



ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine

Portland, Maine

Celebrating 150 Years

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost A Service of Creation Care and Blessing of the Animals October 3, 2021

7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Nave & Livestream)

5:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

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! Our Sunday School and Adult Programs are currently being offered on-line. Please see our website for links and ways to participate in the life of the congregation. We thank you for coming today and hope you will make the Cathedral your spiritual home.

The Cathedral of St. Luke sits on land our Wabanaki neighbors previously occupied for millennia. As descendants of European immigrants, we acknowledge that we continue to benefit from the exploitation and subjugation of those whom our forebears failed to understand and honor. That failure centuries ago is related to the crises of our times. By grace, we pledge to work harder at learning from our human and non-human neighbors in hope of healing and wholeness. Such work must involve our advocacy and action on behalf of the Wabanaki as well as the lands, waters, and non-human inhabitants of this beautiful place many call Maine.

A few notes about or worship during this time of Covid-19

1. We ask that everyone wear masks. Please follow specific instructions for receiving communion.
2. Please ask permission before shaking hands or hugging. We suggest bowing or using a "Namaste" greeting at the peace.
3. All those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to sing, keeping their masks on.
4. If you have a fever or aren't feeling well, we ask that you stay home and watch our services on line.

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.

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All people with animals are invited to gather in the cloister of the bishop's garden before the service begins.

Prelude

Within my heart
Kevin Reams, flutist

Mary Youngblood

Hymn 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

*During the singing of the hymn, people with animals are invited to join the procession into the church.
After a blessing by one of the clergy, people with animals are asked to return to the pews.*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O__ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

An Opening Acclamation *from the Book of Occasional Services*

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of all creation.

People: **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**

Celebrant: Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

People: **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Celebrant: Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

People: **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Celebrant: Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea

People: **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Celebrant: Presider Bless your Creator, all children of God.

People **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

Celebrant: May God be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect for St. Francis Day

Most high, omnipotent God, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Reader: M. Parker Roberts

Job 39: 1-18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. People: **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Second Lesson: A Canticle: "Benedicite"*Adapted for Maine from the New Zealand Prayer Book**Read by alternating sides of the congregation*

O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures for ever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day: give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, mudflats and coast, Rivers and lakes, mist and snow:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

You spruce and pine, maples and oaks, mosses and ferns: give to our God your thanks and praise.

Lobster and haddock, seals and horseshoe crab, periwinkle, rockweed, clam and shrimp:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Rabbits and moose, moths and dogs, osprey and puffin, chickadee and hawk:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

All peoples of the Earth, all who inhabit the beauty of creation:
give to our God your ' thanks and praise, whose love endures forever.

All prophets and priests, all cleaners and clerks, professors, shop workers, typists and teachers,
job seekers, invalids, drivers and doctors: give to our God your thanks and praise.

All sweepers and diplomats, writers and artists, grocers, carpenters, students and stock agents, Seafarers, farmers, bakers and mystics: give to our God your thanks and praise.

All children and infants, all people who play:
give to our God your thanks and praise whose love endures forever.

Hymn 292 (vs.1-2)

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

1 O Je-sus, crowned with all re-nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
3 that we may feed the poor a-right, and, gath-ering round thy
trod, thou reign-est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos-tering power, all in-fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho-ly an-gels' sight, re-
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount-eous heaven. At-tem-per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee
thine the wealth that in our halls a-bound, and
gen-tle air the sun-shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa-ther's Name, and
thine the beau-ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind-ly earth with time-ly birth may yield her fruits a-gain:
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit's gifts, the Sa-vior's love pro-claim.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Eleanor Prior

The Nicene Creed*from Enriching our Worship*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People *from God's Good Earth: Prayers and Praise for Creation* led by Marlene Cordes

Blessed are you, God of growth and discovery; yours is the inspiration that has altered and changed our lives; yours is the power that has brought us to new dangers and opportunities. Set us, your new creation, to walk through this new world, watching and learning, loving and trusting, until your kingdom comes. **Amen.**

O God, your fertile soil is slowly being stripped of its riches,
Open our eyes to see.

O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,
Open our eyes to see.

O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,
Open our eyes to see.

God, our maker, so move us by the wonder of your creation,
That we repent and care more deeply.

So move us to grieve the loss of life,
That we learn to walk with gentle footfalls upon your world.

