

# *Come As You Are* Eucharist

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

5:00 PM



Saint Luke's Parish  
Darien, Connecticut

## Welcome!

Whoever you are and wherever you may be on your spiritual journey, we are so glad you have joined us for worship. May you know the presence of the living God who welcomes you here. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this leaflet. Ushers are available to answer any questions or direct you as needed. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete and return a welcome card so we can be in touch. May God bless you now and always.

## About Today's Service

On the Sundays after the Epiphany, the liturgy continues to reveal ways in which Jesus was shown forth to be the Messiah in his ministry. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus calls his first disciples, at least two of whom he had met earlier. Taking them from their work as fishermen, he calls them to fish for people.

Matthew began his account of Jesus calling his Galilean disciples beside the sea by repeating the vision of Isaiah that salvation for all would begin there beside the sea. Therefore, we have as our first reading that passage from Isaiah.

In today's reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses one of the problems plaguing the church in Corinth: disunity. Here it is the breaking of unity into little cliques each claiming superiority because of who first preached the gospel to them: Paul, or his successor Apollos, or Cephas (Peter), or Christ. Paul appeals to them to overcome their divisions and to be united in Christ.

Jesus' ministry was corporate rather than individual from its beginning. His first act was to gather a community of believers that announced God's plan to the people; united in trust in Jesus. We also are part of that community. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we are shown forth to be the extension of the incarnation of God's Son into our own time and place.

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The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
***Come As You Are Holy Eucharist***

In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayers,  
please observe silence upon entering the church.  
*"Be still and know that I am God." -Psalm 46:10*

Prelude "I Belong"

Rector's Welcome

"Out of the Darkness"

I could live a thousand years  
Never earn a moment of Your grace  
Even in my darkest day  
You shine on me  
You shine on me

*Chorus:*

And out of the darkness  
You brought me into Your glorious light  
Saved from the death I was facing  
Rejoicing in the future, a hope that is mine

The greatest of all gifts  
From the greatest of all givers  
Jesus there upon the cross  
True love displayed for all to see

[Chorus]

And your grace runs after me  
Runs after me  
Everyday of my life  
And your mercies they never fail  
They never fail  
Everyday of my life

[Chorus]

Opening Acclamation & Collect of the Day

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Welcome** to visitors and members alike. Our church's motto is: "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You" and we hope you find this a most hospitable place to worship, to grow, and to be.

The order for our service is from the **Book of Common Prayer**. The order is called the liturgy, which means "work of the people." It is responsive and participatory because your contribution to worship is what truly makes us a worshipping community.

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**The Lectionary:** The choice of readings comes from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings covering the whole Bible that we share with other major Christian denominations.

## The Word of God

### The First Lesson | Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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.

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

### “Healer”

#### *Verse:*

You hold my very moment  
You calm my raging seas  
You walk with me through fire  
And heal all my disease  
I trust in You, I trust in You

#### *Chorus:*

I believe You're my healer  
I believe You are all I need  
I believe You're my portion  
I believe You're more than enough for me  
Jesus You're all I need

[Verse]

[Chorus]

Nothing is impossible for You  
Nothing is impossible  
Nothing is impossible for You  
You hold my world in Your hands  
(x2)

[Chorus]

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## The Gospel | Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

## The Homily

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

### “The Wonderful Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

See from his head, his hands, his feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

*Chorus:*

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here, by grace draw near  
And bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

[Chorus]

There is always a **Gospel** reading and it is proclaimed by the deacon or priest from among the people. The gospel is the story of Jesus Christ among us, but it is also our story, the good news of our faith.

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The prayers of the people are always responsive. They are “of the people” because everyone gives voice to the supplications. It is part of our liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contribution of each person present.

## The Prayers of the People | A New Zealand Prayer Book

In peace, let us pray for ourselves and others.

*Silence may be kept.*

Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission,  
**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.  
**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace,  
**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**  
Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.  
**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others,  
**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.  
**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for Mary, Luke, and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**May their example inspire and encourage us.**  
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently.*

Your Word is a lamp for our feet.  
**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, O God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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.**

*The Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the Apostles. It is both the proper response to the Word, and our expression of reconciliation with one another before we come to the altar to be reconciled with God.

# The Holy Communion

*At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit [www.saintlukesdarien.org/give](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/give) or scan the QR code below with your phone.*

*Thank you for your generosity.*



The **Offertory** is where we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of Thanksgiving, which is what Eucharist means.

