



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Simple Communion Service Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2020



We are so glad you are virtually celebrating with us the Third Sunday of Advent!
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.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Pauline Buisson, Soprano

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. 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.**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. (...) ⁸For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a

garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary Said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

⁴⁷*my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;*

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

⁴⁹*the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.*

⁵⁰He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

⁵¹*He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.*

⁵²He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

⁵³*He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.*

⁵⁴He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

⁵⁵*The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.*

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 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

The Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Holy Gospel of our Jesus Christ according to John ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. (...) ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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.

Prayers of the People

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Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world; *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation; *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; *For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop and for all bishops and other ministers; *For all who serve God in his Church.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birthdays of Julien, Etta, Linda, Dick, Joan Angela, Beth and Margaret and for the anniversaries of Francois & Deborah, and Ron & Ruth, we pray to you, O Lord. *That they may experience your loving presence.*

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Doris Smith, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Silence Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of you Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: 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 Anthem

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Choir at St Luke's

The Great Thanksgiving *Prayer B*

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

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 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:

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.

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, *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

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 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.**

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.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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

Let us pray.

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.

The Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Have a wonderful and safe week.

Altar Flowers Donation: Leanne Bryan In thankfulness for family and friends

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays

December 12: Julien Rodriguez (Sophie's Brother)

December 13: Etta Parson

December 14: Linda King

December 16: Dick Crowther, Joan Lane

December 17: Angela Russ

December 18: Beth Newton, Margaret Towne

Anniversaries

December 17: Francois & Deborah Pendleton Maurice

December 18: Ron & Ruth Baker

For those in need we pray

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.; Alicia; Alex; Alexa; Sharon, Dave & Nancy C.; Larie & Wife; Carol; Darrell C.; Dominica Coppola & Marty Dane; Max J.; Carol Glover; Gil & Cheri Lattimer's mother & Good Samaritan Staff; Cathy Hoaglund; Gary & Kathy MacCauley; Robert McCaulley; Jean Messick; Etta Parson Gary & Peggy Cole; Ileen Szelka; Mark Tuttle; Patty; Ron Miller; Kate Carroll; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Glenn J.; Joan Hedger; Erni Frazier; Ruth Visclo, Vicki Casacchia; Ian Snider; Jerri Wheeler; Joe & Linda, Glen Gregor; Jim Casacchia; Scott Menke; Jeff Bernatz; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Yoland Jr; Steve; Glenn Johnson; Adria Tropel; Kyle Forslund; Thurlow; Karla Kash; Kelly; Aubrey Schultz, Max Mabrey, Jeanne Miller; Kira Williman; Pauline; Gary DeLisle; Tim Salem, Marcia Reinhart's Family, Mary Temme & family, Charles Tibbets' Family, Bill & Joan Preston as they mourn the loss of Joan's brother and their good friend Doris Smith; Patti Bain's son Eric who has Covid

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Falkland Islands

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints Church and Day School

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's Blood Drive, Angel Tree

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

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 56th Diocesan Convention