

ADVENT 2020: JOIN THE JOURNEY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: CATCH THE SURPRISE

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2020 | 9:00 AM

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 fourth Sunday in the Season of Advent, we light the candle of **LOVE**. This candle reminds us of the light that is Jesus Christ who guides us on the way of love. Let us open our eyes to a new way of loving God and each other.

Celebrant and People say together

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





OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless 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,

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant continues

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Samuel.

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

SERMON THE REVEREND JOHN CAMPBELL, CURATE

THE NICENE CREED

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

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

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

Hear our prayer. People

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 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 Kay Prothro, aunt of Barbara Frazell; Eleanor Ridlehuber, mother of Mark Ridlehuber; Russ Peterson, friend of Deborah O'Neil; and 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

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

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.

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

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OFFERTORY SONG Mary Did You Know

Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Would calm
a storm with His hand
Did you know
That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God
Oh Mary did you know

(Interlude) Ooh Mary did you know ooh ooh

(Bridge)
The blind will see
The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap
The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Oh Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know
That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations

Did you know
That your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am
Oh Mary oh

Doxology

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]

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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

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.

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.*

Please stand as you are able.



DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher: The Reverend John Campbell, Curate | Celebrant: The Reverend Jim Cook, Assisting Priest Reader: Kelsey Cooper | Altar Guild: Janet Wood | Floral Guild: Phyllis Day

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, Lori Ann Lavallee, Barbara Frazell, Anne Morley, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell

OTHER LESSONS APPOINTED FOR THIS DAY

Romans 16:25-27

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Canticle 3: The Song of Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, * and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *

as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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: 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, Karen K., 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; Eleanor Ridlehuber, mother of Mark Ridlehuber; 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.

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?		
O	NE 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	
OI	R at least TWO of these:	
	Fever	☐ Sore throat
	Chills	☐ New loss of taste or smell
	Repeated shaking w/chills	□ Vomiting
	Muscle pain	☐ Diarrhea
	Headache	
	If yes, please refrain from attending worship and	d seek appropriate medical attention.
	In-Person Worship	Guidelines
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acknowledging that despite our best efforts to provide a COVID-19-free environment, exposure is still a risk