

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Except during Communion, please remain masked throughout the service.
Singing is discouraged, but humming/speaking lyrics is allowed.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant

Dear people of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ who has come to us in humility, is known to us in prayer and the breaking of bread, and will come again in great glory. On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of **PEACE**. This candle reminds us that we find true peace in God as the one who envisions a world where the wolf will live with the lamb and the calf and the lion will play together. Let us rest in the peace and expectation of Jesus.

Celebrant and People say together

Let us, with hope, sing our songs of expectation as we await the arrival of our Lord.



OPENING HYMN #65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Please stand as you are able.



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People say together

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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant continues

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 TRISAGION

Repeat three times.

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People *Have mercy upon us.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LESSON

Please be seated.

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹“Comfort, O comfort my people,”

says your God.

²“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD’s hand
double for all her sins.”

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

GOSPEL

Please stand as you are able.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

SERMON THE REVEREND JOHN CAMPBELL, CURATE

Please be seated.

THE NICENE CREED

Reader Please stand as you are able as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

Please stand as you are able.

All say together

*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 man.
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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Grant grace and peace to all clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; and Justin, Jim, and John, our clergy; that they may continue in the way of love. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially those in positions of leadership; Donald our President, Joe, our presumptive President-Elect, Greg our Governor, and our local city and county officials; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those for whom prayers have been requested through our St. Luke's prayer list, those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Maggie Straub, friend of Phyllis Day. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Please greet one another in a socially distant way.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

*Please stand if you are celebrating a wedding anniversary.
Celebrant and People say together*

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 these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven 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.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

*Please stand if you are celebrating a birthday.
Celebrant and People say together*

Watch over your children, 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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offering plates will be passed by Ushers.

We are grateful for your tax-deductible contributions, which enable us to continue our work.

Click [here](#) to give on-line; or text a dollar amount followed by the word “pledge” to 833-948-2161; or mail a check to: St. Luke’s on the Lake Episcopal Church | 5600 RR 620 N | Austin, TX 78732

OFFERTORY SONG *Mighty to Save*

Ev’ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev’ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev’rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus:

Saviour He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Chorus [sing once]

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Jesus*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King*

Chorus [sing twice]

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are able.

The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING [EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B]

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Celebrant and People say together

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say together

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People say together

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.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized people of any age or denomination are invited to take Holy Communion.

† *Please remain seated and masked. The Celebrant will bring the consecrated host to you.*

† *Once the Celebrant has served each person on your row, you may lower your mask and partake.*

† *If you need a gluten-free wafer, signify that to the Celebrant by cupping your hands.*

† *If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Christ has no hands, no feet on earth but yours, and yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours the hands with which he blesses the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN #67 *Comfort, comfort, ye my people*

Please stand as you are able.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - crt
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

DISMISSAL

**Celebrant
People**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please exit through the door nearest your section while observing social distancing
to avoid gathering inside the building.*

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher: *The Reverend John Campbell, Curate* | Celebrant: *The Reverend Jim Cook, Assisting Priest*

Altar Guild: *Team 4 Y-Ming Harrison & Bonnie Conner* | Floral Guild: *Debbie Wheeler*

Greeters/Ushers: *James Man, Sue DeVos, John Frazzell* | Vestry: *Grant Cranford*

Choral Vocalists: *Deborah Harvill-Ash & Larry Ash, Peggie & Jon Klema, Jeanne & Don Grantham* | Organ: *David Thoresen*

Lighthouse Band: *Clarissa Chui, Glen Meloy, Kevin Phillips, Susan Rollins, Roy Wheeler*

Worship Support: *Kelsey Cooper, LoriAnn Lavallee, Barbara Frazzell, Anne Morley, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell*

Altar arrangements are given to the glory of God by Dan O-Neil in honor of Deborah's 12/8 and Sean's 12/9 birthdays.

