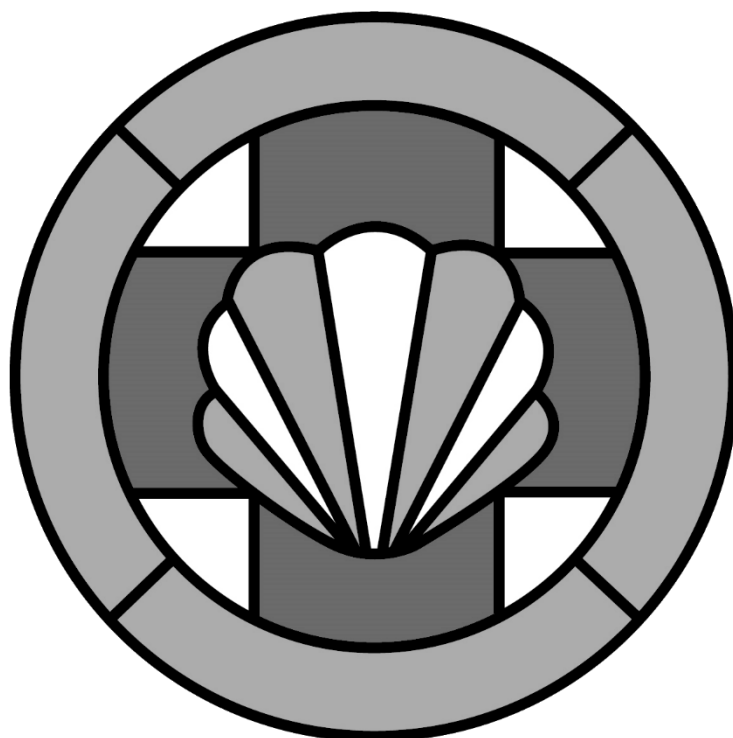


# **Winter Season**

## **Sunday, February 4, 2024**



**St. Luke's Eastport**

1101 Bay Ridge Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21403  
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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 priest 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 will 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). The front of the sanctuary and the first pew on the right-hand side are visible on video.

**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 priest 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.

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

## Prelude

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Opening Hymn

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**H-423**

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

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

*People* **Amen.**

#### Gloria

**S-280**

*People* **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading      A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm      147:1-12, 21c**



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1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

**Second Reading     A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 9:16-23**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

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



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### The Gospel

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 1:29-39**  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he

got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

### **Sermon**

*After the sermon, silence may be kept.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP pg. 326**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**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 worshipped 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 IV, BCP pg. 388

<i>Cantor</i>	Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.
<i>Leader</i>	Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
	<i>Silence</i>
	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
	<i>Silence</i>
	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
	<i>Silence</i>
	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
	<i>Silence</i>
	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	<b>Hear our prayer.</b>
<i>Leader</i>	We pray also for the special needs and concerns of this church community. Dear God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, who has guided St. Luke's for



Your purposes, we thank You for your many blessings. Continue to guide and strengthen our life together; help us to be open to new possibilities and transformation in our leadership, stewardship, and vision.

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. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Silence*

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_,]  
that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share  
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*People* Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant offers additional prayers and a concluding Collect.*

### **A Scout's Prayer – Attributed to Lord Baden Powell**

*Our Father, make us Trustworthy, for there are those who trust us.  
Make us Loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals.  
Teach us to be Helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfness.  
Make us Friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.  
Train us in Courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor.  
Make us Kind, for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery.  
Insist upon our Obedience, for victory comes only to him who obeys.  
Make us Cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in  
the path of life.*

*Train us in Thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.  
Make us Brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light; but save us from  
becoming fakers in bravery.*

*Help us to be Clean – clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may  
we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse  
thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans.*

*Above all, O God, help us to be Reverent toward all things which Thou hast  
made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the  
trees, along the streams, and on the Hillsides. May we know it was Thee  
who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains  
to endure to all ages.*

*In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us. And may the Scouts among  
us never forget the Scout Oath to which we have pledged ourselves, so that  
through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law. **Amen.***

## **The Confession of Sin**

**EOW pg.56**

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

*People*      **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. 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 share a sign of peace with one another.*

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

## **Parish Notices**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant*     But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such  
                     sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

**Offertory Anthem** *Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God* (Hopson)

*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, given online, or mailed to the church office. 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 stand as you are able.*

**Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP pg. 367**

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of the children of Abraham to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." +

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*    **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*    And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke, the blessed Mother and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*    **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)**

*Celebrant*    And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People*    **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**

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

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S-164**

*People*    **Jesus, Lamb of God:  
          have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins:  
          have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer,**

**redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace,  
give us your peace.**

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God. +  
This is God's table, and all are welcome here.

*Everyone is welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. To receive the bread, extend your hands palms up. Any individuals who prefer 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 the host at the discretion of their parents.*

**Communion Hymn**                      *There is a balm in Gilead*                      **H-676**  
*Please remain seated. See insert for selections.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**                      **BCP pg. 365**  
*The people may stand, sit, or kneel.*

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.  
*People*         **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**                      *In Christ there is no East or West*                      **L-62**  
*Please stand as you are able. See insert for selections.*

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant*     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
*People*         **Thanks be to God. Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

## **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.*

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