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RITE I – HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00AM FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 APRIL 2026

*God calls us the people of St. Luke's
to open wide our doors in the name of Christ:
To all who are young or old and need counsel;
To all who are strong and want a task;
To all who are lonely, weak or mourn and need comfort;
To all who are sinful and need a Savior;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who are left out and need acceptance;
To all who are grateful and need a place to give thanks and pray;
To all who are called by worship of the Lord into community outreach;
To all in Christ's name we say "WELCOME."*

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDES

Prelude on "St. Columba"

WILLAN

Pastorale

ROWLEY

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (*Congregation recites together.*)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: *(Silence is appropriate.)* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please be seated for the readings from the Scripture.)

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

PSALM 23

DOMINUS REGIT ME

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶ **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON

1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #645

The King of love my shepherd is

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Please stand, if able.)

JOHN 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own,

he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN A. SHAMBAUGH, RECTOR

THE NICENE CREED

**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 fully 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 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.**

EARTH DAY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *Honoring God in Creation from
the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church*

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially our local and national leaders that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:
Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth’s resources or their devastation by war, those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, and all those affected by violence and war, for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, for the people of Ukraine and Israel and Gaza, we pray that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, especially *Pope Frances* and *Kimberly & Kelly Conklin, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by their family*. For those this week celebrating birthdays: *Chris Corwin, Joy Jones, Gail Parker, Elizabeth Villeneuve, Susan Kneip, Colin Schaefer, Jack Sharp-Steinbrech, John McNally, Mary Busch*; anniversaries: *Brian & Francie Murphy*; and for the election last week of the Rev. Adam Shoemaker as the next bishop of Long Island, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Der gute Hirt
(The Good Shepherd)
Joy Jones, soprano

SCHUBERT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER I

BCP 333

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Words of welcome (from the Iona Community): “Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.” Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS #343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

#708 *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray: **Gracious God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope thou hast set before us, so that we and all thy children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise thy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

RUTTER

**THE FOLLOWING REQUEST OUR PRAYERS
FOR GOD'S LOVING AND HEALING MERCY:**

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Edmund L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow,
Marguerite Kelly, John McNally, Terry Ash, Debbie Ash, Mary Mason,
Steve Scott, Karen Bellow, Thomas Fleming, Helen*

*Wine used for communion today was donated
by Frank & Marilyn Tillinghast*

***Eucharistic Ministers:** Charles Riggi,
Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading)
First Reading: John Allman
Prayers: Merle McDonald-Aaron
Altar Guild: Merle McDonald-Aaron, Holly Whitmore*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many people who helped with the many activities last week Hamptons Whodunnit, the Election of the next bishop of Long Island, the visit of a curate candidate, a large funeral, and a Hamptons Festival of Music Concert. Thank you to the many people who helped clean up after a nozzle broke in our sprinkler system, flooding the upstairs Sunday school and coming down through the walls onto the first floor, triggering the fire alarm and causing evacuation of Ruta 27 students who were using the space. We are truly grateful that no one was hurt and offer huge appreciation for Bruce Stonemetz, Oscar Giles and others who showed up and helped clean up so that all of the activities mentioned above could continue, and Tara Brinka and Roy Parker for continually working to keep things going and get everything back in order.

COFFEE HOUR

A BIG THANK YOU for all of you who have been bringing nibbles for Coffee Hour. It is most appreciated! Coffee Hour has become quite popular and it is a wonderful way for us to get to know each other. I invite everyone to join us and please keep bringing a little something!

BIBLE STUDY -- WAS THE END OF TIME PROPHECIZED?

The most misunderstood book in the New Testament is likely the Book of Revelation. Join Sal Tocci on **Saturday, May 2nd** as we discuss what this book actually says and look at why Church Fathers argued whether it should even be included in the canon. We will meet in the Vestry room starting at 9am. Those unable to attend can join via Zoom by clicking on the link in Constant Contact or by contacting Sal.

SAVE THE DATE—AFTERNOON TEA RETURNS!

May 9th, 4 – 6pm. For our second year, St. Luke's will host an Afternoon Tea and Art Show. We will have an exhibition of art from artists within the congregation. You can set your table with your own tea sets and invite your family and friends. Lots of delicious tea sandwiches, sweets, savory and gluten free treats will be on the menu.

THE ADULT FORUM: 9:00-9:45 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our **Summer Kick-Off party** will be **FRIDAY, June 5** this year at the home of Jeff Gates and Mike Moran. It will be Pot Luck and there will be a sign up sheet going up shortly in the Fireplace Room. More details to follow. Hope to see everyone there!

YOGA CLASSES

Free Yoga classes for seniors at St. Luke's on Thursdays at noon.

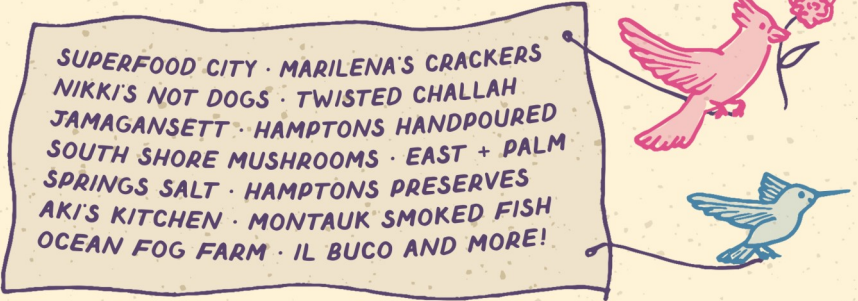
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May 2 - Bible Study with Sal Tocci, 9am
May 2 - Share the Harvest Farm Spring Market, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall
May 9 - Afternoon Tea & Art Show, 4-6pm, Hoie Hall
June 5 - Summer kick off party
June 7 - Annual Meeting

SHARE THE HARVEST FARM PRESENTS



**SATURDAY, MAY 2 ~ 10AM TO 2PM
HOIE HALL, ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
18 JAMES LANE, EAST HAMPTON**





ST. LUKE'S



The fellowship committee
At St. Luke's
Invites you to an afternoon
Tea and Art show
Sat 05-09-2026
At 4:00-6:00 p.m

Hoie Hall
18 James Lane
East Hampton

Wear Your Favorite Hat Or Fascinator!
Tea, Sandwiches, Sweets & Savories
\$40 In advance \$50 At the door

Purchase tickets
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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

Sunday Eucharist - 8 a.m. (Rite I) & 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Wednesday Eucharist Service - 10 a.m. (Rite II)

Saturday at St. Peter's Chapel (Memorial Day-Labor Day) - 5:30 p.m. (Rite II)

VESTRY

Brian Craig, Senior Warden, David Mellgard, Junior Warden

Lucy Kazickas, Martha Murray, Eileen O'Reilly (2026)

John Hadden (Treasurer), Dan Mongan, Roy Parker (2027)

Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector

Robert Peterson, Music Director | Tara Brinka, Parish Administrator

Colleen Stonemetz, Christian Ed. Director | Oscar Giles, Verger

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