

# CHRISTMAS EVE

# ST. LUKE'S ON THE LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 | 8:00 PM

#### THE WORD OF GOD

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]

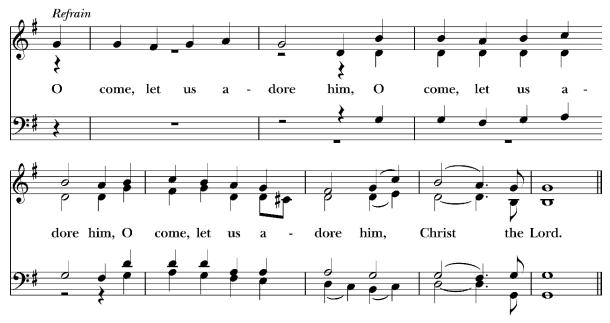
#### WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

Please stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES) V 1-3, 6

H83





6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

# **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Please remain standing.

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY

#### 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*.

## THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

#### Please be seated.

## THE LESSONS

## The Old Testament Reading

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

#### Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darknesson them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>For the voke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### THE PSALM

**Reader** Please join me in reading today's Psalm responsively by whole verse. The Reader leads the Psalm; the People respond as indicated by bold italics.

#### Psalm 96

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; \*

sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \*

and his wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*

he is more to be feared than all gods.

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*

but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*
when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

## The New Testament Reading

**Reader** A Reading from the Letter to Titus.

#### Titus 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup>The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, <sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING



THE GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 2:1-20

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Please be seated.

THE SERMON

THE REVEREND ANN MCLEMORE, INTERIM RECTOR

## Please stand as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED BCP 355

**Reader** Please join me in affirming 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.

## Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this holy night in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Let us pray for the Church around the world as it celebrates the birth of Christ. Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and respecting the dignity of every human being, we may celebrate the light of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone this night. Embrace with your tender care all who wander alone or have no place to lay their head, they may experience the hope of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are anxious, depressed, or ill. Draw near to those who find this season a source of pain or grief, and to all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our own hearts... that they may feel the comfort of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for parents, families, and newborn infants. Strengthen families in the bonds of love and commitment, that they may delight in the joy of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for ourselves and for the blessings of Christmas. Open our hearts to your presence, that we may be transformed by the new birth of this holy night.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed who have been bearers of the Word made flesh. Give us grace to follow your holy ones in lives of faith and commitment, that we may join with the hosts of heaven in singing the praises of this holy night.

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 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.1

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,

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

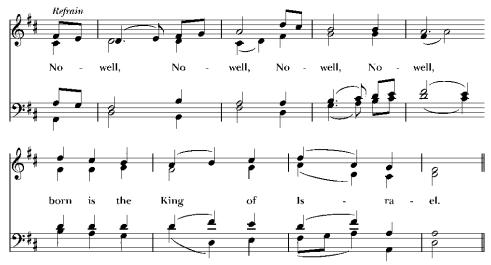
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION HYMN THE FIRST NOWELL

H 109





6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

# 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.

Candlelight for the Kneeling Hymn will be started by ushers and worship ministers and passed through the congregation. To light your candle, turn it horizontally to light the flame from another candle.

Once your candle is lit, please hold it upright.

Please kneel as you are able.

KNEELING HYMN SILENT NIGHT

H111

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## 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.* 

## Please stand as you are able.

## RECESSIONAL JOY TO THE WORLD V. 1, 2, AND 4

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THE DISMISSAL

**Celebrant** 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
- t 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 Lavallee 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
    - t Deborah Smith with thanksgiving to God for our families and in loving memory of our parents
      - † Jan Sternenberg with fondest memories of Fred Sternenberg
      - t 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/ via the QR code/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.
- † Restrooms are located upstairs through the "Cry Room" or on the lower level, accessible via elevator or stairs.
- † Questions? Please ask anyone near you for guidance.

# Especially For Children

† Children of all ages are always welcome in our service.

## WORSHIP MINISTERS

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Ann McLemore, Interim Rector
Acolytes: Ryan Perkins, Avery Yates | Chalice Bearers: Karen Cannon, Kym Hall | Paten Bearer: Dan O-Neil
Reader: Karen Cannon | Ushers: John Frazell, Maria and Craig Cavins, Brian Hall, David Morley, Scott Stevens
Altar Guild: All Teams | Floral Guild: Debbie Wheeler, Phyllis Day, Sue DeVos, Carol Ferree | Vestry: Darren Grissom
Choir Director: Don Grantham | Organist: Stephen McElroy
Worship Support: Michael Balli, Barbara Frazell, Kym Hall,
LoriAnn Lavallee, 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 1<sup>st</sup>: Holy Eucharist with Organ 10:15 AM

O Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>: 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.

For up-to-date information about St. Luke's, register to receive our e-news or visit <u>www.stlukesonthelake.org</u>.

Need help? Contact the office at <u>512.266.2455</u>/office@stlukesonthelake.org.

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