

# Creation Season 2023



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

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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 being baptized could mean for your life. To learn more, please speak with the pastor after the service.

We use an option for Holy Communion known as "shallow intinction." The celebrant alone dips the edge of 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.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Opening Hymn

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

*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.**

## The Gloria

**S-280**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the collect.*

## First Reading

*Please be seated. See insert for readings. Response after the Reading:*

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

*Please remain seated. The Reader may lead the congregation in saying the psalm responsively by whole verse, or the Psalm may be sung to this setting:*



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**Second Reading**

*Please be seated. See insert for readings. Response after the Reading:*

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

**The 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

*Please stand as you are able as the Gospel is processed.*

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

*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.*

## The Sermon

*After the sermon, silence may be kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

*BCP pg. 358*

*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 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

*Honoring God in Creation, Form 2*

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

*Leader* In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that  
God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many  
ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of  
the world around us.

*Silence*

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

*Leader* I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in  
their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in  
the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy  
Baptism.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People*           **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*           I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases.

*Silence*

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

*Leader*           I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands.

*Silence*

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

*Leader*           I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth.

*Silence*

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

*Leader*           I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways.

*Silence*

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

*Leader*           I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink.

*Silence*

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

Leader I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

*Silence*

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

Leader I ask your prayers for our incoming Bishop-Suffragan, Carrie Schofield-Broadbent. May she be a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. By your Spirit, bless the Diocese of Maryland, that we may flourish as a goodly fellowship of faith under her leadership and show your love to all among whom we live.

*Silence*

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

Leader 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.

*Silence*

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

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

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

For those on our parish prayer list, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

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



## 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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord 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.

## 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, 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

Eucharistic Prayer C, *BCP* pg. 369

*Please stand as you are able.*

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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* And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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.” +

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.” +

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our forebears; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Hannah, and Ruth; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*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**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. +

*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 Eucharist 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 or Music**

*See insert for selections. Please remain seated.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*EOW pg. 69*

*The people may stand, sit, or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life  
and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

### **Closing Hymn**

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

### **Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

*Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things, for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*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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