We offer prayers of healing and comfort for those on our parish prayer list:

Eliot Field and his wife Taffy	Nancy Allen	Julia MacDonald
Anne Schink	Diana, Norma and Nola	Joe Edgar, Jr.
Karen Perry	Chris Perkins	Jeff Saenz
Ludek (Lou) Strnad	Pam Stolte	Olivia Wigfall
Lynn Dalheim	Mikala	Matthew Johnson
Bruce Deuel	Victor Wakefield	Judd Hume
Pat Fowler	Lamees Rahma	Diane Wilbur
Spencer	Sharon and Paul Hallenbeck	Irene Jensen
Cindy Maloney	Fran Riggall	Chuck Hornberger
Jeanette Henry	Nazeleh Jamshidi	Harold Stover
Caryl McCoy	Pamela Bartol	Tammy Parker
Susanne Morin	Lisa Belshaw	Pat Hoskins
Cindy Houghton	Hazel and family	
Sarah	Michael Knowland	

Please add your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving (*pause*)

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, God, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those in the discernment process for Holy Orders, George Cooper, Lisle Blind, and Jonathan Radtke.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We pray for victims of gun and racial violence, all victims of Covid-19 and the victims of Afghanistan. We continue to acknowledge and repent of all the children who died anonymously and needlessly at Indigenous boarding schools and the deep and long lasting effects on their communities. **Amen.**

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We conclude our prayers with the prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

A Confession from *Honoring God in Creation: Liturgical materials for honoring God in creation*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Celebrant: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: May the Peace of the Christ be always with you. People: **And also with you.**

Parish Announcements

Offertory Anthem

O all ye works of God

Words: F. Bland Tucker
Music: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti

*O all ye works of God now come to thank him and adore;
O angels sing and bless the Lord and praise him evermore.
O sun and moon and stars of heav'n, praise outpour,
O changing seasons, bless the Lord and praise him evermore
O heat and cold, O night and day, O storms and thunder's roar.
O fields and forests, bless the Lord and praise him evermore.
O earth and sea, O all that live in water or on shore.
O men and women, bless the Lord and praise him evermore.
O let his people bless the Lord like righteous souls of yore:
Let those of holy humble heart come praise him evermore.*

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

The Great Thanksgiving *from Church of the Woods (Kairos-Earth)*¹

God is with us!

We are with God!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Source.

Let us give thanks to our Creator God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; rock, fire, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, wandered far away, and used your gifts for evil. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with all the Earth and heavens in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

¹ <https://kairosearth.org/church-of-the-woods/> Used with permission. Church of the Woods has been inspirational and generous with liturgy for the creation of our own World Too Beautiful service.

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.

Holy of Holies, remembering our oneness with all that exists and all that has life, it is a joyful thing to be in your presence with each other, with this land, and with all creation.

It is a miracle that we and this whole world are here, made by the Light of all lights, formed from stars that lived, died, and poured forth the elements – hydrogen, oxygen, carbon, iron, gold, and more. Born of the sea and walking on earth, we are miracles, shaped by the forces of life, kin with all beings.

This meal of abundance we are about to share is also a miracle – a gift of earth, water, wind, and fire, and of seeds buried in the earth and cracked open. This bread and this wine, with their many meanings, are gifts of life to the living.

For followers of Jesus, these gifts assume particular meaning. Living among us, Jesus went alone upon the mountain to pray. He loved us, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God — but we have not heeded his call to walk in love. When the time came to complete the offering of his life upon the cross, Jesus was eating supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, O God, broke it, offered it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, offered to heal you and the whole world. Whenever you eat it, remember this.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, offered it to his friends, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new covenant – a promise of eternal love poured out for you and for all beings. Whenever you drink it, remember this.”

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and with all creation, we offer to you from your own Earth these gifts of the land, this bread and wine, and our own bodies — our own living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Fill us with your Breath, O God, opening our eyes and renewing us in your love. Send your Spirit over this land and over the whole Earth, making everything a new creation.

In the fullness of time bring us, with this good Earth and with all your creatures from every people and tribe and faith and language and nation and species, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all light and life and love are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

Now together we pray²:

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe.
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world.
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever, Amen.**

The celebrant breaks the bread and says:

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

These are gifts of God for all the creatures of God. Remember that Christ came to renew us and the whole world. Feed on him in your hearts and bodies and minds that you may be made new and sent forth in love to heal the world.

About receiving communion.

1. Communion will be served at the altar rail. It will be bread only. We return to two lines and kneeling at the altar. Please stay a foot apart from each other as you kneel.
2. Gluten free hosts are available for those who wish.
3. It is perfectly acceptable to stay in your pews and pray.
4. Those who do not wish to receive but desire a blessing instead may also come forward, remaining masked. The priest will offer a blessing without the laying on of hands.
5. Please remain masked while the priest drops the host in your hands, then lift your mask to consume. Let the mask cover your mouth again and return to your pew.

