

ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our Mission:

"To spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, and promote spiritual growth through worship, study, witness and service."

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CHURCH'S CORNER

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH! --We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. During the continuing COVID-19 pandemic some of us are still not physically present in this sacred space. Because of this we continue saying a prayer to reflect our spiritual sharing of the bread and wine. Some of this service will be read by a member of the St. Luke's Lectors Guild.

TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM 10 A.M.:

SONDI JACKSON, LECTOR
JOSEPH CARROLL, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
NATHAN ELSBERND, ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
THE REV. YEJIDE PETERS
PRESIDER & PREACHER

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:
PROPER 29



THE FIRST LESSON
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
THE PSALM
Psalm 95:1-7a
THE EPISTLE
Ephesians 1:15-23
THE GOSPEL
Matthew 25:31-46



Visitors are warmly welcomed to join us online for meetings and worship. Worship books may be downloaded from our web site stlukeschurchnewhaven.com

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray for, St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott.

IN OUR DIOCESE, we pray for, the Programs and Budget Committee, Faith and Order Commission.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL: Please send in your weekly and monthly contributions to St. Luke's by mail or thru the Online portal. You may also ask your bank or credit union to set up a monthly payment to St. Luke's through their "Bill Pay" features.

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Income for October 2023

\$

Expenses for October 2023

\$

VESTRY MEETING:

THE VESTRY will hold their **next monthly online meeting, on Tuesday, November 28th at 6 p.m. on zoom.** Most of the meeting is open to members and friends of the parish. Please contact the church if you would like to join the meeting.

Holy Eucharist

Ordinary Time, Proper 28

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Morning has broken

H 8

The Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says:

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Gloria

Mathias

S 278

Liturgy of the Word

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Please be seated.

A Reading from the book of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand;

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and
like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and
withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Reading from the book of First Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Be thou my Vision VV 1-2

H 488

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Be thou my Vision v 3

H 488

Sermon

The Rev. Yejide Peters, Yale University

Reflection Hymn

Book of Books

H 631

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Please stand as you are able.

*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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

*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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.*

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP Page 387

Please remain standing as you are able

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 352

The Presider then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence. Minister and People

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 your Son 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 Priest says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayers for St. Luke's Church Family

Please stand as you are able as the Presider leads prayers for our church family.

Prayers for Birthdays

Nov 22nd Yvonne Phillips
24th Michael Grant
25th Alexander Hogan

Presider: Let us join in praying together for those having birthdays this week this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer.

People & Presider: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Luke's Prayers List

We pray by first name for those on our prayer list:

Genevieve Jones, Rose Jones, Craig Lindsey, Brenda Smith, Dorothy Smith, Evelyn Singley, Gloria Brown, Carol Williams-Davis, Patricia Harris, Connie Mills, Ula Robertson, John & Leslie White, Gloria Williams, Phyllis Lindsey, Colleen Ormsby, June Davis, Anne-Marie Etienne, Valerie Jackson-Pittman and her daughter Andrea, Sheila Martin-Corbin, Susana Mendez, Clarence Philip, Eileen Esdaile, Shaina Stanley, Ed & Suzy Burke, Laurence Downes, Marion Conklin, Anabel Smith, Amy Wormley, Cecilia Parchment, Jennifer Gorley, The Obi Family, Dorothea Howard, Beverly Huckaby, Jackye Haywood, Everson Smith, Jeffrey DeYounge, Mae Huckaby, Sally Steadwell, Rev. Darryl James, Lenore Standard, Laura Richling, Tracy Telford, Rev. Cathi Benken, Jeffery Stanley & William 'Bill' Spruill.

Let us pray that they may be comforted by our prayers and God's blessing. May the Church say *Amen! Amen!*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

Announcements

St. Luke's Church Network Guild Christmas Luncheon:

Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 2:00 p.m.

LUDALS Contemporary Italian Cuisine

20-30 Broadway Ave., North Haven, CT.

Tickets: \$50 per adult, children under 12 years old, \$30

RSVP to Linda Jackson @ 203-605-6013 by November 18, 2023 with payment.

Holy Communion

The Presider says:

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Offertory Anthem *Give me a Clean Heart* *Margaret J. Douroux*

Doxology *We sing only the last verse* **H 380**

As we sing the last verse of the Doxology, the People's offerings are presented. As a sign that along with the gifts we are made to assist in God's work, the People and Presider are censed.

The People and Thurifer acknowledge each other with a bow before and after the censing.

Offertory Hymn *Praise to the Lord* **H 390**

Great Thanksgiving *Prayer B* **BCP 367**

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *Mathias* **S 128**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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LEVAS 264

The Presider then continues:

As our Savior Christ
Has taught us
We now pray

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider: 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.

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S 158

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymns

*One Bread, One Body
Come, Risen Lord*

LEVAS 151
H 305

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

After Communion, the Presider says:

Let us pray.

Presider and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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 Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people:

Postcommunion Hymn *In Christ there is No East or West* LEVAS 62

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude:

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