

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT & HOLY COMMUNION FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2021 | 4:00 PM St. Luke's on the Lake Episcopal Church | Austin, Texas

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Parents will be invited to take photographs before the Homily. Children will return to their parents after the Homily.

PROCESSIONAL *HYMNAL #83 O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL V 1, 3 Please stand as you are comfortable.*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest;

> O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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. *Amen*.

HYMN OF PRAISE HYMNAL #96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 1-2

Angels we have heard on high,	Shepherds, why this jubilee?
singing sweetly through the night,	Why these songs of happy cheer?
and the mountains in reply	What great brightness did you see?
echoing their brave delight.	What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

THE FIRST LESSON

Please remain seated through the Pageant.

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

HYMNAL #96 ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 3

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMNAL #115 WHAT CHILD IS THIS V1

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

HYMNAL #87 HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING V 1, 2

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

THE FOURTH LESSON Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMNAL #101 AWAY IN A MANGER V 1, 2

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

HOMILY THE REV. JUSTIN YAWN, RECTOR

THE KIDS' CHURCH CREED

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Leader Please join me in affirming our faith in the words of our Kids' Church Creed. *All say together*

I believe God the Father is the Creator. Jesus is God, my Savior.

The Holy Spirit is God, my Guide and Comforter. I believe all three are equal and each play a part. They help me to love and give me a brand-new start.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please remain standing or kneel as you are comfortable. In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. Leader

God of love, gather all people as one human family. *Silence* Guide our community, our country, and the world. *Silence* Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth. *Silence* Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble. *Silence* May all who have died rest in peace. *Silence*

For what else shall we pray? Silence

Celebrant

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

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

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.
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OFFERTORY ANTHEM OHOLY NIGHT V1

O holy night, The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices! Oh night divine, O night when Christ was born! Oh night divine, Oh night divine!

DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are comfortable as 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]

Please remain standing as you are comfortable.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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 or sing together

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable.

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

CelebrantChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

- *†* The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion.
- + You may also take consecrated wine by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.
- + If you need a gluten-free wafer, let the priest know by cupping your hands.
- **†** To receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMNS [FOUND IN RED HYMNAL] #79, #99, #89, #107, #81

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.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BLESSING Celebrant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

RECESSIONAL *HYMNAL #100 JOY TO THE WORLD V 1, 2, & 4*

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantAlleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Justin Yawn, Rector Readers: Stephen Anton, Claire Cussimanio, Kaitlyn Propes, Elizabeth Propes Acolytes: Claire & Paige Cussimanio | Chalice Bearers: Barbara Frazell, Patti Peacock Ushers: John Frazell, Christy Diver, Kirk Lavallee, Michael Affleck Altar Guild: All Teams | Floral Guild: Debbie Wheeler Keyboards: Roy Wheeler | Vocals: Lynne Gillespey Worship Support: Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell, Kym Hall, LoriAnn Lavallee, Jacob Leal, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell

Welcome to St. Luke's on the Lake!

We are glad you joined us for worship today, and we invite you to take part in all that St. Luke's has to offer. We are a diverse gathering of Christians, dedicated to *sharing the Joy of Jesus by 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, by, first, *walking The Way of Love.*

Please take a moment to fill out one of our Connection Cards on-line or in person, so that we may share next steps during one of our boutique welcoming events. Finally, thank you for being a part of our community together and allowing us to see God in a new way through you.

Visit our website at <u>www.stlukesonthelake.org</u> for more information about who we are and what we do. We look forward to meeting you wherever you are on your faith journey.

God Bless, Justin + Rector, St. Luke's on the Lake

Christmas Poinsettias on the Altar are given to the glory of God by:

Joan Brown in loving memory of Bill Brown Phil Brownfield in thanksgiving Judy Burns as a hearty tribute to all the people at St. Luke's who make our church special in every way Lou Ann Carlson in memory of our parents, Leroy and Janette Carlson and Paul and Martha Sahs; and sister, Jenny Sahs Jenn Crane in remembrance of the beautiful souls of Roger J. Lucas and Martha Schwab Crane: parents and grandparents who are never far from our hearts Mary Jo Culver Phyllis Day in thanksgiving for the blessing of family and friends Jack & Cynthia Gerlach in memory of Jeannine DuPont & MariAnne Costlow & Joel Gerlach; we love you all; rest in peace The Harrison Family as a thank you to the entire St. Luke's Church Staff - we appreciate you and are very grateful to you for everything that you do!! Peggie Klema in memory of my Uncle Sam Peggie & Jon Klema in thanksgiving for my family and my St. Luke's family Mary Anne Lachowsky in loving memory of Bobby Sue Lachowsky and Sam Buchanan Laurie Mahaffey in gratitude for many blessings, especially our children & grandchildren Sherry Martin in honor of our son, Wynn, and our parents Amanda Masterson & David Ingold in loving memory of our parents, Bill and Vetta Masterson and Jane and "Buddy" Ingold Kelly McBride in loving memory of Warren and Wauneta McBride Eva Miles in loving memory of John C. Miles and John C. Miles, Jr. Pete & Betty Paul in thanksgiving for family and friends Jim & Deborah Smith in memory of our parents and with thanksgiving for our families Jan Sternenberg & Family in tribute to Fred Sternenberg with love and all good memories Robin Thomas in loving memory of Wiley and Mary Ann Thomas and Bob and Edie Odom Marilyn Zwicker in loving memory of Betty and Edgar Zwicker