



ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Portland, Maine

Celebrating 150 Years

**The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2017**

7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral! We are a community of faith with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology, a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and diversity of perspective, compassion and care for the wider community and one another, and a commitment to radical welcome and inclusion... all modeled on the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your journey through life, we welcome you! During the school year, our Adult Education programs are at 9:00, Sunday School for K-5 begins at 9:45 with children returning at the peace, and Middle and High School groups meet at 11:30. *Child care is available for children four years old and under from 9:30-11:30 all year long.* As is our custom, all baptized Christians are most welcome to receive communion. We thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home. If you are new, please take a moment to sign our guest book and enjoy the material on our welcome table.

Our mission: As a "believe out loud congregation," St. Luke's welcomes all people to share in the Episcopal Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ. As a cathedral, St. Luke's is the seat of the bishop and the chief mission church of the Diocese and people of Maine. With its first service held on Christmas Day in 1868, St. Luke's continues 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland. The Cathedral Church of St. Luke is proud to be part of the 2.5 million member Episcopal Church USA and the 75 million member world-wide Anglican Communion.

About our worship: Our bulletin includes all the words and music of the service. **The congregation's part is in bold.** We stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray. Worship begins with a prelude and concludes with a postlude. Please respect those who spend these times in quiet and prayer. *This entire program is available as a pdf on our website!* Please help us care for creation by using your tablet, phone, laptop or other device to follow the service! Bulletins will be put on the website on Fridays. The wifi password in the nave is Trinity3.

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Processional Hymn 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Marcel Dupré
Morning Star

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
 3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
 2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
 4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
 5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
 2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
 4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
 5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (read by all)

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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.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.** Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Lector: John Watson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 147: 13-21

Cantor: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

Plainsong, Tone VIII.1

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Lector: Misha Pride

Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 124 (vs. 1-2)

What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to John.

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

The Gospel

John 1: 1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before

me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Deacon: This is the gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn 124 (vs. 3-4)

What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Roberts

The Nicene Creed

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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.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

Read by Garrison Murrell

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for Zululand - (Southern Africa). **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the congregations of The Episcopal Church of Saints Matthew & Barnabas, Hallowell; Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta. For the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti. For those who advocate for the poor, the lonely and the oppressed.

Lord have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishop, and for all clergy and people who minister, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our president, our congress and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the whole of creation which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the aged and the infirm, for the widowed and the orphans, and for the sick and the suffering. Please add your own petitions. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of resurrection. Please add your own petitions. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

We give thanks for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for members of our congregation, especially Elizabeth Spaulding-Perry and Scott Perry, Heather Spangler, Sam and Alice Brooks, Ron and Christine Spinella, Shaw and Elizabeth Sprague. Please add your own thanksgivings. (Pause) In the communion of blessed Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

Celebrant: May 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Offering

Every quarter in the offering plate provides a meal for a child in Duny, Haiti.



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, ere the worlds be-
 2 O that birth for ev-er bless-ed, when the Vir-gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a-dore him; an-gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa-ther, and, O Ho-ly

gan to be, he is Al-pha and O-me-ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho-ly Ghost con-ceiv-ing,
 prais-es sing; powers, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv-ing,

he the source, the end-ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa-rior of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex-tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un-wea-ried prais-es be; hon-or, glo-ry

are, that have been, and that fu-ture
 world's Re-deem-er, first re-vealed his
 earth be-si-lent, ev-ery voice in
 and do-min-ion, and e-ter-nal

years shall see, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 sa-cred face, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 con-cert ring, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!
 vic-to-ry, ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♪ ♫ ♬

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

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 people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant 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,

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

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 Luke and 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 for ever.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei S163

Setting: Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

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

Communion of the People

Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): "Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here." Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward. After communion, you may wish to go to All Saints Chapel (to the right of the high altar) for the Laying on of Hands, anointing with holy oil, and prayers of healing.

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,
 3 To us the prom - ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heaven - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and
 2 Sing of Je - sus, son of
 3 Glo - ry be to God the

low - ly, vir - gin - mo - ther un - de - filed; sing of
 Ma - ry, in the home at Naz - a - reth, toil and
 Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son; glo - ry

God's own Son most ho - ly, who be - came her lit - tle
 lab - or can - not wea - ry love en - dur - ing un - to
 be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in

child. Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the
 death. Con - stant was the love he gave her, though he
 One. From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all

Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our ve - ry
 went forth from her side, forth to preach, and heal, and
 saints the song a - scends, and the Church the strain re -

bro - ther, takes our na - ture by his birth.
 suf - fer, till on Cal - va - ry he died.
 ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 107

Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - jice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Postlude *Fanfare on 'In dulci jubilo'* Don Michael Dicie

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Welcome Visitors: There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral. Please join us for coffee hour after the service.

