CHRIST & SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 10, 2024, 10:15 a.m.

All page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Service music, marked with an 'S', may be found in the front portion of the hymnal.

Prelude: Elegy

John Ireland

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 607: O God of every nation

Llangloffan

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

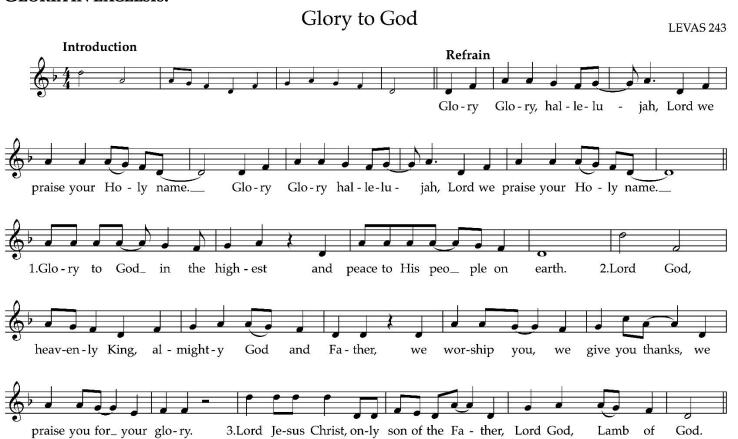
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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

AOMI her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go

down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do." So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 127 (sung by all)



- I. Unless the | Lord builds the | house :their | labor is in | vain who | build it.
- 2. Unless the Lord watches | over the | city: in vain the | watch•man | keeps his | vigil.
- 3. It is in vain that you rise so early * and go to | bed so | late : vain too to eat the bread of toil * for he | gives to his be | lov•éd | sleep.
- 4. Children are a | heritage from the | Lord : and the | fruit of the | womb is a | gift.
- 5. Like arrows in the | hand of a | warrior : are the | child•ren | of one's | youth.
- 6. Happy is the man who has his | qui•ver | full of them: he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his | ene•mies | in the | gate.

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ, did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 645: The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

THE GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Katie Beth Miksa

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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 VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The Priest adds the prayers of the community.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

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.

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. (please kneel)

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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 (please stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Greater love hath no man

John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who, His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

-Song of Solomon 8: 7,6; John 15: 13; 1 Peter 2: 24; 1 Corinthians 6: 11; 1 Peter 2: 9; Romans 12: 1

THE DOXOLOGY: Hymn 380, v. 3 (please stand)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. People

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

san - na in

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

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We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM: Hymnal S 172

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive. (please be seated)

Communion at Christ & St. Luke's:

- At the indication of the usher, please move to the center aisle and proceed up the altar rail. Move to the open spot filling in from the center of the rail to the wall.
- Kneel as you are able and place one hand over the other, palms up, to receive the bread.
- To sip from a chalice to receive the wine, consume the bread leaving your palms empty.
- To intinct (dip) your wafer into the wine, hold it between your thumb and forefinger.
- Once the chalices have passed, exit out the side and back down the side aisles to your pew.

Gluten free wafers are available, simply let the priest know you require one. If you prefer not to receive the bread or wine but would like a blessing, gently cross your arms across your chest.

A standing station is also available in front of the pulpit.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: Give us the wings of faith

James Whitbourn

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see

The Saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came, they, with one united breath, Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast; And, following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray. (please stand or kneel)

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

People Amen.

HYMN 579: Eternal Father, strong to save

Melita

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Sinfonia, from Cantata 29

Johann Sebastian Bach

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in loving memory of George McCoy Lankford, and in honor of all United States veterans by Anne Lankford.

WE INVITE YOUR PRAYERS

If you would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact a member of clergy or BJ Taylor, Facilitator for Pastoral and Congregational Care (taylorasc@aol.com).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of South India (United).

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's, Courtland and St. Michael's, Colonial Heights.

All those facing illness, surgery, injury or adversity, especially: Leslie Baker, Ron Baldridge, Sam Hedgecock, Aubrey Hudgins, Susan Pryor, and Grant Singleton. We pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray also for peace in the Holy Land and for all those who are suffering there. We pray for our nation during this time of transition after a contentious election.

Those who ask for our continuing prayers: Carter Bernert, David Black, Tom Bolt, Paul Clancy, Linda Coupland, Betty Davis, David Durica, Marilyn Gindroz, Frank Kirchner, Wayne Lundie, Ceil McCoid, Leon Parham, Bill Robbins, Phyllis Sayers, William Swan, and Irene Wenger.

Our loved ones needing continuing prayers: Abbey Brassfield, Ellen Coffman, Jonathan Glaser, Bea Greenlaw, Patsy Hatem, Sharon Hubbard, Dean Kershaw, James Kilavey, Wesley Lupo, Mike, Rusty and Debi Russillo, Mavis Stapleford, Karen Stricker, Auris Torres, Autumn Vandehei, and Margaret Wynn.

This week's birthdays: Nov. 11 - 17

Julia Allen, Mary Beauchamp, Betty Denniston, Kellie Dickerson, Liz Fife, Amanda Ipock, Hank Jarrett, Bower Patrick, Ken Reynolds, Janet Richard, and Mack Sumner.

This week's anniversaries: Nov. 11 - 17

Brian & Melissa Deutsch.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY & MUSIC

Ingathering Sunday - November 10

We have marked today as "Ingathering Sunday" the day by which we hope to have received all of our financial pledges for 2025. As you have been hearing through wonderful testimonies these last few weeks, this community means a great deal to many people. We trust it also means a great deal to you. By making a pledge, you are making it possible for Christ & St. Luke's to continue to function and flourish, so that it is there for all the people who need it, and will be there for those who will. Thank you to everyone who has pledged their commitment to keeping this community strong. If you have not yet made your pledge, you may fill out the pledge card found in your bulletin or use the digital pledge form online. Thank you!

