

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
22 FEBRUARY 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."*

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Moonlight" Sonata **BEETHOVEN**
Piano Sonata No. 14 in C# Minor (Op. 27, No.2)

- 1.) Mvt. 1—*Adagio sostunuto*
- 2.) Mvt. 2—*Allegretto*

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;
His mercy endureth forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 with thy spirit.** Let us pray: (*Silence is observed.*) Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

PSALM 32

BEATI QUORUM

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

⁶ **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; *

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁸ **You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

¹⁰ **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."**

¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

¹² **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And

the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #150

Forty days and forty nights

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(Please stand, if able.)

MATTHEW 4:1-11

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus wants to heal us to wholeness and to him no one is untouchable. Let us come to ask for the healing touch of our God in the Church and in the world. We pray for the Church of Ireland and St. George's, Brooklyn.

God of humility, your desire to save us made you willing to share our human brokenness; as the Body of Christ, may the Church share that willingness to be vulnerable in order to serve in love.
Good physician: **heal us.**

God of power, your authority is gracious and merciful; inspire all those with authority in our world to be prompted by you, so that they open the way for your kingdom to be established.
Good physician: **heal us.**

God of accepting love, drive far from our homes and communities all rejection and devaluing; all justification for barriers; and give us the courage to reach out in love.

Good physician: **heal us.**

God of compassion, shock us into seeing more clearly the ache of those whom society rejects and overlooks; the wounds of the discarded and socially embarrassing. We pray for our 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. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Israel and Gaza, and for the outpouring of peace.

Good physician: **heal us.**

God of eternity, we remember those who, healed forever, live with you in the fullness of life. We pray that we too may come, by your grace, to share the life which has no ending.

Good physician: **heal us.**

Lord, we thank you for the extent of your love which has no limits and no exceptions. We remember those who this week celebrate birthdays: *Frank Tillinghast, Tobin Payne;* and anniversaries; *Christian & Elizabeth Villeneuve,* bless them with your abundant love.

Good physician: **heal us.**

God of accepting love, drive far from our homes and communities all rejection and devaluing; all justification for barriers; and give us the courage to reach out in love.

Good physician: **heal us.**

Dear God, we ask, scarcely knowing what and how to ask. You know the needs we know and the deeper needs we hardly guess. Grant us what is required for the life to which you call us, not because we ask wisely or well, but because of the boundless compassion you have made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION AND PEACE

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (Silence may be kept.) **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #143

The glory of these forty days

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER I

BCP 333

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

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 ANTHEM *When Jesus Walked the Wilderness* **LARSON**
Joy Jones, soloist

HYMN #343 *Shepherd of souls*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs,

through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Postlude on “The Glory of These Forty Days”*
McCONNELL

***Eucharistic Ministers:** Caroline Dean (First Reading),
Charles Riggi (Second Reading, Prayers)
Altar Guild: Lynn Jerome, Diane Tutino*

*Our communion wine today was donated
by Frank & Marilyn Tillinghast*

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

*George Kneip, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Edmond L. Craig, III, Joanne, Jack, Michael Swerdlow, Denny Kiner,
Marguerite Kelly, John McNally, Terry Ash, Chance Lauer,
Mary Mason*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORNING PRAYER 9AM ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING LENT

We will be having service of Morning Prayer at 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent. This is lay led! It's easy and there's even an App for that, as well as "How to" instructions which can be found next to the sign up sheet in the fireplace room.

BIBLE STUDY WITH SAL TOCCI

Join us on **Saturday March 7th from 9:00 to 10:30** as we investigate the question: Who killed Jesus? The three suspects are the Jews, the Jewish religious authorities, and the Romans. Those not able to attend can watch the proceedings live on Zoom—you can find the link in our weekly email, or ask Sal Tocci.

LOOKING AHEAD - MARCH 30 AT 6PM - AN INTERFAITH SEDER WITH THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE HAMPTONS AND ST. LUKE'S

Rabbi Josh Franklin and Father Ben will lead an Interfaith Seder, at 6 pm on Monday of Holy Week in Hoie Hall. Registration is required via the QR code on the next page or at jcoh.org/interfaith. Cost \$20/person. There will be a limit of 116 persons so register soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUMMER FAIR ON JULY 11

Dear Parishioners,

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for St. Luke's annual Summer Fair on **Saturday, July 11, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM** on the church lawn.

