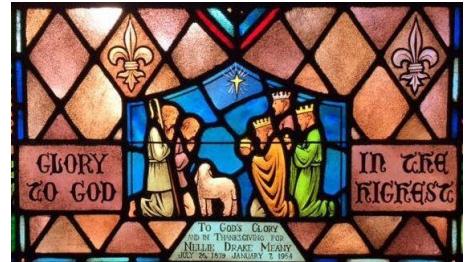




# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Simple Communion Service 5th Sunday after the Epiphany February 7, 2021

We are so glad you are celebrating virtually with us the 5th Sunday after Epiphany! Guests, friends, and family, please take the time to introduce yourself to us and to let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family, by contacting us at [info@slecp.org](mailto:info@slecp.org).



### Prelude

### The Word of God

#### Opening Hymn 529 vs. 1 In Christ there is no East or West

*Unison or harmony*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed is God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

### Collect for Purity

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.*

### Glory to God

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup>*The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.*

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>*He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.*

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>*The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.*

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup>*He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;*

<sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>*He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.*

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse; he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup>*But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favor.*

<sup>21</sup>Hallelujah!

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

## The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 423 vs. 1 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

## The Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark ✕ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>29</sup>After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there

he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup>He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson

The Nicene Creed

*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.*

The Prayers of the People

Form IV

The Deacon: 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. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. God of love and mercy, **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. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, comfort and heal those in our prayer lists and those we name now silently or aloud (silence...) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Send your blessings upon Susan, Win, Doug, Emma, Sue, Tom, Renee, Joan, Tom, Becky & Zibbie for their birthdays, and upon Tom & Bernie, Ned & Sharon, Carl & Denise, and Ron & Laura for their anniversaries, that they may experience your loving presence in their lives. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (...) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant:* Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

### **The Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

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 Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***And also with you.***

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

***O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### **Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Sentence** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Eucharistic Prayer A

Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

### **Sanctus**

***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.***

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Mary, Joseph, Luke and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia.***

### **The Communion**

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.

*The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:*

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*** (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

### **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that***

*we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Epiphany Season Blessing

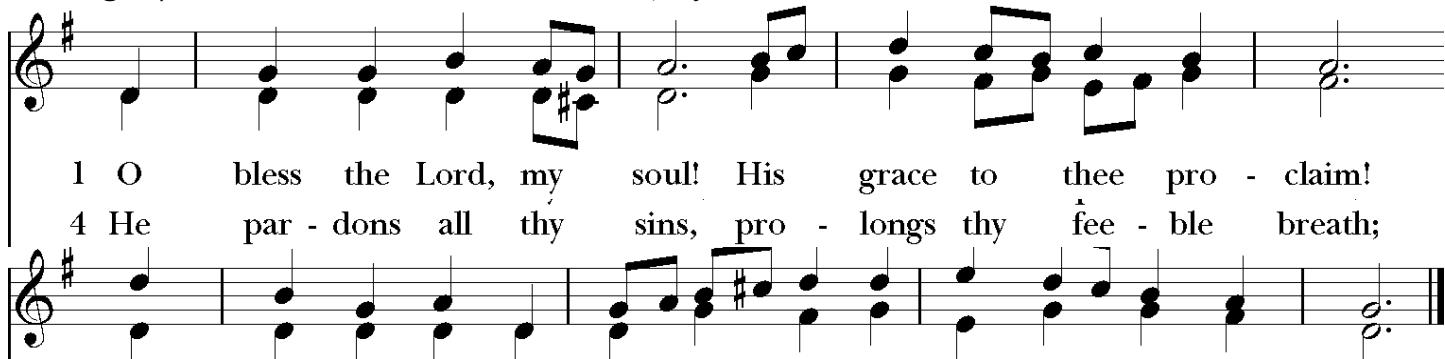
May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### Closing Hymn 411 vs. 1 & 4 *O bless the Lord, my soul*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
  
1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

### Special Dates this Week

#### **Birthdays:**

February 7: Susan Bray-Anderson, Win Gee

February 8: Doug Ogburn

February 9: Emma Parknowitz

February 10: Sue Boyce, Tom Restifo, Renee McKnight, Joan Hedger

February 11: Tom Fuentes

February 13: Becky Hansen, Zibbie Wolter

#### **Anniversaries:**

February 8: Tom & Bernie Bobak

February 9: Ned & Sharon Welker, Carl & Denise DeKemper

February 12: Ron & Laura James

### **For Those in Need We Pray:**

#### **February Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers**

For a Covid-19 vaccine that will put an end to this virus and for all those people affected by this pandemic. Brandon & Nikki Reynolds; Carol Glover; Etta Parson; Gary & Peggy Cole; Mark Tuttle;

Sara Williman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Joan Hedger; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Jeanne Miller; Tim Salem, Jack Ehlers, Ed Ausmus, Riley Faith, Christina England, Greg & Mary Bowers, Gary Delisle; Jim & Jan Casacchia; Jamie Ruffner (Jan's nephew); Bill Christy; Family & Friends of Cal Morrison; Deacon Kimball at the loss of her brother Peter; Larry Neece recovering at home; Dave & Nancy Carmichael's daughter, JoAnn who has been hospitalized with Covid, Deborah and the Delmastro family, Karen Kensing

**For those in our Armed Forces:** Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Burundi

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

**In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer:** Prescott Area Shelter Services, Stagger Straight Emergency Shelter, St. Luke's Food Pantry

*We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention*