



St. Luke's Cathedral

# Thanksgiving Day

November 28th, 2024

**Welcome!**



The Cathedral Church of St. Luke  
in the  
City of Portland  
and the  
Episcopal Diocese of Maine

*Whoever you are,  
and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit,  
the Episcopal Church welcomes you.*

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
10:00AM in Emmanuel Chapel

## Welcome to St. Luke's Cathedral!

We are a faith community with ancient worship and modern thought, catholic traditions and progressive theology. We proclaim a Biblical perspective for thinking people, a respect for reason, science, and a diversity of perspective. This empowers compassion and care for both the wider community and one another. Our commitment to welcome and inclusion is central to our mission modeled on the Kingdom of God and proclaimed by Jesus Christ. We are part of the 1.7 million-member **Episcopal Church** in the United States, and the 85-million-member worldwide **Anglican Communion**.



**New to St. Luke's?** We are delighted to welcome you to the cathedral and are grateful for your presence with us today. We invite you to fill out our visitor's register at either entrance of the cathedral nave.

**Our Mission: St. Luke's welcomes every person** 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. St. Luke's first service was held on Christmas Day in 1868, and continues over 150 years of reaching out to the city and people of Portland.

**How we worship:** Throughout the bulletin, the congregation is invited to say all **bolded** text aloud, and to sing all music printed in the order of service. There are also times when it is customary to make the sign of the cross by touching your forehead, chest, left shoulder, and right shoulder. If you wish to do so, the ✠ indicates that. Instructions for how to receive communion are provided later in the bulletin, at that point in the liturgy.

**Where are the restrooms?** There are four restrooms in the parish house, through the doors at the front left corner of the church. Men's and women's restrooms are across the large room at the top of the ramp: walk straight across, through the double doors and to your left. On the lower level, there are two accessible, single-stall (non-gender) restrooms, one on either end of the large room. If you need help finding them, please ask an usher.

**Visit our child-friendly gathering space:** beside the baptismal font on the east wall of the nave, a place where children and their guardians can move around and engage with soft toys, books, yet still participate in worship.

**Worship Resources:** Except where otherwise indicated, all spoken texts used in worship are from *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979). And, except where otherwise indicated, all music not in the public domain is reprinted and streamed with permission under OneLicense.net #A-713087 and/or RiteSong.

### St. Luke's Territorial Acknowledgement

St Luke's acknowledges that we are worshipping on "unceded territory taken by force and previously occupied by the **Wabanaki people**." (*Amended City Charter, Portland, Maine*). Some of the resources that built this cathedral came from industry related to the slave trade in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries. We join our fellow residents in honoring the Wabanaki knowledge and culture that continues to thrive in the Tribal Nations. We ask for Blessing and Peace upon all indigenous peoples that have called, and always will call, this place—"The Dawndland"—HOME.

### Service Participants

<i>Preacher &amp; Celebrant</i>	The Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, <i>Bishop of Maine</i>
<i>Lector &amp; Prayers Leader</i>	Susan McCuller
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Philip Hamilton
<i>Ushers</i>	Stan Kuziel, Susan McCuller
<i>Contributing Ministries</i>	The Flower Guild, The Altar Guild, The Kneeler Guild

## Opening Acclamation

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

## Collect for Purity

*People* 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 Savior. Amen.

## Song of Praise



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,  
he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.  
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape tri - bu - la - tion:  
sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

*The Hymnal 1982* - #433 "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing" Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)  
Music: *Kremser*, 12 11. 12 11, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

### **First Lesson**

*Joel 2:21-27*

*Reader* A reading from the ninth chapter of the second chapter of Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 126**

*We invite you to read the Psalm appointed for today in unison.*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them"

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**Gospel**  
*Celebrant*  
**People**

*Matthew 6:25-33*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Savior.  
**People** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**Sermon**

The Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop of Maine*

*A period of silence is observed for contemplation at the conclusion of the sermon.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Nicene Creed**

from *Enriching our Worship*

**All** 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

## *Thanksgivings for National Life*

*Leader* Almighty God, giver of all good things:  
We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

*People* **Heal us.**

*Leader* We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

*People* **Forgive us.**

*Leader* We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

*People* **Inspire us.**

*Leader* We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

*People* **Enlighten us.**

*Leader* We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

*People* **Renew us.**

*Leader* Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name.

*People* **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People may greet one another in the name of God. Afterward, please sit.*

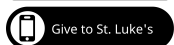
*Please sit.*

## Words of Welcome

The Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop of Maine*

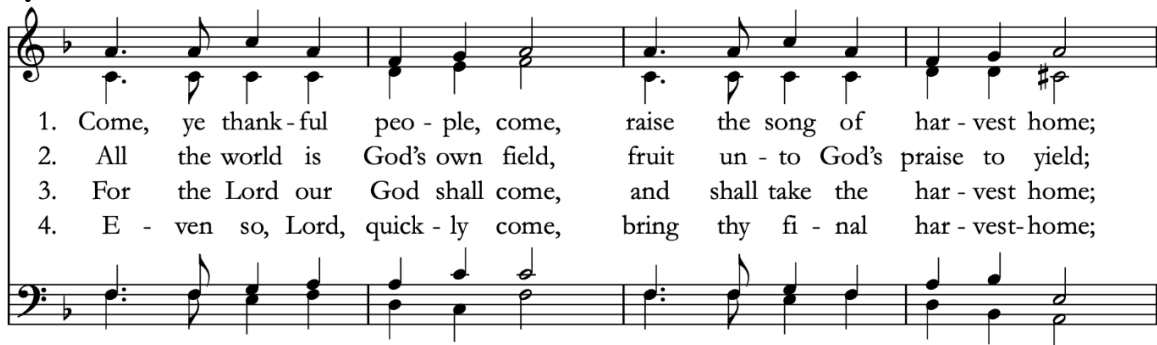
## Offering

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as an offering and sacrifice to God.

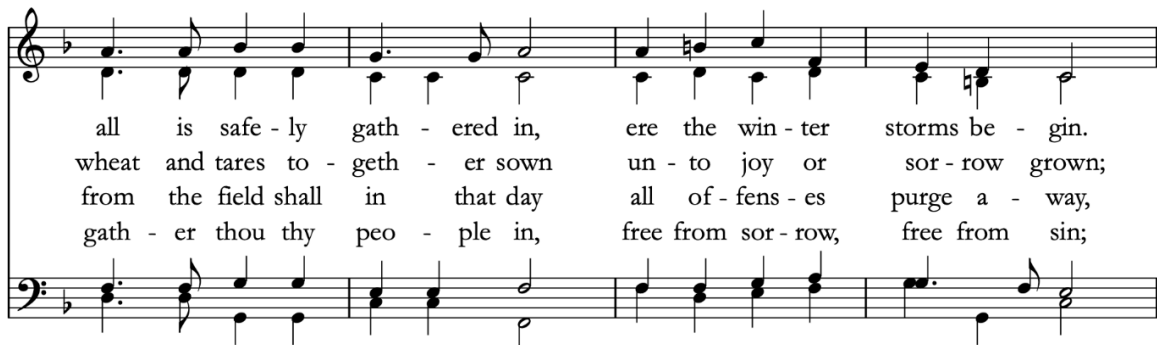


*A free will offering in support of the mission and ministry of the Cathedral is taken at this time.  
All quarters in the offering plate go to support lunches for the school children in Dany, Haïti.  
Online giving is available at <[stlukesportland.org/give/](http://stlukesportland.org/give/)>; or scan the QR at left.*