Farewell to Mtr. Katie Beth - Today, Sunday, November 10

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa as our Assistant Rector. She is leaving to become the rector of Good Shepherd Memorial Church in Parkersburg, West Virginia. If you would like to make a financial contribution in thanksgiving for her ministry this is the last day to do so. Checks should be made out to the church with "Katie Beth Farewell" in the memo.

Midday Chamber Music Concert - Friday, November 15, 12:00 p.m.

Please join us in Selden Chapel for a 30 minute chamber music concert, featuring Rebecca Fetter, violin, Jeff Phelps, cello, and Kevin Kwan, harpsichord.

Stephen Coxe & Friends Concert - Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m.

Composer and pianist Stephen Coxe gathers his friends for an evening of choral, vocal and chamber works. Music by Duruflé, Bruckner, Carroll, Coxe, Biebl, Corelli, Brahms, Messiaen, and Britten, with special performances by the Camerata Choristers, Kevin Kwan, the Governor's School for the Arts Baroque Orchestra and Treble Choirs, bass-baritone Hunter Enoch, and harpist Barbara Chapman in performance of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Not to be missed!

FORMATION

Sunday Children's Formation, and Children's Chapel

- The Registration Form for all children's programs may now be found online under announcements.
- 9:00 a.m. Childcare: Children up to 3 years old gather in the Children's Room in the Parish House at the end of the hallway before the stairs for childcare.
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Formation: Children 3 years to 3rd grade (3-8 years old) gather in the meeting room (the gold room) for what was formerly known as "Sunday School." We will explore scripture and the traditions of the Episcopal church through stories, music, and art response.
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Formation: Children in 4th & 5th grade (9-11 years old) gather in Lower Lloyd Hall for discussion of scripture, the Episcopal Church, and Christ & St. Luke's in a fun and relaxed setting. Participants are invited to join their families or sit together for the 10:15 a.m. service.
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel: All children through 3rd grade participate in developmentally appropriate worship during Children's Chapel in their respective rooms. Older children will be brought into church to rejoin their families at the Peace. If you would like your child under 3 to join you at the Peace, please come to the Children's Room at that time to sign them out.

Important information for when you drop off your child:

Please escort your child to the Children's Room (under 3) or the Gold Room (3 and older). Sign them in so we have a record of who is here and please make sure there is an adult present. If your child is rejoining you for communion, please watch for them when they come down the ramp. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

CSL Youth - TODAY, November 10, 3:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for a field trip to learn from Brad Robinson about how our Caring For Creation (C₄C) ministry helps care for oysters at Waterside. We will meet at Christ & St. Luke's promptly at 3:45 pm to carpool to Town Point Park to meet Brad at 4:00 pm. We will then return to Christ & St. Luke's for our usual dinner and activities. *Note the time change.* Participants will need a completed permission slip. Please see Kathy Hanna with questions.

Fellowship & Outreach Event for Children ages 9-11 - Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Kids ages 9-11 are invited for fellowship and holiday shopping to benefit the Tidewater Friends of Foster Care. We will gather in Lower Lloyd Hall immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service for a quick lunch before we depart for shopping. All participants are required to provide a completed permission slip. Please RSVP to Rachel Welch so that we may plan for adequate transportation and chaperones. If you would like to volunteer to drive or chaperone this event, please contact Rachel Welch (rachel.welch@christandstlukes.org).

The Road Ahead: A Scriptural Study – Sundays, November 3, 10, 24, 9:15 a.m.

Our scriptures are full of stories of how people respond and react in the aftermath of pivotal moments in their lives. In this adult formation series have been engaging in a study of some of those stories from scripture to glean what lessons there may be for us as we all strive to move forward in faith. This class meets Sundays during the 9:15 a.m. Formation Hour in Lloyd Hall through November 24 and is taught by the parish clergy.

Pádraig Ó Tuama - Follow-up Resources

We hope you were able to join us for part or all of Pádraig Ó Tuama's visit with us last week. The keynote of the Jim Sell Community Conversation is available for a limited time. You won't want to miss his engaging talk about conflict resolution. Pádraig has also shared a version of his collect writing workshop with us. Both can be found at christandstlukes.org/jimsellcc. Please also consider making a donation to sustain the ongoing work of the Jim Sell Community Conversation ministry.

"A Name for God for Now" - Prayers from the Congregation

As part of Pádraig Ó Tuama's visit in October, he taught a class on the ancient art of collect writing. Parishioners who attended that workshop were invited to share the collects they wrote, which we've put into a booklet called *A Name for God for Now*. Copies are available in the back of the church. We hope you enjoy these lovely prayers offered anonymously from the hearts of your fellow parishioners.

Queer Theology Book Club - Monday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.

We will meet at Cafe Stella again this Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. (table near the entrance to the kitchen) for fellowship and discussion.

OUTREACH

Tidewater Friends of Foster Care Christmas Giving Opportunity

Thanks to all who have picked up cards to sponsor foster children! Every card has been taken! Gifts can be brought to Christ and St. Luke's beginning November 3 until November 24. We have sponsored one hundred children this year so we will be having two opportunities for pizza/gift wrapping parties on Sunday, November 17 immediately after church in Lower Lloyd and Sunday, November 24, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help log in gifts as well as drop them off at TFFC. Please contact Kathy Hanna for more information or if you would like to volunteer.