

# Season of Creation

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## St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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## **Welcome to St. Luke's Eastport**

We are glad to have you worshiping with us today. If you need any assistance, please see one of the greeters. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome Card and hand it to the Rector or a greeter after the service.

**Large print booklets are available upon request.**

**Congregational Health.** We are taking precautions to minimize transmission of Covid-19 and other illnesses as we gather for indoor worship. Masks are not required, but those attending in person are very welcome to wear masks if they feel more comfortable doing so. Weather permitting, some windows may be opened to provide greater ventilation. We do not require social distancing. However, please refrain from making physical contact (i.e., handshakes or hugs) with those outside your household, including during the passing of the peace, unless you are sure that it is welcome.

**Hybrid Worship.** Whether worshiping in person, on Zoom, by phone, or through Facebook Live, we gather as one community. Our worship services are publicly available as a live video stream at [www.facebook.com/stlukeseastport](http://www.facebook.com/stlukeseastport).

**Holy Communion.** The Episcopal Church, like all churches rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Holy Baptism is the traditional entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist. We at St. Luke's also believe that anyone who desires to receive the body and blood of Christ is always welcome at God's table. If you have not been baptized, we invite you to explore with us what baptism could mean for your life. To learn more, please speak with the Rector after the service.

We use an option for Holy Communion known as "shallow intinction." The celebrant alone dips each wafer into the wine before placing it in the hands of the recipient. Intinction by individual worshipers is not permitted due to associated health risks. Communion under one kind, i.e., the bread or the wine alone, is the full reception of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please extend a single hand when you come forward. Our wafers are gluten free. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your pew, please notify a greeter.

**Children.** All ages worship together at St. Luke's. The Children's Corner is reserved for our youngest worshipers and their caregivers. Childcare is available downstairs during the service upon request.

**Restrooms.** Two non-gendered restrooms are located downstairs. Please see a greeter if assistance is needed.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

“Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart”

H-488

*See insert for selections. Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* This is the day the Creator has made.  
*People* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Celebrant* Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, all praise is Yours,  
*and* all glory, all honor and all blessings.  
*People* To you alone, Most High, do they belong,  
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir  
Brother Sun, who is the day through whom You give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor, of You  
Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
and fair and stormy, all weather's moods, by which You  
cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water, so useful,  
humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire, through whom  
You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust  
and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who  
sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with colored  
flowers and herbs.

Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon for  
love of You and bear sickness and trial. Blessed are those  
who endure in peace, by You Most High, they will be  
crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death, from whom no  
one living can escape. Blessed are they She finds doing  
Your Will. No second death can do them harm. Praise and

**bless my Lord and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility.**

*Celebrant*     The Creator be with you.

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

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect.*

All-loving and everliving God, you are always more ready to give than we are to receive: Pour upon us your abundance of contentment with simple, faithful living; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4**

*Please be seated.*

Reader:    A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

*Response after the reading:*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 37:1-10**

*Please remain seated. The Psalm may be read or sung to this setting:*



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- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD \*  
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

**Second Reading**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*Please remain seated.*

*A reading from Second letter to Timothy*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*Response after the reading:*

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as you are able as the Gospel Book is processed into the center of the worship space.*



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## The Gospel

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke \_\_\_\_\_.  
*People*          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

*Response after the reading:*

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The Gospel Acclamation is sung again as the procession returns.*

## Sermon

*After the sermon, silence may be kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

*BCP, pg. 358*

*Cantor* We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant  
and  
People* **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**

*Cantor* Let us pray for the revealing of the Creator in the world, now and always.

*Leader* Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying,  
“God of glory, hear us.” I ask your prayers for the mission of the church  
throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working



toward it for all.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud. *Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.*  
We offer our fears.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's Creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works.

*People* **God of glory, hear us.**

*Leader* We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this church community. We thank you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have bestowed on us. For the lives we have touched and for the opportunity to serve you in ways both large and small. We pray to you for guidance and strength as we look to the future. Help us to trust in you to lead us to new places we cannot yet see. Instill us with vision to discern the path you have laid for us, and grant us strength and courage to walk it with you. Have mercy on us, O God of lovingkindness. Forgive our weakness and fears, and let us remember that all things are possible through your Holy Spirit. Help our members and our leaders to shine with your light. Help us to think boldly and to never underestimate all we can do with your grace. Help us to be an inspiration to others: a city on a hill, singing and dancing with all our might like David before your ark. In your holy name we pray, O Lord of light and truth, of overflowing abundance and boundless wisdom.

For the Anglican Communion, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

For the Diocese of Maryland, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

For those on our parish prayer list, especially \_\_\_\_\_,  
and for those we name at this time, aloud or in our hearts.

*The people may add their own petitions. The Celebrant offers additional prayers and a concluding Collect.*

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Cantor* Let us confess our sins against God and God's Creation.  
*Silence is kept, during which some may wish to kneel.*

*People* **Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Peace with yourself. Peace with Creation. Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you;

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

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

### **Parish Notices**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4: 11*

## Offertory Anthem

*See insert. Please remain seated.*

*As part of our worship, offerings are received to support the work of the Church locally, nationally, and globally. Offerings may be placed in the plate at the back of the church or given online. For online giving, scan the QR code to the right or visit [www.stlukeseastport.org](http://www.stlukeseastport.org) and click on "Giving". Blue online giving cards are also available in your pew and may be placed in the plate as a tangible sign of your online gift.*



## Doxology

H-380 v.3

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Our Creator be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them to our Creator.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</b>

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you, Creator of all. We praise you here, where the Severn River meets the Chesapeake Bay, where city and farm, wilderness and government rest side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke to trees and listened to birds. Together with angels and ancestors, osprey and deer, terrapin and crab, we join our voices with all Creation in this ancient honor song:

## Sanctus

S-130

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

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread. On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth. He gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.+

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.+

Remembering Jesus's life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup. Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of Creation. Bring us with St. Luke, the Blessed Mother and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*        And now, as the Wisdom before Creation teaches us, we pray,

*People*            **Holy One, our only Home, hallowed be your name. May your day dawn, your will be done, here as in heaven. Feed us today, and forgive us as we forgive each other. Do not forsake us at the time of test, but deliver us from evil. For the glory, the power, and the mercy are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

*Celebrant*        This is Living Bread, given for all Creation. +  
*People*            **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

*Everyone is welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. To receive the bread, extend your hands palms up. Any individual who prefers not to receive the bread may instead request a*

*blessing by crossing their arms across their chest. Children of any age are invited to receive at the discretion of their parents.*

## Communion Hymn

“Great is thy faithfulness”

**L-189**

*See insert for selections. Please remain seated.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

*People*      **Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of Mother Earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as a friend. Amen.**

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

“Lord, make us servants of your peace”

H-593

*Please stand as you are able. See insert for selections.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless our God and all Creation.

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

## Postlude

*Thank you for worshiping with us today.  
Please return this worship booklet to the basket in the foyer unless you wish to take it with you  
for personal use. You are encouraged to take any inserts with you.*

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A wrong attitude towards nature implies somewhere a wrong attitude towards God, and the consequence is an inevitable doom. For a long enough time, we have believed in nothing but the values arising in a mechanised, commercialised, urbanised way of life: it would be as well for us to face the permanent conditions upon which God allows us to live upon this earth.

T.S. Eliot, *The Idea of a Christian Society*