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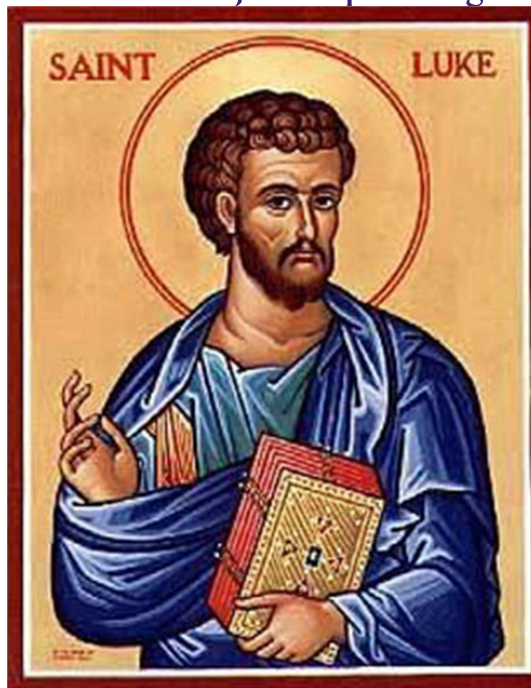
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Sunday, October 17, 2021

The Feast of St. Luke

(transferred from Oct. 18)

Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website www.st-john-aptos.org, for more information about our community.

Announcements

An asterisk () denotes in-person events or activities.*

Next Sunday: Healing Community. Today's service focuses primarily on individual or personal healing. Next week, our worship theme will be "healing community," and we'll be asking you to think about things that need to be healed within the St. John's community. During next week's service, you will be invited to write your answer to this question on a piece of paper and place it in a box during the offertory: **What issues, problems, or conflicts are you struggling with in our church community that you are ready to work toward healing?** The responses will be reviewed by the Rector, the Junior Warden, and a member of the Pastoral Care Committee. If you put your name on what you write, one of them will be in touch with you to follow up. If you don't want contact or support from anyone, you can submit your answer anonymously, and the anonymous responses will be passed on to the Daughters of the King and the weekday worship service leaders so those groups can pray for the intentions offered.

All Hallow's Eve / All Saints Day Commemoration, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021. For our commemoration of All Saints Day this year, we encourage you to bring a photo or other remembrance of deceased loved ones to the 10:30 service to add to a communal altar we will create with everyone's photos. We will read aloud in the service the names of those who have died since Nov. 1, 2020 (last All Saints' Sunday). If you have names of people you would like included, please email their name, with dates of birth and death, to Mother Tracy at rector@st-john-aptos.org. Please also include how they are connected to you (parent, uncle, friend, etc).

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

BCP 78, Psalm 19:14

Officiant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept to allow time to confess specific sins to God.

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

Absolution

BCP 80

Officiant 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.

The Invitatory & Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. (*Psalm 51:16*)

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 147:1-7

BCP Translation

The Server leads the psalm in the style of their choice.

1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

Introduction to the First Reading

This passage praising physicians from the Book of Sirach is read on the Feast Day of St. Luke because tradition holds that St. Luke was himself a physician. The Book of Sirach appears only in Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Anglican Christian Bibles, as part of the apocryphal or deuterocanonical writings.

Sirach 38:1-4,6-10,12-14

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Honor physicians for their services,
for the Lord created them;
for their gift of healing comes from the Most High,
and they are rewarded by the king.
The skill of physicians makes them distinguished,
and in the presence of the great they are admired.
The Lord created medicines out of the earth,
and the sensible will not despise them.
And he gave skill to human beings
that he might be glorified in his marvelous works.
By them the physician heals and takes away pain;
the pharmacist makes a mixture from them.
God's works will never be finished;
and from him health spreads over all the earth.
My child, when you are ill, do not delay,
but pray to the Lord, and he will heal you.
Give up your faults and direct your hands rightly,
and cleanse your heart from all sin.
Then give the physician his place, for the Lord created him;
do not let him leave you, for you need him.
There may come a time when recovery lies in the hands of physicians,
for they too pray to the Lord
that he grant them success in diagnosis
and in healing, for the sake of preserving life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

BCP 86

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Introduction to the Epistle Reading

This passage from Second Timothy is read on St. Luke's Day because in it, the author mentions that Luke is with him. Since Second Timothy was traditionally attributed to Paul, this passage indicates that Luke traveled with the Apostle Paul in his journeys.

2 Timothy 4:5-13

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon

BCP 93-94

The Officiant leads the canticle in the style of their choice.

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

This passage, from the Gospel believed to be written down by St. Luke himself, shows Jesus affirming his call to healing and liberating ministries in the tradition of the prophet Isaiah.

Luke 4:14-21

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

A bell is rung. The speaker waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the talk.

Witnesses

Sally Lewis

Michael DeArmond

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Server The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Server Let us pray.

All 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.
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.

Prayers of the People: A Litany of Healing

The Rev. Adam Thomas, St. Mark's, Mystic, CT

- Deacon* Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing.
- Intercessor* In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Luke the Evangelist: Atascadero, Hollister, Jolon, Los Gatos. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Megan Jacobsmeyer, Benjamin Davis & Walter Garey. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Michael Dresbach, Gael R., Greg B.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.
- People* **Help us breathe deeply of your peace and presence.**
- Intercessor* God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.
- People* **Help us give our fear, pain, and grief to you.**
- Intercessor* God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.
- People* **Help us move in concert with your life-giving motion.**
- Intercessor* Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances make difficult to see.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor* Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness, that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.
- People* **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor At this time, I invite your prayers of thanksgiving or intercession either silently or aloud. (Silence is kept.)

Concluding Collect

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All Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Community Prayers

The Officiant leads the Community Prayers.

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over **Jeanne** O’Grady (10/18), **Suzanne** Baumhefner (10/18), **Alliee** DeArmond (10/19), **Tracy** Wells Miller (10/20), and **Leigh** Selby (10/21), O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, modified

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servant _____ celebrates the anniversary of her baptism, give her courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen her in her Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants _____ & _____ that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home(s) may be a haven(s) of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Travelers:

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey’s end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Romans 15:13, BCP 102

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Scripture Introductions: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller
Server: Chris Cottle
Hebrew Scripture: Barb Raney
Epistle: Barb Raney
Gospel: Nancy Goehring
Virtual Usher: Bart Coddington

