thy spirit.  
Cantor     Let us pray.

*All stand or kneel.*

Choir       Lord, have mercy upon us.  
              Christ, have mercy upon us.  
              Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Lord's Prayer *sung by the choir*

BCP 121

**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.**

## Suffrages

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
Choir And grant us thy salvation.  
Cantor O Lord, save the State.  
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.  
Cantor O Lord, save thy people.  
Choir And bless thine inheritance.  
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

### Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.



## **A Collect for Peace**

BCP 98

*Officiant*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir          Amen.

## **A Collect for Mission**

BCP 124

*Officiant*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Choir          Amen.

## **Meditation**

The Rev. Nicole Lambelet

*A period of silence is held after the meditation.*



*An offering is received to benefit the Hodgson Organ Fund.*

**Anthem** | ‘The Spirit of the Lord’ from *The Apostles*, Op. 49      Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor:  
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,  
to preach deliverance to the captives,  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;  
To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,  
the oil of joy for mourning,  
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
that they might be called trees of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.  
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the things  
that are sown in it to spring forth;  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all the nations.

—*from Isaiah 61*

*All stand, as able.*

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 125

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

## The Grace

BCP 126

*Officiant* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of  
the Holy Spirit. —*Romans 15:13*  
**People** Amen.

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's  
 2 Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ve - ry life; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; quick - ening, strength - ening, and ab - solv - ing,

through her in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er  
 set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er

form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ; thee we praise with  
 bind - ing age to age, and soul to soul, in a fel - low -

end - less wor - ship for thy fruits and gifts un - priced.  
 ship un - end - ing thee we wor - ship and ex - tol.

*Following the procession, the congregation is invited to be seated for the organ voluntary.*

*You are invited to a reception on the front lawn following the service.*

## — Announcements and Opportunities —

### May 19: Day of Pentecost

- 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 for Children and Youth
- 10:15 a.m. Instructed Eucharist Forum in Budd Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Service with Communion
- 3:15 p.m. Organ Recital followed by Choral Evensong and Evensong Reception

### Today: Organ Recital and Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost

At 3:15 p.m. Deke Polifka, Director of Music at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Va., will play music by Cecilia McDowall, Herbert Sumsion, Adolphus Hailstork, Gerre Hancock, and Maurice Duruflé on the Alston Memorial Organ. Following the recital, the Adult Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m with music by Eleanor Daley, Peter Aston, Charles Wood, and Edward Elgar. A reception will follow the service on the lawn in front of the bell tower.

### May 26: Jazz Mass – One 10 a.m. Service

There will be one service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 26. This Jazz Mass service with Holy Communion will take place outside on the lawn in front of the bell tower. Music will be led by The Atlanta Jazz Trio.

### June 2: Summer Worship Schedule Begins

St. Luke's will offer a summer worship schedule beginning Sunday, June 2. Sunday services will be held at 8 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite I), and 10 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite II) through Aug. 25.

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

### Today: Streets Alive

This afternoon Streets Alive will return to Peachtree Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for St. Luke's to welcome the community to our corner of Peachtree Street. The event will not impact parking at St. Luke's for the morning services. If you plan to attend the Organ Recital or Choral Evensong this afternoon, please plan to use the back parking lot (Courtland Street). St. Luke's will host a bounce house for kids and hospitality after the 11:15 a.m. service and throughout the afternoon. An outdoor reception will follow the service of Choral Evensong that afternoon. Please make plans to spend the afternoon enjoying Peachtree Street!

## — Lifelong Formation —

### Today: Instructed Eucharist Forum

On Sunday, May 19, at 10:15 a.m. in Budd Hall, The Rev. Winnie Varghese and Kate Kennedy will lead a forum on Holy Communion – an instructed Eucharist.

## — Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) —



### 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. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to make VBS a success. Please register using the same QR code.

### **Today: CYF Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

We will honor our dedicated CYF volunteers who have been part of the village it takes to offer all the wonderful formational opportunities for the children and youth of St. Luke's. If that's you, please join us for a special volunteer appreciation luncheon in the St. Luke Room after the 11:15 a.m. service.

### **Interested in Serving as an Acolyte?**

Graduating fifth graders and others interested in joining the acolyte team beginning this summer should contact The Rev. Nicole Lambelet – [nicole@stlukesatlanta.org](mailto:nicole@stlukesatlanta.org). There is also an opportunity for adults interested in supporting our youth acolytes. If that's you, please also reach out to Nicole.