We are looking for new members to join the Summer Fair Auction Committee. If you would like to help with this important and fun part of the Fair, please contact **Caroline Dean, Auction lead at Caroline.L.Dean@gmail.com.**

We hope you will join us for this wonderful day of fellowship and community. All are welcome, and we look forward to celebrating together!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 6 - EHHF Healthcare Fair, 10am-2pm, Hoie Hall

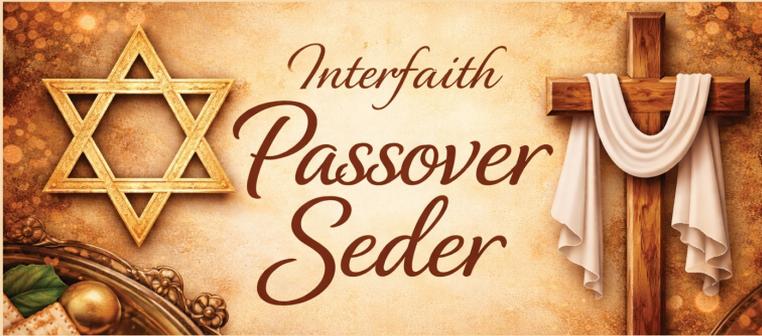
March 7 - Bible Study with Sal Tocci, 9-10:30am, Vestry Room

March 29 - Palm Sunday

March 30 - Seder Supper with JCOH, 6pm, Hoie Hall

A LENTEN SERIES WITH THE PECONIC DEANERY - THURSDAYS AT 7

On Thursdays during Lent, the clergy of the Peconic Deanery (the other Episcopal Churches on the East End) will be hosting a Lenten Series at 7 pm on zoom. The topic this year is the Spiritual tools for today: lessons from Jesus and civil rights leaders. Father Ben will be the presenter this coming Thursday. Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713, Passcode: ChChBible.



TELLING THE STORY TOGETHER

MONDAY, MARCH 30 | 6:00-8:00PM



Rabbi Josh Franklin

The Jewish Center of the Hamptons and St. Luke's Episcopal Church invite you to join us for a meaningful Interfaith Passover Seder, an evening of learning, ritual, and shared reflection.



Cantor Debra Stein, Rabbi

The Passover seder is one of the most iconic and enduring Jewish rituals—a storytelling experience centered on memory, redemption, and the ongoing human journey from slavery to freedom. For Christians, the symbols of the seder resonate deeply with familiar rituals and narratives, including those surrounding Jesus and the Last Supper. Eggs, matzah, and bread—whether matzah or wafer—carry layers of meaning that speak across traditions, inviting conversation rather than comparison.



Benjamin Shambaugh
Rector, St. Luke's

Together, we will explore how these shared symbols illuminate both our similarities and our differences, and how the universal message of Passover—liberation, dignity, and hope—continues to speak powerfully in our world today.

- MEMBERS OF ST. LUKES AND JCOH ONLY
- \$20 PER PERSON - BUFFET STYLE DINNER
- LOCATION: HOIE HALL, ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REGISTER



Register at jcoh.org/interfaith



Peconic Deanery

Lent

Study

Series

Spiritual tools for today: lessons from Jesus and civil rights leaders.

Time: 7:00pm - Study Session; and 8:00pm - Compline.

Thursdays: Feb. 19, 26; March 12, 19 & 26.

Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713 & Passcode: ChChBible

February 19: Benjamin Shambaugh, Rector of St. Luke's in East Hampton
Lessons from the Liberation Theology of Howard Thurman, Gustavo Gutierrez, and James Cone.

February 26: Charles McCarron, Rector of St. Mary's on Shelter Island
A Lenten Meditation on Justice: From the Desert to the Garden (Inspired by the writings of Leonardo Boff).

March 5: Justin Falciani, Rector of St. Mary's in Hampton Bays
"How can Christian hope inspire us in our personal life today?" A discussion inspired by chapter 6 on Hope in Evelyn Underhill's The House of the Soul.

March 12: Chris Jubinski, Rector of St. Mark's in Westhampton Beach
Episcopal Saints: Bishop Paul Jones, Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Seminarian Jonathan Myrick Daniels, and Queen Lili'uokalani.

March 19: Roger Joslin, Vicar of Church of the Redeemer and Holy Trinity Church
"I felt my legs were praying" reflections on The Prophets by Abraham Joshua Heschel.

March 26: Cecily Broderick, Rector Elect of Christ Church in Sag Harbor
Walking in the Footsteps of Pauli Murray and Taking Up Our Cross to Follow Jesus: Reflecting on the Life of a Saint and Matthew 25:31-46.

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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)

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Your time, talent, and treasure are vital for St. Luke's to bring the Good News of Christ Jesus to the people of East Hampton and the world. You can contribute via the QR code below or by using Venmo (@StLukesEHNY). Or you can support our ministries by giving via our parish website: www.stlukeseasthampton.org.



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