

**SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF 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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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

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

**CHOPIN**

**THE PENITENTIAL ORDER:**

**BCP p. 319**

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

**THE PENITENTIAL ORDER**

Hear what our Lord Jesus 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. *Matthew 22:37-40*

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 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.**

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.)* 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**

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

### **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*

<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.**

<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;**

<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.**

<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.**

### 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.**

### THE SEQUENCE HYMN #668

*I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*(Please stand, if able.)*

JOHN 3:1-17

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 HYMN #401**

*The God of Abraham praise*

**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** *God So Loved the World*  
(from **The Crucifixion**)  
Joy Jones, soprano

**STAINER**

**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**

*Prelude on Tallis' Ordinal*

**WILLAN**

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***Eucharistic Ministers:** Dan Mongan (Second Reading),  
Roy Parker (First Reading)  
**Prayers:** Charles Riggi  
**Altar Guild:** Charles Riggi, Pat Wilson*

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

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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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**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.

**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 and 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](http://jcoh.org/interfaith). Cost \$20/person. There will be a limit of 116 persons so register soon.

**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. Zoom: Meeting ID: 837 6688 5713, Passcode: ChChBible.

## **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.

**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](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!



### *Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to develop Holy Habits this Lent.*

For 15 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been blessed by the opportunity to join readers on their spiritual journeys with thought-provoking meditations.

Written by Sister Monica Clare, an Episcopal nun, author and unlikely TikTok star, our 2026 meditations offer an invitation to rediscover—or deepen—holy habits of prayer, worship and Scripture engagement. These holy habits provide a path to a life rooted in God, given shape, meaning and direction.

Visit our website to subscribe to daily emails, download a PDF, read the meditations and access a Group Study Guide to reflect on the meditations and Scripture with others.



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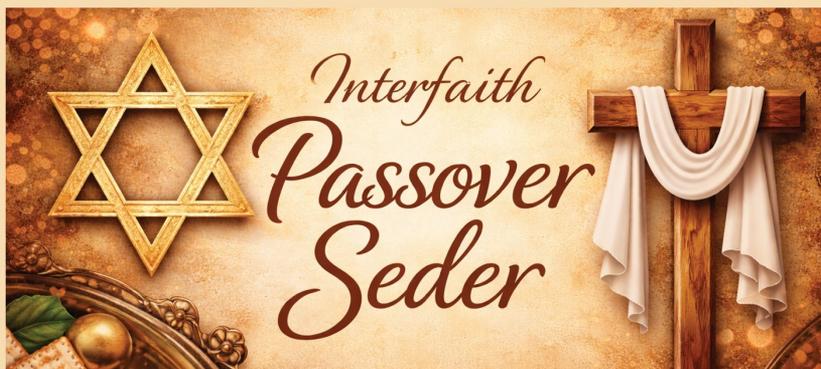
## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



## 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](http://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.

## **Saint Luke's Episcopal Church**

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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

### **DIGITAL GIVING TO SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES**

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](http://www.stlukeseasthampton.org).



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