

Convention Worship

Sunday, October 18, 2020 Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

WELCOME TO ECCT CONVENTION WORSHIP

Today we commemorate the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, who is traditionally considered to be a gentile, a physician, and the author of one of the canonical Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Luke-Acts tells the story of how God has acted, is acting, and will continue to act in history. It tells the story of Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation for his people.

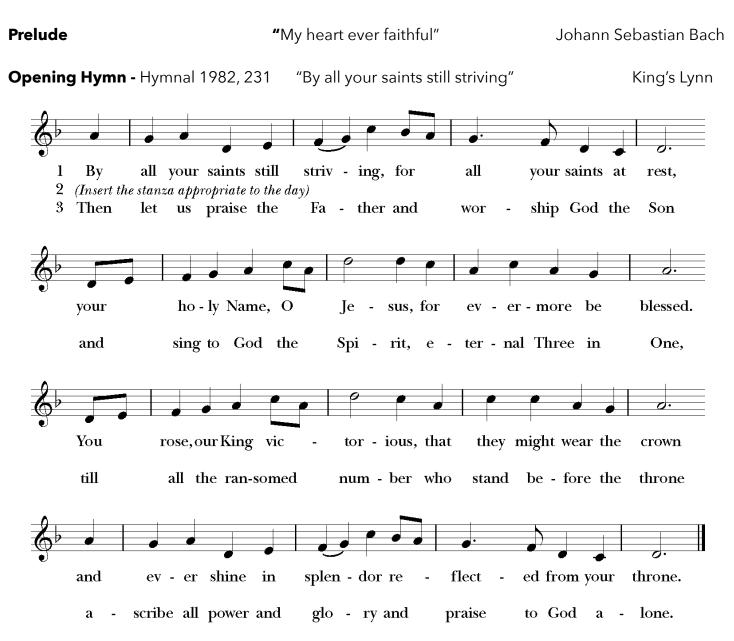
One can only imagine the power of Luke's conversion, a conversion that turned him into a follower of Jesus and a sharer of the Good News. Luke's story of the God of history continued to open hearts through the media of each age: an oral account was written down on a scroll, transferred to a bound codex, and printed on a sheet of paper.

Like Luke, we have been transformed by our own experiences of Jesus. We, too, use all the tools at our disposal to share the story of his life, death, and resurrection with audiences beyond our immediate geographic location. One year ago, who among us could have imagined that we we would be gathering together this morning, not in a convention center, but in our homes. It seems as though so much has changed for all of us as we face the realities of the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism. And yet the God of history continues to move in our hearts and communities, drawing new followers together in heart and mind, using tools unimaginable to the authors of the Gospels.

Though so much has changed in the last seven months, one thing that remains constant is God's saving love expressed through Jesus Christ. It is a love we celebrate in our worship this morning, comprised of videos shared from every corner of our diocese. It is the expression of our faith in Jesus' promise that, when we gather in his name, he will be in our midst.

> You can connect to our worship service by clicking on this link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/user/ctepiscopal</u>

