

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
15 MARCH 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

*Today our worship starts with the Penitential Order,
which places the Confession at the beginning of the service.*

PRELUDE

Gymnopédie No. 1
(“Lent et douloureux”)

SATIE

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.*) Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 23

DOMINUS REGIT ME

¹The 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.**

³He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

⁴**I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You 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 EPISTLE**EPHESIANS 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

And Christ will shine on you.”.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #671*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound***THE HOLY GOSPEL***(Please stand, if able.)***JOHN 9:1-41**

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and

now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you

were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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 offence 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, Israel, Gaza, and Iran, and for the outpouring of peace.

God of eternity, we remember those who, healed forever, live with you in the fullness of life, especially *John & Olga Collins and John Collins, III, remembered today by Kathleen McNally & Blodwen Hulse*. 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: *Jeffrey Sussman, Samantha Schurr, Bruce Stonemetz, Aimee Geehreg, Amber Gregg, Stephen Scott*; 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.

God of infinite mercy, we humbly implore you to look down on the nations now engaged in war. Do not count your people's sins against them, but grant them true repentance, that the lusts of the human heart may be conquered by your Spirit of gentleness and righteousness. Give wisdom to our leaders and steadfastness to our people. Watch over and defend our military that they may serve justly and honorably and may come safely home.

Look in pity on all who are suffering during this time of strife. Protect the defenseless, heal the wounded, and sustain the homeless and hungry. We grieve and lament the loss of all who have died, for 7 the members of our armed forces, including Sgt. Benjamin N. Pennington who died this week, the 168 girls who died in the school in Minab, the more than 1000 Iranians, six Israelis, and other victims on all sides.

You commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us courage to put that kind of love in action and to work for the peace that passes understanding which comes from you. **Amen.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN #490

I want to walk as a child of the light

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

Shepherd Me, O God

HAUGEN/HAYES

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

Toccatà in B minor

GIGOUT



***Eucharistic Ministers:** Martha Murray (First Reading),
Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading)
Prayers: Charles Riggi
Altar Guild: Charles Riggi, Tina Sukapdjo*



**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, Caroline Firestone, Christian Villeneuve,
Karen Bellow*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 19, 23 & 30 - Women’s Prayer Group, 7pm - Church
- March 19 & 26 - Lenten Study Series with Peconic Deanery, 7pm
- March 28 - Bible Study with Sal Tocci, 9-10:30am, Vestry Room
- March 29 - Palm Sunday, 8 & 10am services
- March 30 - Seder Supper with JCOH, 6pm, Hoie Hall
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm
- April 3 - Good Friday, Noon
- April 4 - Bible Study with Sal Tocci, 9-10:30am, Vestry Room
- April 4 - Holy Saturday / Easter Vigil, 5pm, Christ Church, Sag Harbor
- April 5 - Easter Sunday, 8 & 10am
- April 6-10 - Office Closed

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 –JEWISH SEDER AND CHRISTIAN ATONEMENT

In preparation for the Interfaith Seder, on March 30th, join Sal Tocci on Saturday March 28th as we explore the history and ritual of the Jewish Seder. On Saturday April 4th, we will discuss the theological question of why Jesus died. Do Paul and the Gospels say it was to atone for human sins? Or was it for some other reason? Both sessions will take place in the Vestry meeting room from 9:00 to 10:30. Those unable to attend can join via 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.

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.

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

Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

YOGA CLASSES

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

A NEW WOMEN'S GROUP, MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7:00PM



For the Lenten season, St. Luke's will host a casual prayer gathering for women, with no pressure and just time to share thoughts in fellowship. Please join us on Monday evenings at 7:00pm. We will meet in the church for the opportunity and hope to lift one another up.

NEEDED: PARTICIPANTS TO JOIN IN READING THE PASSION PLAY ON PALM SUNDAY

At both the 8am and 10am services on Palm Sunday, April 29, we will be reading the Passion as a play. Interested in taking one of the parts? Contact Caroline Dean or Joan Branche.

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.

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.

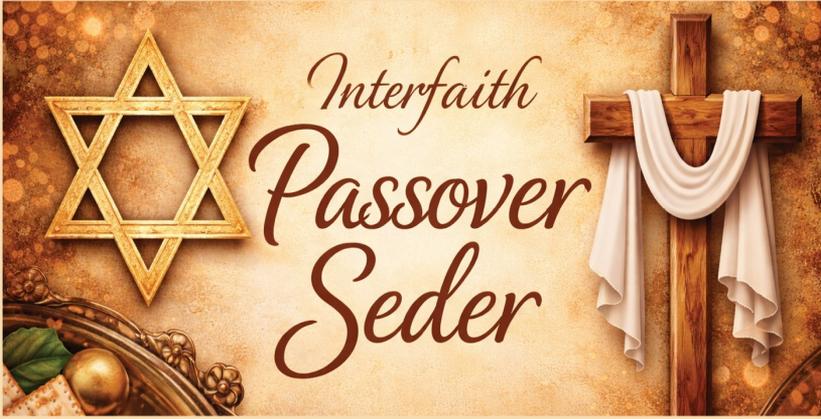
For 15 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been blessed by the opportunity to join readers on their spiritual journeys with thought-provoking meditations.

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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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.



4 Days of camp at Camp Dewolfe - It's Amazing!
Camp ELEVATE for Middle and High School Youth

July 23–26, 2026

ELEVATE 2026 welcomes youth ages 10–17 from the Episcopal churches of Long Island for an unforgettable weekend of fun, exploration, and fellowship. Campers will be challenged to elevate their understanding of God, one another, and themselves through adventure, community, and faith-filled experiences—all in a safe and supportive environment.

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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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