

March 24, 2024
9 a.m.



**St.
Luke's
Atlanta**

**Palm Sunday:
The Passion of our Lord**

Family Service

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.

Service Participants

Clergy

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

Full staff listing: stlukesatlanta.org

Musicians

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

Lector

Link Healan

Intercessor

Mac Holladay

Lee Harper Dance Company

Dominique Fewell
Millie Rhodes
Laura Rossini
Elaine Wadsworth



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The Liturgy of the Palms

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 270

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Palm Gospel

Mark 11:1-11a

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Blessing of the Palms

BCP 271

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The congregation follows the choir during the procession, all hold branches in their hands.

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP 272

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Word of God

All are seated.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

The Passion Gospel

Presented by St. Luke's Youth

All stand, as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Form IV, BCP 388

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially, Betsy, Jennifer, Bill, Peggy, Hunter, Jack, Larry, Bob, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Burgess, Mary, Kim, Liz, Libba, Annabeth, Nancy, Daniel, Marie, Maggie, Lula, Tim, Stephanie, Ruth, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Peace

EOW 56

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory | Anthem from MESSIAH George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory; it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

—*Psalm 24:7–10*

As able, all stand. Children are invited to follow the procession and stand at the altar during Communion.

At the Presentation | Hymn 474

Rockingham

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Eucharistic Prayer A

HEIIE

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

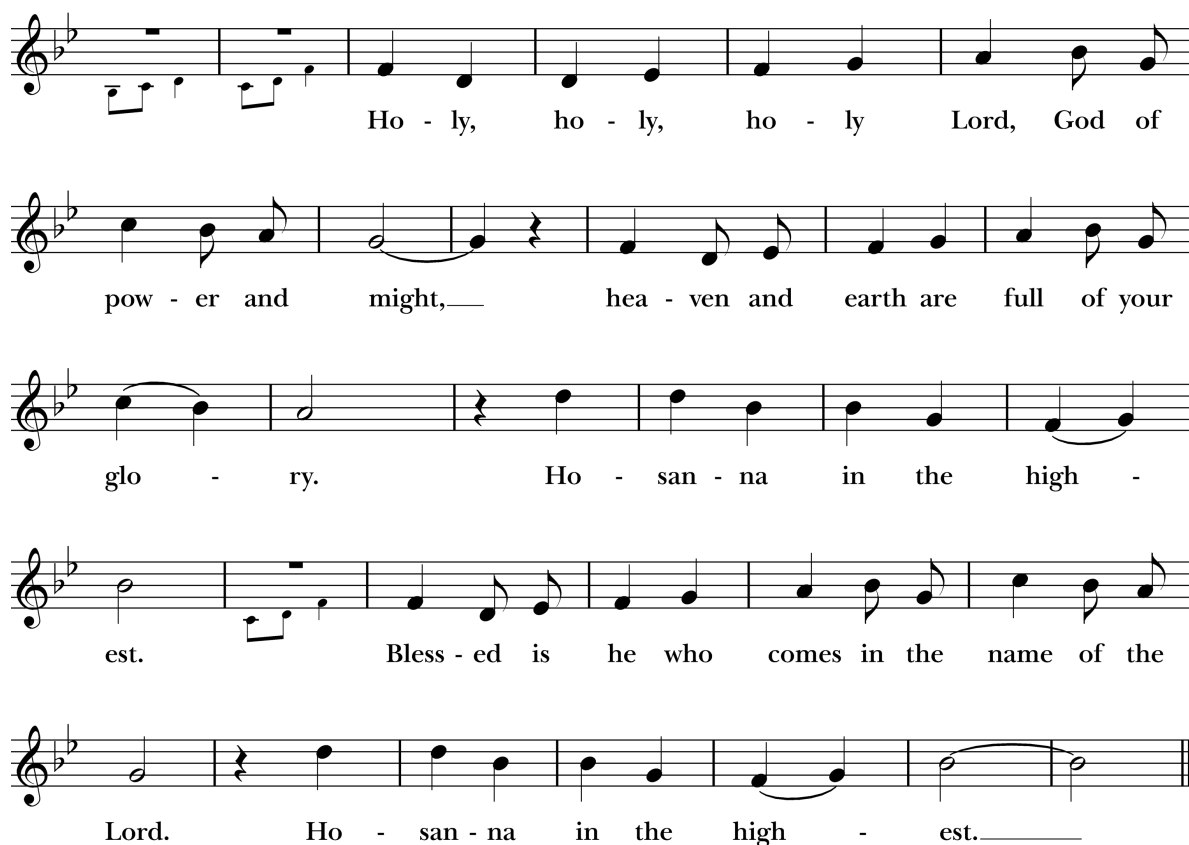
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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-127