The parish office will be closed from December 25 through January 1, reopening on Tuesday, January 2 at 9:00am.

Stewardship Update: As of December 20, we have received 155 pledges for \$344, 234.16. At this time last year our pledges totaled \$311,748. Thank you for your generosity. Pledge forms and additional information are available in the Nave and on our website at www.stlukesportland.org.

CPR Training at St. Luke's: Members of the Vestry, Usher and Verger Teams, St. Elizabeth's Volunteers and all other interested parties are encouraged to attend the upcoming CPR Training here on Saturday, January 6 from 9-12. Participants will receive CPR and AED Training as well as instruction in administering Narcan. The Fee is \$15.

Community Pancake Breakfast: Join us on Sunday, January 7 from 8:30-9:45 in the lower hall! Start the new year off right with pancakes and all the fixings!

<p>Lessons and Carols! The Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Cathedral Musician, Albert Melton assisted by organist, Randall Mullin, will celebrate Epiphany and conclude the Cathedral's Christmas celebration with their annual service of Lessons and Carols. The service will be presented on Sunday, January 7 (the first Sunday after the Epiphany) at 4 p.m.</p>
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Tai Chi Health and Wellness: An 8 week beginner's class will start Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 2 to 3pm in the lower hall. Everyone is welcome. All you need are comfortable clothes and flat shoes. There is no charge for the class, however donations will be accepted.

The Holiday Fair is looking for Christmas Decorations. As you decorate your home this holiday season, please consider donating any extra or unwanted decorations to our fair. This is the time of year when such decorations are plentiful and we are always taking donations. Bring them in clearly marked for the fair and drop them off in the upper hall. There will be a "FAIR" table set up each Sunday. All items need to be in good saleable condition. Thank you!

Nominations for election at the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 11:30 in the Cathedral Nave. The Vestry approved the following slate at its December meeting. Nominations for Vestry: Jane Briggs, Claire Hammen, Misha Pride, Nancy Brain (2 year term). Nomination for Junior Warden: Sam Allen. Nomination for Diocesan Convention and the Electing Convention for the next bishop of Maine (5 to be elected, with the remainder serving as alternates): Sam Allen, Sarah Braik, Michael Brennan, George Cooper, David Fernald, Fred Fowler, Eliot Field, Thurl Headen, John Hennessy, Mary Linneman, Misha Pride, David Savage, Jack Swanton

Adult Ed for Winter/Spring Season

Journey Through Epiphany: *Immigration, Resettlement and the Christian Perspective*. Drawing on the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries, this six part series will look at the world wide refugee crisis and how we are called as Christians to respond. Starts Sunday, January 7, in classroom 8.

Lenten Classes:

Inwardly Digest: *The Prayer Book As Guide To A Spiritual Life*. Working with a book by Derek Olsen this class will explore how the Book of Common Prayer is much more than just a service book; it also is a guide to spiritual practice and a repository of Christian wisdom. We will explore how to use the BCP as a resource in building "rule of life" to deepen our spiritual practice in everyday life. Thursday evenings at 7:00 in the downstairs Resource Room.

The Social Justice Bible Challenge -- *Reflection Group*, Sundays in Lent at 9:00 in classroom 8. Join the challenge! Forty days of readings and reflections based upon the theme of social justice. We will gather each Sunday during Lent to share our insights from the week's readings. You can order the book yourself or let us know and we will provide a copy. (ISBN 978-0-88028-450-9)

Confirmation Class: Second and Fourth Sundays of the month in the Chapter Room at 4:00 P.M. Taught jointly with Trinity Portland, this class will prepare teens for the sacrament of confirmation using the *Confirm Not Conform* curriculum. (Taught by Clergy and Christian Ed director, some classes may occur at Trinity.)