## **— Music —**

### **June 2: Summer Choir Begins**

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join the St. Luke's Summer Choir during the months of June, July and August. Summer Choir meets at 9:15 a.m. before the 10 a.m. service each Sunday. For more information, contact Matthew Brown – [matthew@stlukesatlanta.org](mailto:matthew@stlukesatlanta.org).

## **— Parish Life —**

### **June 2: Newcomers' Lunch with the Rector**

If you're new to St. Luke's or just interested in learning more about our community, please join us on June 2, at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served, there will be an opportunity to hear from St. Luke's Rector The Rev. Winnie Varghese, and this will be a great time to meet others who are new to St. Luke's. Please register using the QR code (*right*).



### **June 2 and 14: Archives Committee Open House**

The place where questions are asked, mysteries solved and stories told is one way to describe the St. Luke's Archives Room. Come by to see the space, meet committee members and share your St. Luke's stories. Photos, documents and some surprise objects representing St. Luke's will be on display. Open house events will take place June 2 and June 14, from 11 a.m. until noon in Room 108, on the first floor at St. Luke's.

### **June 30: Farewell Celebration for The Rev. Nicole Lambelet**

Following the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 30, we will have the opportunity to celebrate The Rev. Nicole Lambelet and her work with us at St. Luke's. Please mark your calendar!

## **— Community Ministries —**

### **May & June Fill the Baskets: Midtown Assistance Center**

During the months of May and June, St. Luke's will collect items for Midtown Assistance Center (MAC). MAC empowers our neighbors by providing necessary resources to weather short-term crises. Needs include: food pantry items – canned tuna, salmon, or chicken, beef stew, vienna sausages, mac & cheese, hamburger/tuna helper, rice, baked beans, cooking oil, grits, peanut butter & jelly, pancake mix and syrup, protein bars, canned spinach, canned sweet potatoes, tea bags. And household items – laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, reusable shopping bags. 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.

### **May 21: Flickers Multi-Faith Advocacy Group Meeting**

You are invited to join a new multi-faith advocacy group at St. Luke's on May 21, from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the St. Luke Room. The goal of this group is to be flickers of hope and love by carrying out acts of advocacy for the greater good. On May 21, the group will be working for VOTE FORWARD – a non-partisan initiative to increase voter turnout. Invite your friends and neighbors! This group gathers monthly on the third Tuesday of each month.

### **June 8: Senior Day Program at St. Luke's –Respite Care Atlanta**

Respite Care Atlanta is partnering with St. Luke's to offer a Senior Day Program on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. This event is for older adults in need of socialization and caregivers in need of respite. Details and registration are available under "Announcements and Opportunities" at [stlukesatlanta.org](http://stlukesatlanta.org).

3:15 p.m.  
Pre-Evensong Recital

Deke Polifka, *organist*

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Veni Creator Spiritus                                       | Cecilia McDowall<br>(b. 1951)   |
| Chorale Prelude on <i>Down Ampney</i>                       | Herbert Sumsion<br>(1899-1995)  |
| Every Time I Feel the Spirit                                | Adolphus Hailstork<br>(b. 1941) |
| Meditation on <i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether</i>         | Gerre Hancock<br>(1934-2012)    |
| Prélude, Adagio, et Choral varié sur le Veni Creator, Op. 4 | Maurice Duruflé<br>(1902-1986)  |

**Deke Polifka** is Director of Music at St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he directs choirs for children and adults and serves as principal organist. He serves as Music Director of The Virginia Consort, leading a semi-professional Chamber Ensemble and 100-member Festival Chorus. Additionally, Deke is Assistant Conductor and Accompanist of the University of Virginia's University Singers and Chamber Singers.

A Virginia native, Deke lived in Colorado for eleven years where he was Organist and Choirmaster at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs and Assistant Conductor and Accompanist of The Colorado Vocal Arts Ensemble. An active performer, he has presented organ recitals in venues such as the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and has appeared with orchestra for performances of Barber's *Toccata Festiva*, the *Poulenc Concerto* and organ symphonies by Widor and Guilmant.

Deke holds degrees in piano performance from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, and earned an Artist Diploma in Organ Performance from The University of Denver. In 2013, he spent a summer sabbatical in France, playing many of the significant instruments in and around Paris and studying French organ repertoire with Marie-Louise Langlais. Deke holds the Associate certificate from the American Guild of Organists (AAGO) and has served in various leadership positions for that organization and for the Association of Anglican Musicians.

When not performing, he can usually be found playing all manner of racquet sports, including tennis and padel. Deke and his wife have three children, and they enjoy spending time outdoors, cooking, and making music together.