² An English translation of The Lord's Prayer, prepared by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), 1988, held in the public domain, and found in A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989, p. 181.

6. Those who wish communion and are physically challenged should indicate their desire to the ushers, remain in their pews and let the priest come to them.

Communion Music
Song

Cherished Grandmother

Music: Traditional Lakota

Kevin Reams, flutist

Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

Descant
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain
All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain
he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Post-Communion Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the gospel in the center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever.³ Amen.

The Blessing

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's Peace be with you, The Spirit's outpouring be with you,
Now and always. **Amen** *from Enriching Our Worship*

³ A Prayer adapted from Native American/Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Liturgies, prepared for the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, Anaheim, California, July 2009

Hymn 376
Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Dakotas Song
Kevin Reams, flutist

Geoffrey Evans

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Announcements

Welcome Visitors: There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral. Please sign our guest register! Please join us for Lemonade hour after the 10:00 am service this morning.

About today's service: Today's Creation Centered services is inspired by **World Too Beautiful**, a monthly service that uses liturgy, personal reflections, silence, photographs and the achingly beautiful Native American-style music of Kevin Reams to celebrate God as the creative energy that flows in and through the natural world. Join us in person or via Zoom beginning again November 3. The Eucharistic Prayer comes from **Church of the Woods**. Church of the Woods/Kairos Earth is a new kind of church on 106 acres of wild woods and wetlands in Canterbury, NH. In calling our woods a church, we are deliberately trying to crack open what it means to be "church." Rooted in the Episcopal tradition, Church of the Woods welcomes people of all faiths and in all stages of the spiritual path. We actively seek to provide a place of spiritual practice for those who have not found home in walled churches, who may be seeking alternatives, or who long for a place and community for communing with God and nature. Interested in helping be part of a Church of the Woods in Maine? See Eleanor Prior eprior@cathedralofstluke.org for more information.

Interested in Climate Action? St Luke's Public Policy and Environmental Action Team is looking at ways for St Lukans to participate in Greenfaith's Day of Action in October. PPEAT is also connected climate work in the greater Portland area, the Diocese of Maine, and the wider Episcopal Church. For more information, contact Sarah Braik sbraik642@gmail.com or Liz Parsons ecparsons33@hotmail.com

Please welcome guest musician Kevin Reames. Kevin is a multi- talented and award winning musician from New England who performs his own style of meditative, ambient and relaxing music on various types of world flutes, including the Native American style flute, Irish whistles, and recorder. Kevin's music draws from and is inspired by traditional world music of various cultures and countries from around the globe, including Native American and Japanese cultures, Ireland and other Celtic countries, the Middle East as well as medieval and Renaissance early music. Kevin regularly provides the music for World Too Beautiful.

Sunday School this week is at 10 am on Sunday 10/3. The link for Sunday school is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84337053815>. The story this week is about "Adam and Eve." Our craft is making a cool paper apple. There will be a separate Sunday school program for **5th and 6th graders** depending on interest. If you have a child in this age range who wishes to participate, please contact Sarah Dowling sarahbdowling@gmail.com

A **Newcomer's group** will meet this Sunday, October 3 at 9 am in the Chapter Room on the ground level. This group will be led by Cathedral clergy. If you are new to the Episcopal Church, to St. Luke's, or just would like a refresher, you are most welcome. Today's topic is "Episcopal Worship." Join us next week for "The Bible and teaching."

Class on Historical Judaism Begins today: Bob Hanson will be teaching a study group on “**Our Hebrew Lord and Our Hebrew heritage: Our Lord's influences and accomplishments.**” He describes the focus of this group as our Hebrew inheritance, our Jewish traditions, and the two “testaments” which are God’s recurring gifts to us each day. To accept this overwhelming gift from a loving and redeeming Father, in the face of our own admissions of unworthiness and spiritual fatigue, faces us with a favorite polemic of the Jews, i.e., “yes, I am unworthy, but not so much so that I can refuse your generosity.” Judaism and Christianity are about one thing. Yes, one life-enhancing commitment: living vitally. For the Jew and the Christian the life lived within God’s grasp is a life lived- on every level- to the fullest. Jesus’ message was not one of caution, fear, withdrawal, or even piety. For two thousand years the Jews have demonstrated the vital life lived in God’s grasp. The Christian life model is the Jew, the Lord Jesus, giving his enormous insights, and his earthly strengths, to living fully, to giving fully, to forgiving fully. This study group will search the scriptures for new insights, pray with Jewish zeal, and experience God’s presence in the newly revived encounter with God’s ancient children. This group will begin after church at 11:30 on Sunday, October 3. Please contact Bob Hanson for more information at jungianresources@gmail.com.