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



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

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

BCP 364

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

EOW 69

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

BCP 364

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

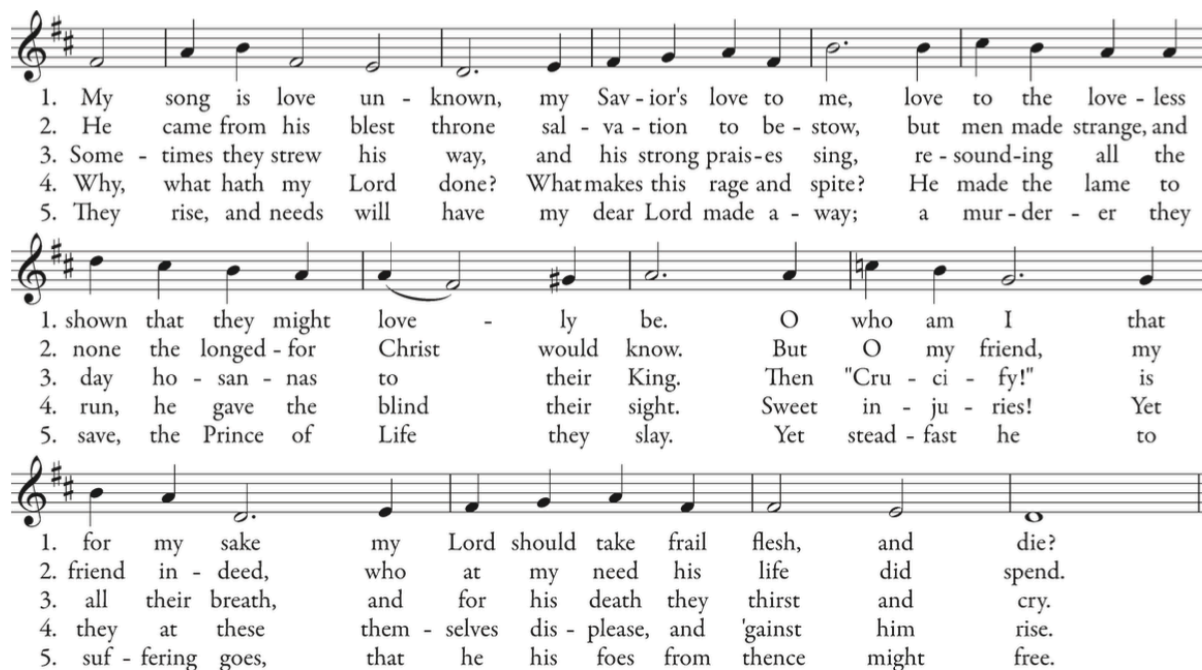
You are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive Communion, please inform an usher and we will bring Communion to your seat.

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:
 Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
 Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
 teach me that only love maketh glad.
 Jesus, so broken, silent and pale;
 be this the token love will not fail.
 Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
 teach me how glorious death is to be.

—Edith Williams

Music at Communion | Hymn 458

Love Unknown



1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me, love to the love - less
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but men made strange, and
 3. Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re - sound - ing all the
 4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to
 5. They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a mur - der - er they

1. shown that they might love - ly be. O who am I that
 2. none the longed - for Christ would know. But O my friend, my
 3. day ho - san - nas to their King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 4. run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet
 5. save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet stead - fast he to

1. for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2. friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3. all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4. they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5. suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

As able, all stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

EOW 69

Celebrant Let us pray.
People God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of 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.

A Solemn Prayer

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family for whom our Lord
Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to
suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silent Procession

The People depart in silence marking the solemnity of Holy Week.