## Offertory Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*-Matthew 5:16*

## Offertory Song "For the Sake of the Call"

### The Great Thanksgiving | Enriching Our Worship 2

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 God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

For Episcopalians, the **Eucharist**, rather than the sermon, is the principle act of Christian worship. The Eucharistic prayer always entails a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel.

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*Sung by all.*

Grayson Warren Brown



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever

**AMEN.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The **Lord's Prayer** is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It is a form on which we can model our prayers.



## Invitation to Communion

The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please request one. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## Communion Song      “Unbroken Family”

### Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### The 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.**

### “You’ll Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back, I know You are near

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

*Chorus:*

Oh no, You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

[Chorus]

I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

[Chorus]

The Eucharist, or **Communion**, is reminiscent of the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his death. Now he shares it with us and invites all of us to share symbolically in his life, death, and resurrection, through it. It should remind us that we are Christ's body in our time.

**The Postcommunion Prayer** concludes the Eucharist. In it we always say “thank you” to God for the gift of Christ, the Spirit, and the community of the Church.

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The Dismissal is an important part of the service. Having heard the gospel and been served at the table of Christ, we are sent out into the world to proclaim the good news and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
Preacher	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
Lay Reader	Pat Cage
Intercessor	Jeremy Cage
Chalice Bearers:	Pat Cage, Jeremy Cage
Altar Guild	Tiffany van Elslander
Musicians	Tod Baharian, Guitar, Vocals Tom Barracco, Percussion Tod Hedrick, Bass Anna Jacobson, Vocals Bob Leinbach, Keyboards, Vocals







## About these Prayers

Saint Luke's is a community committed to prayer. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family.

We invite you to add yourself or others to the Saint Luke's prayer list by submitting a prayer request card or notifying the Parish Office at 203-655-1456 or [info@saintlukesdarien.org](mailto:info@saintlukesdarien.org).

## Pastoral Visits

Please notify us if you or a family member is hospitalized and/or in need of a pastoral call or visit. We often have no other way of knowing a visit is needed. Please email a member of the clergy or call the Parish Office.

## Sharing Holy Communion

If illness prevents you or a loved one from joining us for services, a priest or a lay eucharistic visitor can share Holy Communion with you at home or in a health care facility. Please contact the Parish Office.

## Celebrations

If you would like to ask for prayers for the celebrations in your life or in the life of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

## Flowers

The Flower Guild adorns the church with flowers and greens thanks to donations given in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for special occasions. The names are listed in the service bulletins. If you would like to make a gift of flowers, please contact Lynn Biggart at 203-655-3343 or [sevendbiggs@aol.com](mailto:sevendbiggs@aol.com).

## 12 Step Groups

Saint Luke's hosts multiple 12 Step Recovery and Support groups, including AA, AlAnon, Alateen, and Fabulous Women of Wednesday. Call the Parish Office for meeting times, or see our online calendar.

## Prayer List

### For the Church

**In our Anglican cycle of prayer**, we pray for The Church of North India (United).

**In our Diocese**, we pray for Epiphany, Durham; St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; and All Saints', East Hartford. Ministries to, with, and for the deaf.

**In our parish cycle of prayer**, we give thanks for our lay leaders and their ministries.

### Those who have requested our prayers

**For members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble:** Sheila, Charlie, Caroline, Campbell, Rex, Cody, Molly, Darcy, Laura, Tim, Christina, Roz, Lauren, John, Beth, Brittany, Noel, Liz, Jessie, Jim, and Mark.

**In our Outreach cycle of prayer**, we pray for Person2Person, especially its staff, volunteers, and clients.

**We pray for Miranda Wilson**, as she serves with the Young Adult Service Corps in Geneva, Switzerland.

### Those who have died

**All who have died from COVID-19.**

# Saint Luke's Parish

A parish in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut,  
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The Most Rev. Jeff W. Mello, Presiding Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of Connecticut      The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragen

## Rector

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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## Saint Luke's Parish

Grow

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### Our Vision

A world transformed by the love of Jesus Christ  
for all people.

### Our Mission

Living together as disciples of Christ, we seek to:

**Grow personally in faith,**  
*acknowledging our imperfection and need of grace;*

**Build an accepting & transforming community,**  
*extending God's unconditional welcome to all;*

**Work alongside our neighbors,**  
*forming partnerships to serve the world.*

Let it begin with me.

### Our Invitation

**Grow** in love of God.

**Love** your neighbor as yourself.

**Serve** the world in Christ's name.