Youth Group: St. Luke’s participates in a collaborative **Youth Group** which also includes: HopeGateway, State Street, Williston Immanuel, and Woodfords churches. This group is for **7th-12th graders**. The Youth Group is currently in the process of hiring a leader, and we will update you as we get information.

Funeral Planning: Have you thought about planning your funeral, but don’t know where to start? **October 16** we will meet with information and forms to help you plan your funeral. Cathedral clergy will be on hand to guide you; Albert Melton will be there to help you consider music; the Rev. Ted Gaiser, a priest and financial advisor, will present how financial planning can be helpful in this area and will be available to answer questions; and Priscilla Webster will provide information on the Memorial Garden and the Columbarium. This group will meet on October 16, in the Upper Parish Hall from 9 am - 12pm. To register, please email: eprior@cathedralofstluke.org

Grief and Hope Group: This new group is meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the upper parish hall. At our first meeting of this newly forming group we decided to focus on grief: grief experienced, anticipated grief, our stories around grief, and where and how we find hope. This is a time to share our stories, strengthen old connections, and make new connections. The next meeting, on October 13, will be a hybrid.

Zoom link at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89508077001?pwd=SnRmV1BoeW1FL3VvaVA2ekI1NEFhQT09>

Eleanor+ facilitates this group. Please contact her if you have any questions or thoughts.
eprior@cathedralofstluke.org

Compline is an ancient service of night prayers that stretches back to Saint Benedict. A perfect way to have a meditative end to the day and prepare for the quietness of night. We meet online Monday - Friday at 8:00 pm. Join our evening service via zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/767328983>.

Kneeler Guild and Prayer Shawl Ministry: Come Thursday afternoons 2-4 pm in the Upper Hall. Safe working space, wear masks, everyone is vaccinated. Meet old & new friends. Supplies and instruction available. We have been meeting since Covid began, it helped us get through the hard times. Come join us, bring a project from home, if you are not sure what you want to do. Click here to see some of kneelers: <https://stlukesportland.org/index.php/kneelers-an-expression-of-faith-in-needlework/>

Contemplative Prayer has resumed on Thursdays at 4:30 pm on Zoom. Please join us with the link in the Epistle on Tuesday. Please note this is a new link. This is a time to spend 30 minutes of contemplative time with others. We begin with a reading and end in prayer.

Taizé returns to St. Luke's starting on October 13th: 5:30 pm gathering, service at 5:45 pm in Emmanuel Chapel. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

World Too Beautiful is returning to Saint Luke's on Wednesday, November 3. Save the date!!

"What is World Too Beautiful?" you ask? It's a monthly service that uses liturgy, personal reflections, silence, photographs and the achingly beautiful Native American-style music of Kevin Reams to celebrate God as the creative energy that flows in and through the natural world. Join us in person or via Zoom from 6:15 until 7:00 pm.

Haiti Committee

Looking ahead in October, the Haiti-Maine Partnership Committee will host two Zoom events on Tuesday evenings. This is an opportunity for everyone in our community that is curious and would like to deepen their understanding of the political and economic realities of our neighbors to the south. All are welcome, we look forward to seeing you on zoom!

Guest Speaker, Canon Serena Beeks from the diocese of Los Angeles and Partnership Coordinator in Haiti will talk to us about the current state of affairs in Haitian Episcopal schools and parishes and resources available in Haiti at this time. This event is on Tuesday, October 5 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please email Karin Draper ahead of time with any particular question you might have for Canon Beeks, draper.karin@gmail.com, subject *Canon Beeks*.

Join Zoom Meeting at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89065488841?pwd=MFEzTWk0RlBPbmpHYzlNSkhtaDVPZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 6548 8841

Passcode: 119033

A book study begins on Tuesday evening, October 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We will meet every other week for four sessions. The book is *Haiti, The Aftershocks of History* by Laurent Dubois. This text is highly recommended by Canon Beeks and others. Some copies of the book will be available to borrow at the Cathedral. Please contact Meredith Cough to sign up and/or reserve a book. meredith.cough@gmail.com, subject *Book Study*.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82187949392?pwd=azFIVlU5Z1JxUWJMTjhEbC92U2FPZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 8794 9392

Passcode: 594943

Scheduling events at the Cathedral: Great news - we are busy here at St. Luke's! That said, it becomes more important than ever to schedule your meeting, rehearsal or event through the parish office to avoid scheduling conflicts. If you would like to have a meeting at the Cathedral, either in person, via ZOOM or a hybrid, please contact Lynne, office@cathedralofstluke.org. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed

Ushers: As we move back into the fall season at St. Luke's, we need some more ushers. If you enjoy meeting and assisting people, this may be the job for you. If you are interested, please let Anna Messmer (aemessmer@maine.rr.com) know. On the job training is available.

