



CHRISTMAS EVE

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PAGEANT & HOLY COMMUNION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 2022 | 4:00 PM

Liturgy is from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer [BCP] of the Episcopal Church [blue book]

Hymns are from the 1982 Hymnal [H] [red book]

Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV] of the Holy Bible [black book]

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL *O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL V 1, 3*

H 830

*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;*

*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.*

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And 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 *ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 1-2*

H 96

*Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see?
What glad tidings did you hear?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

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.*

Please be seated for the Christmas Pageant.

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please remain seated through the Pageant.

All are invited to join in singing.

Parents will be invited to take photographs before the Homily.

Children will return to their parents after the Homily.

THE FIRST LESSON: 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.

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH V 3

H 96

*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.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS V 1

H 115

*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!"

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING V 1, 2

H 87

*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.

AWAY IN A MANGER V 1, 2

H 101

*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.*

Parents are now invited to take photographs.

HOMILY

THE REV. ANN MCLEMORE, INTERIM RECTOR

Children may now join their parents.

THE KIDS' CHURCH CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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 [Kids' Church Version]

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

The Reader leads the prayer; the People respond as indicated in bold italics.

God of love, gather all people as one human family.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Guide our community, our country, and the world.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Help us to be kind to all people, creatures, and the earth.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Be with all people who are sad, in need, or any trouble.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

May all who have died rest in peace.

Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

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 you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

† *All people of any age who are baptized as Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

† *If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please signal the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

† *The consecrated host [blessed wafer] represents full Communion if you prefer not to take wine.*

† *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

† *You may take consecrated wine by sipping from the chalice, or by intinction [dipping] of your wafer.*

† *Communion will be distributed via "Standing Stations;" the congregation will form two lines traveling up the center aisle to the altar to receive a host from the Priest/Paten Bearer, then continue to the nearest Chalice Bearer to receive wine if desired. Ushers will help direct you.*

OFFERTORY

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

BCP 376

OFFERTORY ANTHEM O HOLY NIGHT V I

*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 able 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

BCP 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

BCP 377

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

BCP 367

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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant

Please kneel or sit 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,

BCP 364

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.

THE 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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 *JOY TO THE WORLD V 1, 2, & 4*

H 100

Please stand as you are able.

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

Celebrant

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Poinsettias on the altar are given to the glory of God by:

- † Amanda Masterson and David Ingold with gratitude for our family and friends
 - † Joan Brown for blessings received
 - † Phil Brownfield in celebration of the Season
 - † Maria Cavins in loving memory of Richard Goulet
 - † Bonnie Conner in memory of John Conner
 - † Jan Duggan in honor of Mary Duggan
 - † Cheryl Earp in memory of my parents, Eve and Al Fricke
- † Gary Franklin with thanksgiving for a blessed year with family, friends, and St. Luke's
 - † Jeanne and Donald Grantham in memory of Susan Russell and Bill Shackelford
 - † Peggie and Jon Klema with thanksgiving for all our wonderful family and friends
- † Thomas Lachowsky in loving memory of Bobbie and Louis Lachowsky, Mary Collom Fore, and Samuel Buchanan
 - † The Lavalley Family with thanksgiving for our St. Luke's community:
good health, good times, and good memories
- † Laurie and Mike Mahaffey in gratitude for many blessings and in memory of our parents and grandparents
- † Sherry and Perry Martin in grateful memory of our parents Wynn and Gerry Thomas and Perry and Oralee Martin,
and our son Wynn
 - † Kelly McBride in memory of Warren and Wauneta McBride
 - † Ann McLemore in memory of Mary Hutton and Charles McLemore
 - † Eva Miles in loving memory of John C. Miles and John C. Miles, Jr.
- † Greg Moore with gratitude to Kathleen Cavanagh Moore for 50 wonderful years
 - † Anne and David Morley in loving memory of John and Sally Morley
- † Carlisle Pearson in thanksgiving for my family and in loving memory of Annabel, CJ, Larry, and Buck
 - † Sarah Sheads in memory of Hal Sheads
- † Deborah Smith with thanksgiving to God for our families and in loving memory of our parents
 - † Jan Sternenberg with fondest memories of Fred Sternenberg
- † Robin Thomas in memory of Wiley and Mary Ann Thomas and Bob and Edie Odom
 - † Mary Weber in loving memory of Harlan Scherer

WELCOME!

ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: *A COMMUNITY IN CHRIST AND CHRIST TO THE WORLD*

Welcome to St. Luke's! Whether you are joining us today for the first time, or have journeyed with us for years, we pray that you will connect with God in new and powerful ways in our community. Let us open our hearts together to a deeper relationship with a God who loves us and longs to be in relationship with us, and longs for us to be in relationship with one another.

Are You New?

- † **About You** Please help us connect with you by filling out a *Connection Card* [found in the pew racks/in the Lobby/from the ushers/on-line via this QR code here/on the front page of our website. We will follow up with you however you prefer.
- † **About Our Worship** Our worship style is interactive. We use the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer [BCP]* as our guide. You will see people sitting, standing, or kneeling depending on whether we are listening, singing, or praying. You will hear people responding during the service as prompted. Please do whatever feels comfortable.
- † **About Our Scriptures** We use the New Revised Standard Version [NRSV] translation of the Holy Bible.
- † **About Communion** Anyone baptized as a Christian is welcome to take Holy Communion.
- † **Restrooms** are located upstairs through the "Cry Room" or downstairs by the staircase.
- † **Questions?** Please ask anyone near you for guidance.



Especially For Children

- † *Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.*
- † **Infant-Age 5** are invited to our professionally staffed childcare area on the lower level.

WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: *The Reverend Ann McLemore, Interim Rector*

Acolyte: *Jackson Diver* | Chalice Bearers: *Bleckley Dobbs, Patti Peacock* | Paten Bearer: *Sue DeVos*

Readers: *Zoey Coyle, Sadeigh Sosa* | Ushers: *John Frazell, Christy Diver, Michael Affleck, David Bonner*

Altar Guild: *All Teams* | Floral Guild: *Debbie Wheeler, Phyllis Day, Sue DeVos, Carol Ferree*

Keyboards: *Roy Wheeler* | Vocals: *Lynne Gillespey* | Worship Support: *Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell, Kym Hall, LoriAnn Lavalley, Jacob Leal, Robin Miner, Nancy Phillips, Brad Powell*

KEY DATES/ FEATURED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us in January 2023 to meet God, love God, and love and serve one another at St. Luke's on the Lake!

- **Sunday, January 1st:** Holy Eucharist 10:15 AM
- **Sunday, January 8th:** Holy Eucharist 8:00 and 10:15 AM | Sunday School All Ages 9:00 AM

ST. LUKE'S PARISH PROFILE: INPUT REQUESTED The Parish Profile is the document that potential new rectors will use to discern whether they may be called to serve at St. Luke's. The Parish Profile Committee wishes to include the perspectives of as many parishioners as possible. If you have not participated in a feedback session, OR you have more to share, please visit our website to find the on-line feedback form link. For a paper form, please contact the office. *Input is due by January 1st, 2023.*

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