The Word of God

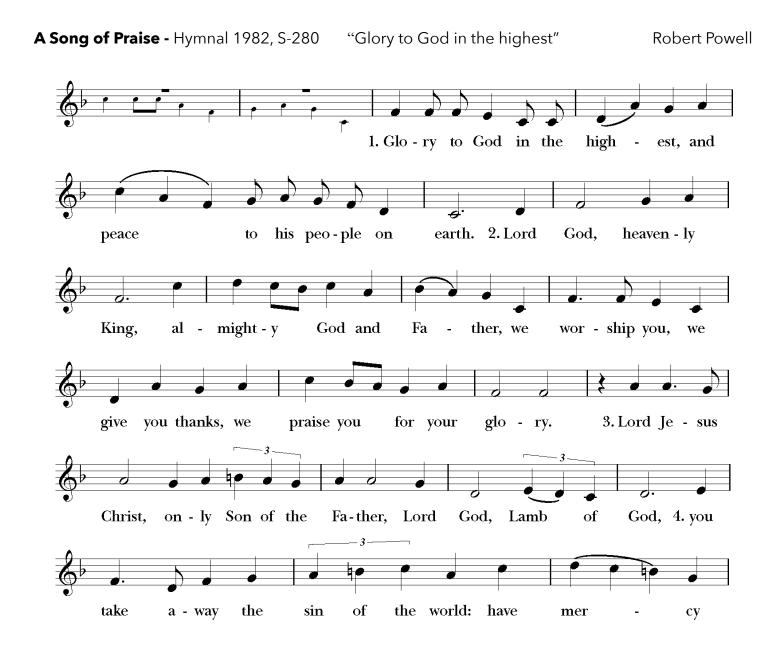


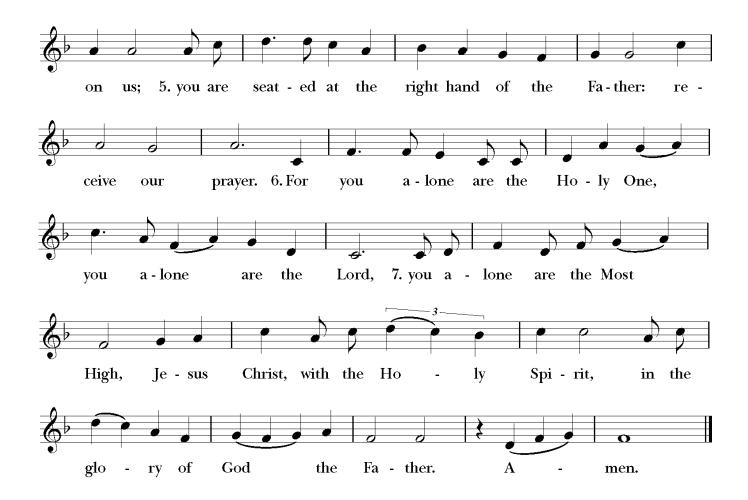
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Saint Luke October 18 For Luke, beloved physician, all praise, whose Gospel shows the healer of the nations, the one who shares our woes. Your wine and oil, O Savior, upon our spirits pour, and with true balm of Gilead anoint us evermore.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant	Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
	no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
	your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
	holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son: Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

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.

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

The Psalm - 147:1-7

- 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.

Respeta al médico por sus servicios, pues también a él lo instituyó Dios. El médico recibe de Dios su ciencia, y del rey recibe su sustento. Gracias a sus conocimientos, el médico goza de prestigio y puede presentarse ante los nobles. Dios hace que la tierra produzca sustancias medicinales, y el hombre inteligente no debe despreciarlas. Él dio la inteligencia a los hombres, para que lo alaben por sus obras poderosas. Con esas sustancias, el médico calma los dolores y el boticario prepara sus remedios. Así no desaparecen los seres creados por Dios, ni falta a los hombres la salud. Hijo mío, cuando estés enfermo no seas impaciente; pídele a Dios, y él te dará la salud. Huye del mal y de la injusticia, y purifica tu corazón de todo pecado. Pero llama también al médico; no lo rechaces, pues también

a él lo necesitas. Hay momentos en que el éxito depende de él, y él también se encomienda a Dios, para poder acertar en el diagnóstico y aplicar los remedios eficaces.

Lector Palabra de Dios Pueblo **Demos gracias a Dios**

Ekklesia Ballet Company The Rev. Mary Barnett, Reader 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. Pero tú conserva siempre el buen juicio, soporta los sufrimientos, dedícate a anunciar el evangelio, cumple bien con tu trabajo. Yo ya estoy para ser ofrecido en sacrificio; ya se acerca la hora de mi muerte. He peleado la buena batalla, he llegado al término de la carrera, me he mantenido fiel. Ahora me espera la corona merecida que el Señor, el Juez justo, me dará en aquel día. Y no me la dará solamente a mí, sino también a todos los que con amor esperan su venida gloriosa. Haz lo posible por venir pronto a verme; pues Demas, que amaba más las cosas de esta vida, me ha abandonado y se ha ido a Tesalónica. Crescente se ha ido a la región de Galacia, y Tito a la de Dalmacia. Solamente Lucas está conmigo. Busca a Marcos y tráelo contigo, porque puede ser una ayuda para mí en el trabajo. A Tíquico lo mandé a Éfeso. Cuando vengas, tráeme la capa que dejé en Tróade, en casa de Carpo; también los libros, y especialmente los pergaminos.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

"Porqué me ha ungido"

Jaime Cortez

Estribillo

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungido, porque me ha ungido; porque me ha ungido, porque me ha ungido.

1. Me ha enviado para anunciar

- la buena nueva a los pobres,
- y me ha enviado a curar a los de corazón quebrantado,

a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos, la libertad a los que viven prisioneros

y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor.

2. Me alegro en el Señor con toda mi alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios, porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación y me cubrió con un manto de justicia, como el novio que se pone la corona, como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas.

3. Así como la tierra echa sus brotes y el jardín germina lo que se ha sembrado, así el Señor hará brotar la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones.

Chorus

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me, because he has anointed me; because he has anointed me, because he has anointed me.

1. He has sent me to announce the good news to the poor,

and has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim forgiveness for the captive, freedom to those who live prisoners and to proclaim the year of the Lord's grace. 2. I rejoice in the Lord with all my soul and I rejoice in my God, because he clothed me with the garments of salvation and covered me with a robe of righteousness, like the groom who puts on the crown, like the bride adorning herself with jewels.