Lemonade Hour Hosts: We are looking for volunteers to host coffee or lemonade hour as we head into the fall. Please call the office or sign up on the bulletin board! We are looking for a new leader to help organize this ministry. Interested? Please contact the parish office.

State Street Stroll and Holiday Fair Cancelled but continue in a new way

For a dozen years, the State Street Stroll has been one of the highlights of the fall. Anchored by fall fairs at St. Luke's, Mercy Hospital, State Street Church, and the Irish Heritage center, the State Street Stroll has been a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with our neighbors and create a spirit of celebration and level of energy and participation that has benefitted all our organizations, as well as those who live nearby. This week, because of concerns for Covid, this year's State Street Stroll was cancelled.

There has been lots of energy and enthusiasm for St. Luke's Holiday Fair which for many years has been the largest and most dynamic part of the State Street Stroll. Though we may have found ways to make it work, recent feedback from fair volunteers, the fair chair, and medical professionals have raised enough concern that I believe the wisest decision is to follow the lead of our neighbors and cancel this year's Holiday Fair. I thank all those who have worked so hard for the fair already. I honor your support and appreciate your feelings of disappointment. Throughout Covid, our primary goal has been to keep our people safe. Cancelling November 13 continues the practice of loving our neighbor and caring for the most vulnerable among us by putting others first. That said, our mission still continues... and so does the fair.

Instead of a one day "Holiday Fair," our plan is to have an ongoing series of small celebrations that continue throughout the next few months. We hope to bake, freeze and then sell pies in time for Christmas, sell jams, jellies, and other special items during lemonade or coffee hour, and strive to sell more valuable items on line. There will still be plenty of chances to shop... and to volunteer! The Holiday Fair has served as a "fun" raiser as well as a fundraiser, this new "rolling" version of the fair will provide good opportunities for both. To find out how you can participate, please contact Dawn at dbrennandaly@gmail.com.

Bishop requires vaccination for all clergy and staff: The Bishop of Maine is requiring that all clergy and staff in the diocese to be vaccinated. St. Luke's has complied - all of our clergy and program staff have been fully vaccinated. St. Luke's is continuing with our policy of having everyone, regardless of vaccination status, mask while indoors, including during worship services (with the exception of those reading or leading the service). There is plenty of space in the nave and we encourage those who wish to practice distancing as well. We are not currently serving food and will strive to keep lemonade/coffee hour outside as long as weather permits. We ask that parishioners follow these policies and strongly encourage everyone who can to be fully vaccinated. If you have concerns or questions, please contact one of our clergy. We are doing these things not just to protect ourselves but to love our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable, including children and those who for medical reasons cannot take the vaccine. See the bishop's letter at <https://www.episcopalmaine.org/resource/covid-19-updates>

Covid Guidelines

- We ask people to be strive for social distancing, spreading out in the pews, in line, and at the altar rail when receiving communion.
- We will have no wine at the Eucharist for the time being. Eucharistic visiting and pastoral visits have resumed. (Please call if you would like a visit)
- People are instructed to ask permission of others before sharing the peace or greeting one another, and encouraged to "elbow bump" and otherwise avoid hugging or actions that may make others uncomfortable.
- Parishioners are asked to remain masked during worship but those fully vaccinated may unmask outside during Lemonade hour. Those fully vaccinated may sing with masks on. Even if we don't have to, we will remain masked (unless speaking or reading) so that we are welcoming and inclusive of young children, people who are immunocompromised or otherwise cannot get the vaccine for health reasons, and those who are not completely comfortable being in public settings again.
- The choir may sing, with masks on (all coming have been fully vaccinated). Parishioners who have been vaccinated may sing with masks on. We are now scheduling concerts and events with programming on the calendar now through December.
- Dinners/breakfasts/other food related fellowship are on hold for now. We'll continue lemonade hour outside on the lawn or in the cloister if it rains.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Benjamin A. Shambaugh; **Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Eleanor Prior;
Cathedral Musician: Albert Melton; **Assisting:** Randall Mullin; **Guest Musician:** Kevin Reames;
Deacons: The Rev. Alice Goshorn; The Rev. Rebecca Grant **Vergers:** Thurl Headen, Joe Duclos;
Ushers: Bob Parshley, Martha Parshley, Gus Goodwin, Deb Marcoux; **The Flower Guild; The Altar Guild**