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RITE I - HOLY EUCHARIST - 8:00 AM
PENTECOST 16 - PROPER 19
13 SEPTEMBER 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

PRELUDE

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(L.68)

DEBUSSY

OPENING ACCLAMATION:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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 appropriate.)* O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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 TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 14:19-31

Our reading from the Old Testament is the story of the deliverance of Israel from bondage in Egypt. The people are terrified when they see the pursuing army and complain that it would have been better to live in slavery than to die in the wilderness. Moses urges them to have courage, for they will see the salvation of the Lord who has called them to freedom to serve the one true God. The Lord then brings them safely through the sea and destroys the army of the Egyptians.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the

chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 114

A song of praise to the Lord who has brought the people safely out of Egypt and through the wilderness to the promised land.

¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

² **Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.**

³ The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

⁴ **The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶ **You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?**

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ **Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 14:1-12

In this reading Paul calls upon the Roman disciples to live with tolerance for one another's scruples, recognizing that everything can be done to honor the Lord with whom each Christian has a relationship. Especially should those who are strong and untroubled in their consciences respect the attitudes of the weak in matters such as observing certain days and eating meat. It is possible that there was tension in the Roman church between liberal Gentile Christians and more scrupulous Jewish Christians. God, Paul reminds them, is the one to whom final answer must be given, and the risen Christ is Lord of all.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the

weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN #674

Forgive our sins as we forgive

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Please stand.)*

MATTHEW 18:21-35

In the Gospel lesson Jesus bids his disciples to offer forgiveness which is, for all practical purposes, unlimited, and he tells a parable about a man who, although forgiven much, still himself had no mercy. Jesus has extended to all manner of people God's amazingly generous offer of acceptance into the kingdom. Those who have been so forgiven must show mercy to others. Their own forgiveness may otherwise be revoked.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave

released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. CECILY P. BRODERICK

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

Forgiving is a natural result of loving, so it is not an option for us but a command. In the knowledge of all God has done for us, let us bring to him our concerns for the Church and for the world. We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and Bushwick Abbey.

Thank you, O God, for the love which forgives again and again, and is prepared to trust us with the care of your people even after we have let you down many times. Teach us to minister to one another's needs with compassion, sensitivity and discipline, so that all are affirmed and encouraged.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

Thank you, for the order and variety, simplicity and complexity of this universe. Thank you for all that humankind is able to do; may all these gifts be used wisely and well for the good of all.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

Thank you, for what we have been forgiven and for the opportunities we have each day to learn the joy of forgiving others. Smash through our self-righteousness and keep us learning in humility at your feet.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

Thank you, for all those who care for the sick, the unstable, the ungrateful and the difficult. We pray for all who are on the receiving end of hate, deceit, suspicion or abuse, and for those who cause others pain and distress of any kind. We pray for your healing and transforming for those on our parish prayer list (*pause*), the members of our armed forces, and all those affected by violence and war. We pray for the end of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate, for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran, Russia, Sudan, and all troubled areas of the world.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

Thank you, for those whose living and dying has taught us much about love. We remember especially *Barbara Traphagen, in whose loving memory the altar flowers have been given to the glory of God by her family.* We pray for the repose of the soul of *Madeleine Potter.* Freed

from their pain and restrictions of sickness, age or injury, may they enjoy for ever the life of heaven.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

Thank you, for disturbing our complacency and challenging us to move forward with you, assured of your company and your love. This week we remember those celebrating birthdays: *Lucy Villeneuve, Wendy Phillips, Paul Bowden, Irena Sumberac*; and anniversaries.

The Lord is full of compassion: **his love lasts for ever.**

O God you are a God of unity, not of division. Thou art the Lord of love, not of hate; Thou art the Savior of forgiveness not of resentment. Open our hearts to that same transforming love and life for Thou art our Lord, Jesus Christ, forever and ever. **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 #470

There's a wideness in God's mercy

PRESENTATION PRAYER

All things come from thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

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 HYMNS

#435 *At the Name of Jesus*

#325 *Let us break bread together on our knees*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty and ever living 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

Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.

THE SENDING FORTH

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sortie (Grand Chœur)
from **10 Pièces pour grand orgue**

DUBOIS

***Eucharistic Minister:** Georgiana Mellgard (Second Reading),
Charles Riggi*

***First Reading:** John Allman*

***Prayers:** Marcie Sohm*

***Altar Guild:** Lynn Jerome, Diane Tutino*

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

*Ken Miller, Marguerite Kelly, Patricia Bennett,, Diane Moore,
Karen Barrow, Lorna Pile, Jeffrey Lane, Mark Gregory, Mary Libby,
Terrance & Debra Ash, Mary Mason, George Kneip, Balfour Sangster,
Tisha Bouboulis, Helen, Valerie Meinken, Michael Swerdlow,
Jacalyn Shafer, Sherri Martin, Ron Chapman, Anne*

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome back, Mother Broderick!!

Father Ben will be away Thursday, August 27 through Wednesday, September 16. The Rev. Cecily Broderick from Christ Church, Sag Harbor is leading our Sunday services today.

ART AND THE OLD TESTAMENT

Join Jamie Sykes for a second discussion of Art and the Old Testament on **Wednesday, September 16 at 4:30 PM**. This class will include an examination of a number of artworks that deal with the Book of Exodus, as well as several other subjects.

INGATHERING OF COMMUNION WINE

The Altar Guild, from time to time, gathers wine for eucharist services from the congregation. We use Christian Brothers Tawny Port. In return, each bottle may be given in remembrance of a departed loved one, a cherished family member or friend, or a gift from God for a prayer answered. The dedication for the wine given will be indicated in each bulletin. Call or text Charles Riggi (631-704-4954) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY—THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Join Salvatore Tocci as we begin our in-depth study of Mark's Gospel on **Saturday, October 3rd** starting at 9 AM in the Vestry room. Dr. Ian Kinman, Professor of Theology at Fordham University, will join us via Zoom to "kick off" our study by discussing how Mark's audience would have understood and reacted to the various titles that he uses for Jesus, including the Son of God and the Son of Man. Those not able to attend in person can join via Zoom by clicking on the link provided in Constant Contact or by contacting Sal Tocci at stocci@aol.com.

WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ITALIAN?

If you have some basic knowledge of Italian but want to learn more, then join Salvatore Tocci as we explore the language of love, emotions, and dreams. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th starting at 4 PM in the Vestry room. Please contact Sal at stocci@aol.com if you have any questions.

THE ADULT FORUM: 9:00-9:45 ON SUNDAY MORNINGS
Come and discuss the lessons read at Sunday morning services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS SEPTEMBER 20!



Christian Education will welcome the children back to Sunday School on Sunday Sept. 20th. Please join us at 9:45am in Hoie Hall for “*The Gathering*” with Fr. Ben. Classroom instruction for Kindergarten through Sixth Grade will follow at 10:00am. Also, the Nursery is available for babies and toddlers from 10:00am – 11:00am each Sunday throughout the year.

Please contact Colleen Stonemetz, Director of Christian Education to register in advance or for any for additional information or questions at (631) 329-0990, or christianed@stlukeseasthampton.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 16 - Art Discussion by Jamie Sykes, 4:30pm

September 19 - Ordination & Consecration of The Rev. Dr. Adam J. Shoemaker, Tilles Center, 10:00am

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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

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

Caroline Dean, Hersey Egginton, Kitt Zuk (2028)

John Allman, Lucy Kazickas, Eileen O'Reilly (2029)

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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