3. As the earth sprouts its shoots and the garden germinates what has been sown, like this, the Lord will bring forth justice and praise before all nations.

The Gospel will be offered in Spanish and English, representing the diversity of our Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

The Gospel – Luke 4:14-21

People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
	Christ according to Luke.
Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus

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 beganto say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. Deacon Felix Rivera, Spanish The Rev. Deacon Bonnie Matthews, English

Pueblo	¡Gloria a ti, Cristo Señor!
	Señor Jesucristo, según Lucas.
Diácono	Santo Evangelio de nuestro

Jesús volvió a Galilea lleno del poder del Espíritu Santo, y se hablaba de él por toda la tierra de alrededor. Enseñaba en la sinagoga de cada lugar, y todos le alababan.

Jesús fue a Nazaret, el pueblo donde se había criado. El sábado entró en la sinagoga, como era su costumbre, y se puso de pie para leer las Escrituras. Le dieron a leer el libro del profeta Isaías, y al abrirlo encontró el lugar donde estaba escrito:

«El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha consagrado para llevar la buena noticia a los pobres; me ha enviado a anunciar libertad a los presos y dar vista a los ciegos;

a poner en libertad a los oprimidos; a anunciar el año favorable del Señor.» Luego Jesús cerró el libro, lo dio al ayudante de la sinagoga y se sentó. Todos los que estaban allí tenían la vista fija en él. Él comenzó a hablar, diciendo: – Hoy mismo se ha cumplido la Escritura que ustedes acaban de oír.

Diácono El Evangelio del Señor. *Pueblo* **Te alabamos, Cristos Señor.**

The Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy Catholic Church. Do you reaffirm you renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? People I do. Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father? People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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. Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, People the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of Bishop bread, and in the prayers? People I will, with God's help. Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and re turn to the Lord? I will, with God's help. People Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? Bishop I will, with God's help. People Bishop Will you seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help. People Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of Bishop every human being? People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?
People I will, with God's help
Bishop May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Comprised of petitions from each of our six Regions

Prayer is offered for:

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission The Nation and all in authority The welfare of the world The concerns of the local community Those who suffer and those in any trouble The departed Southeast Region Southwest Region Northeast Region Northwest Region North Central Region South Central Region

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

All offerings made this morning will be dedicated to the Becoming Beloved Community Project of the Joining Jesus New Missional Age Initiative. You can make your offering by clicking this link:

https://www.episcopalct.org/joining-jesus/make-a-gift/give-today/

Gerre Hancock

Anthem at the Offertory

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings, with thy living fire of judgment purge this land of bitter things; solace all its wide dominion with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining for the hour that brings release, and the city's crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to cease; and the homesteads and the woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor; cleave our darkness with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee with the richness of thy word; cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

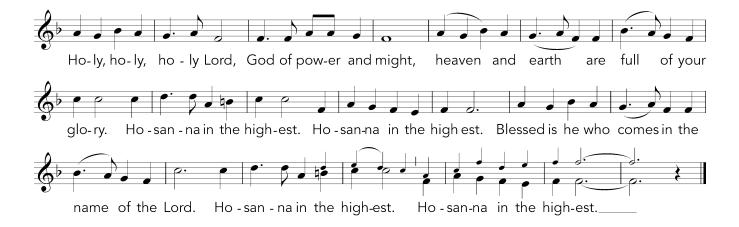
The Great Thanksgiving will be offered in English and Haitian Creole representing the diversity of our Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child

> Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

> Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

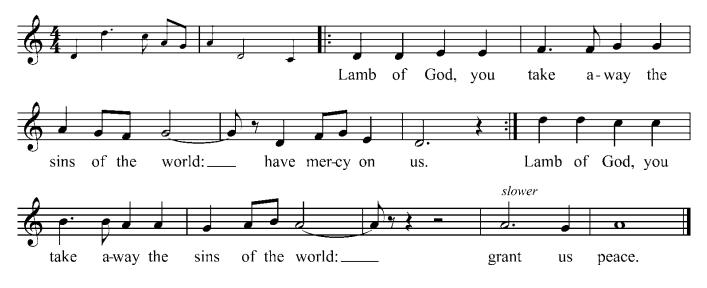
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

- *Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, in the language of our hearts,
 - PeopleOur 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem - EOM I, 27



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Act of Spiritual Communion

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant People	Let us pray. Loving God,
reopie	we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
	and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
	Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
	that we may proclaim your love to the world
	and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing



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Dismissal

The Reverend Deacon Walter McKenney

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Hoja Seca"

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