— Announcements and Opportunities —

March 24: Palm Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

**In between services, you may pick up a lily to deliver to St. Luke's parishioners who may be homebound. See below for additional details.*

Today: Daughters of the King Easter Lily Delivery

The Daughters of the King (DOK) invite you to come to Budd Hall on this morning following worship to pick up a gorgeous lily and deliver it to a parishioner who may be homebound or unable to regularly attend St. Luke's. DOK will have delivery addresses separated out by zip code and you are invited to choose someone who lives near you.

April 14: One 10 a.m. Confirmation Service

On Sunday, April 14, there will be one service at 10 a.m. Bishop Robert Wright will be with us for a service of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. You are invited to a reception in the Memorial Garden following the service. At 9 a.m. on April 14, Bishop Wright will lead a forum conversation.

— Holy Week —

Holy Wednesday, March 27

7 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae: This service is an adaptation of ancient monastic liturgy, featuring the slow extinguishment of candles and chanted psalms and laments by the St. Luke's Schola.

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6 p.m. Agape Meal in Budd Hall

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday: This service includes ritual foot washing, Holy Eucharist, the stripping of the altar, and music led by the Adult Choir. Nursery care provided.

8 p.m. Night Watch Vigil begins in Wilmer Chapel.

Good Friday, March 29

Noon The Three Hours: This service invites us to sit vigil with Jesus during the hours that he is thought to have hung on the cross and features prayer, hymns, instrumental music, and reflections.

6:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross invites us to trace the final steps of Jesus with prayer and scripture.

7 p.m. Good Friday liturgy in the nave. This service will include the Passion as told by John, veneration of the cross, and music led by the St. Luke's Schola.

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m. Holy Saturday Service: This brief service of remembrance invites us to keep watch at the place of Jesus' burial.

8 p.m. The Great Vigil: This service marks the first Eucharist of Easter and will include Baptisms and music led by the Adult Choir. Incense will be used at this service.

Easter Day, March 31

Services at 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Music at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services will be led by the Adult Choir and St. Luke's Festival Brass. Incense will be used at the 11:15 a.m. service only. Nursery care provided for 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services.

10:15 a.m. Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Easter Egg Hunt.

March 28-29: Night Watch Vigil

We will hold vigil following the Maundy Thursday service through the morning of Good Friday in Wilmer Chapel. All are invited to participate in this time for prayer, meditation, and quiet reflection of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. Learn more and sign up to participate using the QR code (*right*).



March 28: Agape Meal

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather for an Agape Meal in Budd Hall at 6 p.m. St. Luke's will provide Mediterranean style proteins and salad. You are welcome, but not required, to bring a dish to share such as crudite, hummus, pita, etc.

— Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) —

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*).



— 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 (*right*) to register.



High School and College Seniors!

On Sunday, May 12, we will celebrate our 2024 graduates! Graduating high school seniors are invited to submit their name as they would like it printed in the bulletin, a high-resolution photo, the name of the high school they're graduating from, and one sentence about where their journey is taking them next. 2024 advanced degree graduates should submit their name as they would like to see it printed in the bulletin and the name of the institution granting their degree. Submissions are due to nicole@stlukesatlanta.org by Monday, April 15.

— Community Ministries —

March Fill the Baskets: All Saints' Refugee Ministries

This month, St. Luke's will collect items for All Saints' Refugee Ministries, an organization that partners with St. Luke's. All Saints' Refugee Ministries serves more than 60 families from the Middle East, East and Central Africa, Burma/Myanmar, Nepal, and Latin America. The organization offers tutoring support, a Swimming Buddies program, seasonal events, medical navigator services, and more. Needs include umbrellas and water bottles (new or gently used).

Donation baskets are available at the reception desk and in the Narthex on Sundays and weekdays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Beginning April 10: Ebenezer Baptist Church and St. Luke's Book Study

Beginning April 10, St. Luke's will join Ebenezer Baptist Church for our annual book study. This year, the churches will read and study Stephanie Spellers book "The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community." For six weeks, participants will gather on Zoom from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. On May 15, we will be joined by the author. Use the QR code (*right*) to register.



— 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, including Flutist Christina Smith, Trumpeter Michael Tiscione, and Harpist Elisabeth Remy Johnson. 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.