

WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT II The Liturgy of the Word Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 | 10:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed the Lord who forgives all our sins;PeopleHis 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.CelebrantHoly God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,PeopleHave 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 41:13-20

¹³ For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand;

it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

¹⁴ Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you insect Israel!

- I will help you, says the LORD; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.
- ¹⁵ Now, I will make of you a threshing-sledge, sharp, new, and having teeth;

you shall thresh the mountains and crush them, and you shall make the hills like chaff.

¹⁶ You shall winnow them and the wind shall carry them away,

and the tempest shall scatter them.

Then you shall rejoice in the LORD;

in the Holy One of Israel you shall glory.

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

¹⁷ When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue is parched with thirst, I the LORD will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
¹⁸ I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.
¹⁹ I will put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, the myrtle, and the olive;
I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane and the pine together,

²⁰ so that all may see and know, all may consider and understand, that the hand of the LORD has done this,

the Holy One of Israel has created it.

Gospel

Please stand as you are able.

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON THE REVEREND JIM COOK, ASSISTING PRIEST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- ReaderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.
- **Reader** Let us pray.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially those suffering from COVID-19, those caring for them, and those working on treatments. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those on the prayer list of our parish, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially victims of Gulf Coast hurricanes and Western wildfires. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Kay Prothro, aunt of Barbara Frazell; Russ Peterson, friend of Deborah O'Neil; and Maggie Straub, friend of Phyllis Day. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

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OFFERTORY SONG

DOXOLOGY

The gifts are presented and placed on the Altar.

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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Celebrant and People say together

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Jim Cook, Assisting Priest | Reader: Nancy Phillips | Technology Support: Brad Powell

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Contact <u>office@stlukesonthelake.org</u> 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: Allen, 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, 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: Kay Prothro, aunt of Barbara Frazell; Russ Peterson, friend of Deborah O'Neil; 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.