

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II – HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:00AM  
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
1 MARCH 2026

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*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."*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Note that on this Second Sunday of Lent, our worship starts with the Penitential Order,  
which places the Confession at the beginning of the service.*

**PRELUDE**                      *Nocturne in C Sharp Minor (Op. posth., No. 20)*                      **CHOPIN**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #401**                      *The God of Abraham praise*                      **LEONI**

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
**His mercy endures forever.**

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence may be kept.*) **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.**

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

## KYRIE

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray: (*Silence is observed.*) O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

(*The people may be seated for the readings.*)

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 12:1-4A

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

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

### PSALM 121

LEVAVI OCULOS

PORTLAND PSALTER

My help comes from the  
Lord, the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth. **REFRAIN.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **REFRAIN.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
<sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night. **REFRAIN.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. **REFRAIN.**

#### **THE EPISTLE**

**ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN #668**

*I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

**BURFORD**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

**THE SERMON****THE REV. DR. BENJAMIN A. SHAMBAUGH, RECTOR****AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR LENT** (from Daily Prayer for All Seasons)

**We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant,  
so we commit ourselves to serve others.**

**We believe that God is love,  
so we commit ourselves to reconciliation**

**We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit,  
so we commit ourselves to work in the world.**

**We believe that God is the light of life,  
so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light in our world  
We believe that the Spirit speaks through us,  
so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news  
of abundant life in the world God loves.**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of hope, help us who struggle in our daily work,  
When we lose our purpose, **renew our hope in you.**  
When we bow to hatred, **renew our trust in you.**  
When we despair of bliss, **renew our joy in you.**  
When we take office at others, **renew our life in you.**  
When we compromise our values, **renew our faith in you**  
When we cherish regrets, **renew our freedom in you.**  
When we surrender to despair, **renew our hope in you.**

As we accept your renewing love, we offer our prayers to you:

We offer prayers of healing and comfort for all our parishioners, especially those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces serving at home and abroad, and all those affected by violence, war, and anti-Semitism. We pray for the people of Ukraine and Israel and Gaza, and for the outpouring of peace.

God of eternity, we remember those who, healed forever, live with you in the fullness of life, especially *Edward & Helen Brancati, Cecilia & Tom Green and Bernard Green, remembered today by John Brancati*. We pray that we too may come, by your grace, to share the life which has no ending.

**Renew our life in you.**

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: *Kate Shambaugh, John O'Leary, Ami Ayre*; and anniversaries, bless them with your abundant love.

**Renew our joy in you.**

Hold us, and all people, in your loving care  
**And may we be hope for others.**

Renew and strengthen us, eternal God.  
**As we prepare for resurrection.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*God So Loved the World*  
(from The Crucifixion)

**STAINER**

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

All things come from You, O Lord,  
**And of Your own have we given to You.**

### A LENTEN EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and established an everlasting covenant with every living creature upon the earth.

When you delivered us from slavery and made us your covenant people, you led Moses to your mountain for forty days and forty nights and gave us your teachings. You led us through the wilderness and fed us manna for forty years and brought us to the promised land.

When we forsook your covenant, you led your prophet Elijah to your mountain, where, as he fasted forty days and forty nights, he heard your still small voice. 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-124**

**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.**

*(The people kneel or stand.)*

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights in preparation for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly Paschal feast of your Son's death and resurrection, you lead us to repentance for our sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to renew the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ as taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **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**

*Lift Thine Eyes (from **Elijah**)*

**MENDELSSOHN**

**HYMN #337**

*And now, O Father, mindful of the love*

**UNDE ET MEMORES**

### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**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.**

### **THE BLESSING**

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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #489**

*The great Creator of the worlds*

**TALLIS' ORDINAL**

### **THE SENDING FORTH**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Prelude on Tallis' Ordinal*

**WILLAN**

*Eucharistic Ministers: Lys Marigold (First Reading), Dianne Benson (Prayers)*

*Second Reading: Amayrani Martinez*

*Acolytes: Amayrani Martinez, Victor de Avila*

*Greeters: Sandy Vorpahl, John Kavanaugh*

*Altar Guild: Charles Riggi, Pat Wilson*

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**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, Steve Scott, Maureen, Caroline Firestone, Christian Villeneuve*

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

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**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
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday
- April 3 - Good Friday
- April 4 - Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil
- April 5 - Easter

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUMMER FAIR ON JULY 11

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.

This cherished parish tradition brings our community together for a joyful summer day filled with music, good food, children's activities, and our always-popular Silent Auction featuring wonderful experiences, dining, home goods, camps, and more. Children's wristbands once again provide unlimited access to favorite attractions, including pony rides, the petting zoo, lawn games, puppet shows, and other fun surprises throughout the day.

**We are also 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](mailto: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!



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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.

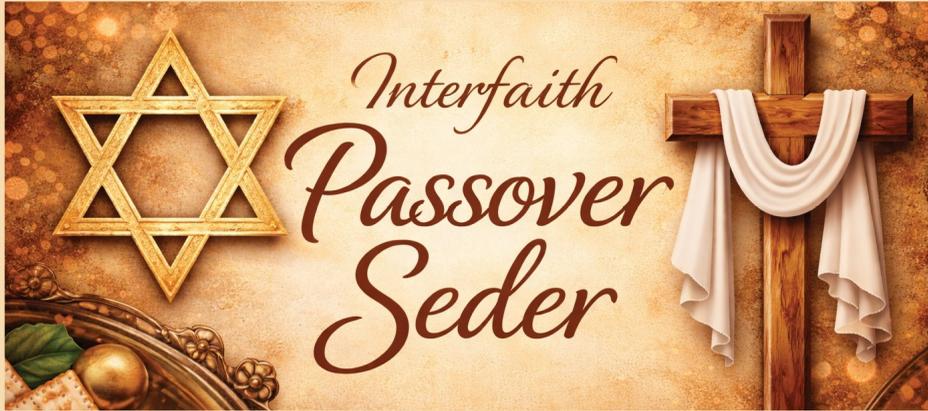
**February 26:** Charles McCarron, Rector of St. Mary's on Shelter Island  
A Lenten Meditation on Justice: From the Desert to the Garden (Inspired by the  
writings of Leonardo Boff).

**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.



## 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](https://jcoh.org/interfaith)

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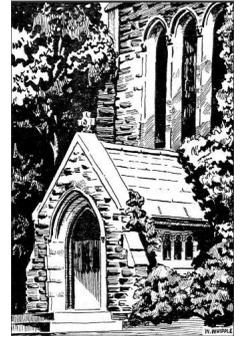
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## REGULAR SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP

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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The Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Shambaugh, Rector

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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](https://www.venmo.com/@StLukesEHNY)). Or you can support our ministries by giving via our parish website: [www.stlukeseasthampton.org](http://www.stlukeseasthampton.org).



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