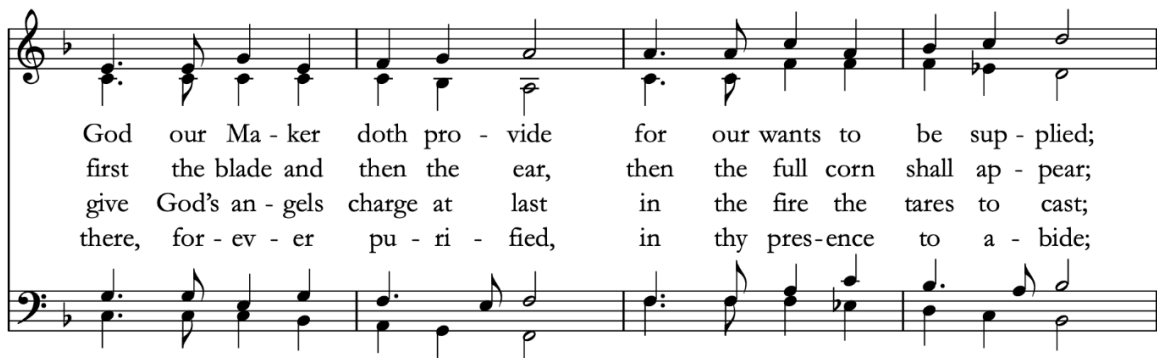
## Offertory Hymn



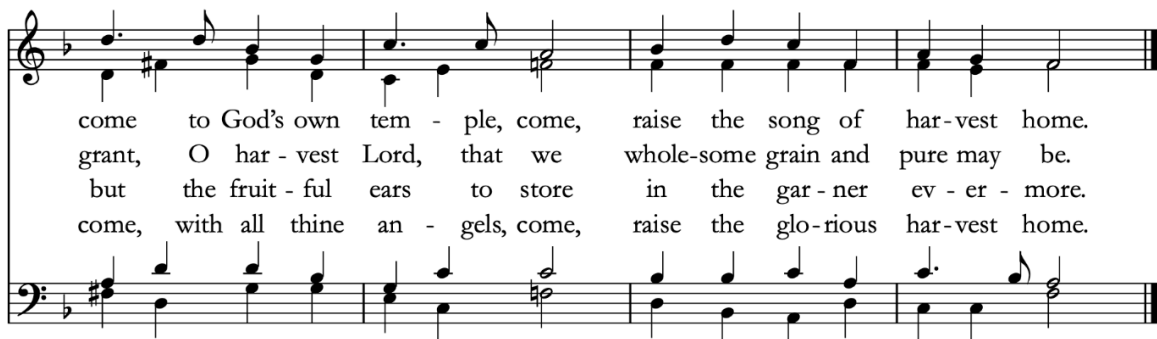
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to God's praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;  
 4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come, bring thy fi-nal har-vest-home;



all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin.  
 wheat and tares to-geth-er sown un-to joy or sor-row grown;  
 from the field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way,  
 gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;



God our Ma-ker doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied;  
 first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear;  
 give God's an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;  
 there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy pres-ence to a-bide;



come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.  
 grant, O har-vest Lord, that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in the gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

*The Hymnal 1982* – #290 [Come, ye thankful people, come” Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt. Music: *St. George's, Windsor*, 77. 77. D, George Job Elvey (1816-1893)

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer I

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* May God 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.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with Luke and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**People** **AMEN.**



## Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*People* **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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy food for holy people.

## Communion of the People

*Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. We believe that the Divine Presence is in the consecrated elements of bread and wine. You may choose to receive only the bread, and then walk away; or, if you would like, you may touch the chalice with your hand, and not actually consume any wine. If you would like to receive a blessing, but not communion, indicate this by crossing your arms when approached. If you are not able to come forward, please motion to an usher, and communion will be brought to you.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* **Eternal God,  
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 Episcopal Blessing

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

*People* **From this time forth for evermore.**

*Bishop* Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People* **Amen.**

Hymn

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,  
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

*The Hymnal 1982* – #397 “Now thank we all our God” Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, 67. 67. 66. 66, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1947)

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Go in peace to love and serve our God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Charles Demorest

# Happy Thanksgiving from the Cathedral Community

On behalf of the Cathedral staff and community,  
We wish you a healthy, safe, and joyous Thanksgiving Holiday!



We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;  
No gifts have we to offer, for all Thy love imparts,  
But that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

-Matthias Claudius, 1782





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