OTHER LESSONS APPOINTED FOR THIS DAY

2 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear
him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Contact office@stlukesonthelake.org to add yourself or a loved one to this list.

Names remain on this list for four weeks unless otherwise requested.

Names of those who have died are read during Prayers of the People for two weeks.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially:

These Members and Loved Ones Serving Our Country: Amos, Brian, Christine F., Christine M., Christopher, Isabelle, Jacob, Jason, Mark, Marshall, Phillip, Raymond, Russell, Scott, Travis, Weston.

These Members and Loved Ones Who Are COVID-19 Heroes: Anna, April, Aurelia, Bethany, Beau, Brenda, Brett, Christine, Daryl, Dennis, Dustin, Elizabeth, Jason, Jenny, Jim, Laura, Lucia, Michelle, Niki, Noël, Pito, Rick & Wendy, Riley, Ryan, Sherry, Sterling, Tamara.

Those Whose Needs Have Been Made Known to Us: Becky, Beverly, Breese, Caitlin, Carol, Carol & Ross, Cathy, Chris G., Chris M., Christy and David, Corinne, Craig, Dana, Deborah, Donnie, Eleanor, Elle & Jared, George, Hester, Joan, JoAnne, John F., John H., John & Suzy, Karen, Kay, Julia & Jack, Kristi, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Mary Alice, Nelle, Pat, Rachel, Russ, the Family of Lauren Hinton Kirk, the Clement Family, the Labit Family, the Roberts Family, the Watson Family, the Yawn Family.

Those Who Have Died: Maggie Straub, friend of Phyllis Day.

All St. Luke's Ministry and Mission Partners, including our St. Luke's workers in the field: K & K & children, V.B..

The Staff of Dell Children's Hospital, especially those serving patients in PICU, Mental Health, and 3-Central.

Welcome Home!

We are so glad you joined us for worship today, whether in-person or on-line, and we invite you to take part in all that St. Luke's on the Lake has to offer. We are a diverse gathering of Christians, dedicated to *being a community in Christ and Christ to the world*. We believe that being a Christian is a life-long journey. Together, we seek to grow our faith and strengthen our discipleship. Visit our website at www.stlukesonthelake.org for more information about everything we offer here. We look forward to meeting you wherever you are on your faith journey!

God Bless,
Justin +
Rector

In-Person Worship: What to Expect

- Wear your face covering/mask except during Communion as directed [extras available in the Narthex/Lobby]
- Use hand sanitizer upon entry
- Pick up a Worship Bulletin from a Greeter or from the table near the door
- Use the COVID-19 Screening Checklist [below] to screen yourself
- Check in at the next open check-in station
- Review the In-Person Worship Guidelines [below]
- Be seated by an usher in a socially-distanced configuration in designated pews
- Remain in your seats to receive Communion
- Exit through the door nearest your section to observe social distancing

COVID-19 Screening Checklist

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms/indicators of possible COVID-19 infection?

ONE of these:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Within the past 48 hours, exposure within six feet for more than 15 minutes to someone who has a confirmed/suspected case or symptoms of COVID-19

OR at least **TWO** of these:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chills | <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated shaking w/chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headache | |

If yes, please refrain from attending worship and seek appropriate medical attention.

In-Person Worship Guidelines

While participating in worship, please support our efforts to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by:

- using hand sanitizer upon building entry and washing/sanitizing hands frequently thereafter
- wearing face coverings/masks at all times except as instructed during Communion
- maintaining six-foot social distancing
- covering coughs
- refraining from singing
- using the bathroom for emergencies only [located in the Cry Room near the elevator]
- checking in to confirm/provide contact information for contact tracing in case of potential exposure
- notifying St. Luke's on the Lake immediately if:
 - you learn that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to the service
 - you experience symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days after attending the service
 - email nphillips@stlukesonthelake.org; your identity will be held in confidence
- acknowledging that despite our best efforts to provide a COVID-19-free environment, exposure is still a risk