

St. Luke's Annual Men's Evensong Invitational 2026

On Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Monrovia, will have its twenty-second annual Men's Evensong for St. Luke's Day. This is one of the most-anticipated events in our church calendar. Every year, we try to involve singers from more parishes and welcome back old friends. Here are the most important points:

The commitment is for Sunday, October 18, 2026 – which is actually St. Luke's Day. There is a 2:30 call for a 4:00 service. The service lasts less than an hour.

- Most of the music is TTB. We have been lucky in the past in balancing parts.
- There is only one rehearsal -- the 2:30 call -- with the entire group. Therefore, I cannot overemphasize that the singers **MUST** know the music **BEFORE** October 18. We don't have time to teach the music on the date it is being sung. We are looking for good sight readers. (Who isn't?!)
- The psalm is in Anglican chant. IT IS BEST IF YOU ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH ANGLICAN CHANT, but if you are able to come to a couple of the rehearsals, you should be able to pick it up. It's not a deal-breaker.
- All the music is available in PDF format. We will have **some** sound files (part tracks) available as well. This makes the music a LOT easier to learn ahead of time. And I'm into e-mail.
- **Those who are close enough to Monrovia are encouraged to join the choir for Sunday afternoon rehearsals (October 4 and 11) from 12:30-1:15.** If distance is a problem, and there are a few of you in the same area, perhaps we can also rehearse at another time and location.
- We have a facilities limit of 24 for this choir, and we would like to include as many parishes as we can. We are currently not masked, but we have no problem with people who wish to wear them, and I have extra singers' masks in black.

In addition to the anthem, Dawson's *There Is a Balm in Gilead*, (a crowd-pleaser), we will also be singing the two canticles, the psalm, two hymns, and my TTB *Preces and Responses* and TTB *Phos Hilaron*.

The men who have sung this service before are looking forward to being able to do it again. I am looking forward to hearing from a few more of you. Thanks.

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