A new deacon for St. Luke's! With the recommendation of the Bishop of Maine and the approval of the vestry, I am pleased to announce that the Rev. Rebecca Grant will join St. Luke's as a deacon, beginning in January. Currently the Deputy Executive Director of the Maine Public Employers Retirement System and a former Air Traffic Controller for the US Navy and News and Communications officer in Virginia Beach, Rebecca comes with a wealth of professional experience. A deacon since 2009 and an active church member, vestry member and senior warden before that, her church experience has revolved around St. Mark's Church in Augusta, where she was very active in the parish as well as in the diocese and the wider community, including helping begin a St. Elizabeth's-like Essentials Pantry. As a grandmother and cancer survivor, her life experiences have given her a compassion and ability to connect to and care for others. With a priest Heather as a daughter, she comes with a personal understanding of parish ministry. At St. Luke's she will share liturgical functions with Alice Goshorn and focus her ministry on providing leadership for outreach, supporting lay ministries, and working with members of the congregation, particularly seniors. She will begin attending services in January and will be available during January coffee hours to meet with people and get connected with various groups and activities. She will begin liturgical service in February. Rebecca may be contacted through the office or at 207 441-7155 or rebagrants@gmail.com

PRAYERS for the Week of December 31, 2017

In The Anglican cycle of prayer, Zululand - (Southern Africa). **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the congregations of The Episcopal Church of Saints Matthew & Barnabas, Hallowell; Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church, Augusta. For the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti. We offer prayers of healing and comfort **for Members of our Congregation**: Jane Kolkhorst, June Stevenson, Candy Giroux, Joe Edgar, Susan Hough, Sam Parsons, Peter Mulvey, Harold Donatelli, Heather Robinson, Donald DeRice, Barbara Prime, Gretchen Lane, Nancy Bowker, Ted Wright, Linda Poland, Joe Walker, Steve Sawyer, Deb Potts. **For our Friends and Family** Katharine Doughty (daughter of Mary Doughty), Lydia, Annaelle Safha, Binta and Sabri, (family of Thierry Ndabahaganye), Janet Brennan (mother of Michael Brennan), Sabin Streeter (friend of Linda Beane and Celia and Victor Wakefield), Wilbur Easler (uncle of Anna Messmer), Nancy Blanchard (friend of Pat and Fred Fowler), Bob Creighton, (brother of Connie Bingham), Duane Fleming (step brother of Julie Hugo Vidal), Gordon Robinson (friend of Sallie Smith), Paul Schwotzer (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Lisa Smith (daughter of Frank and Helen Smith), Meredith MacLeod (niece of Anna Messmer), Beth Morrison (friend of Chuck Sawyer and David Savage), Jerel Chamberlain (son of Dottie Pride), Medjeen Claris (brother of Wisley Claris), Tri Nguyen (friend of Nikki and Lester Evans), Mary Manetti (mother of Ellen Manetti, mother-in-law of Michael Courts), Barbara Curry (sister-in-law of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Anna Urban Rothberg (daughter of Lee Urban), Bruce Deuel (brother of Susie Juhl), Jerry Keller (father of David Keller), Jean Scott (friend of Sallie Smith), John Young (nephew of Chuck Sawyer and David Savage), Todd Sisley (friend of Cynthia Morris), Steve Wiggin (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Barbara Dodge (aunt of Nancy Mawhinney), Jeff Goddard (brother of Shari Shambaugh), Neve Pourchot (friend of Anne Fowler), Chris Hyfield (friend of Pat and Fred Fowler) and Susan Winn (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry). **We especially give thanks for** Elizabeth Spaulding-Perry and Scott Perry, Heather Spangler, Sam and Alice Brooks, Ron and Christine Spinella, Shaw and Elizabeth Sprague. **We commend to your mercy** all who have died. Please add your own prayers. **We pray for** Donald our President and Paul our Governor. **We pray for** our City Council members: Nicholas Mavadones, at large; Ethan Strimling, Mayor. **We pray for** Michael our presiding Bishop, Stephen our Bishop, and for our Cathedral clergy.

Service Participants

7:30am, 10:00am, 5:15pm: Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Suzanne Roberts

Cathedral Musician: Albert Melton

Cantor: Ray Davis Murdoch Curry

Deacon: Alice Goshorn

Vergers: Thurl Headen, Louisa Radtke-Rowe, Chloe Dearborn

Crucifer: Vivica Dunlap

Torches: Oliver Tatro, Julie Bonnevie Rothrock

Eucharistic Minister: Joe DeKay

Healing Team: Nancy Brain, John Leddy

Altar Guild: Michael Courts, Joan Dow

The Flower Guild

Ushers: Bob Parshley, Martha Parshley, Deb Marcoux, John Watson

Eucharistic Visitors: Bob Hanson will visit Donald DeRice, Nancy Allen will visit Mary Hopson and Joe Walker, Ray Davis Murdoch Curry will visit Harold Donatelle.