

The Holy Eucharist

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

10:00 AM



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 today. 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

The liturgy today continues the theme of Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus as the Christ. Therefore, in today's Gospel reading we hear the testimony of John the Baptist to Jesus. John recounts the Holy Spirit's descent at Jesus' baptism and tells his followers that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Two of John's disciples then follow Jesus and one of them, Andrew, brings his brother, Simon Peter.

In the first reading, one of the servant songs of Isaiah, God announces that the servant of God will bring not only the people of Israel into God's household but will be sent to all humankind.

Throughout this Epiphany period, we read from the First Epistle to the Corinthians. This letter of Paul is particularly concerned with the life of the Church as the Body of Christ, for the church is the ongoing manifestation of Christ in the world. The Spirit of God who rested upon Jesus at his baptism dwells in the church and Paul explores the meaning of our membership in Christ's Body.

Each time we gather to celebrate Eucharist, we are reconstituted as the church. We proclaim the story of God's salvation, we pray for the church and the world, and in the Eucharistic feast, God reveals our unity with Jesus in the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion. We are revealed by Word and Sacrament to be the Body of Christ in the world.

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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

Opening Voluntary

Rector’s Welcome

Hymn 7 “Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

Song of Praise *Sung by all.*

The image shows a musical score for a song of praise. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a church service. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath - er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat ed at the right hand of the Fath - er: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you al lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - - men."

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Lesson | Isaiah 49:1-7

Pew Bible, OT p. 526

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away. The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40:1-5,12

Sung by the Choir.

I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Setting: William Roslak (b. 1991)

The Second Lesson | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Pew Bible, NT p.127

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation *Sung by all, standing.*



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**
Cantor Here is the Lamb of God*
who takes away the sin of the world!
People **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel | John 1:29-42

Pew Bible, NT p. 70

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ansley E. Walker

The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing.

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 | New Zealand Prayer Book

Deacon In peace, let us pray for ourselves and others.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

Leader Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace,
People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
People **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

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

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

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

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

Leader We praise you for Mary, Luke, and all your saints who have entered
your eternal glory.
People **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

Leader Your Word is a lamp for our feet.
People **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

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each
other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of
the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on
our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior
Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

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 or scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera.

Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

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 Anthem

Sung by the Choir.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.

Text: *Agnus Dei*, Common Worship translation
Music: Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

Presentation Hymn

Standing, sung by all.

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

In the heavenly country bright,
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down:
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

Text: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)
Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm.
The English Hymnal, 1906

The Great Thanksgiving | Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

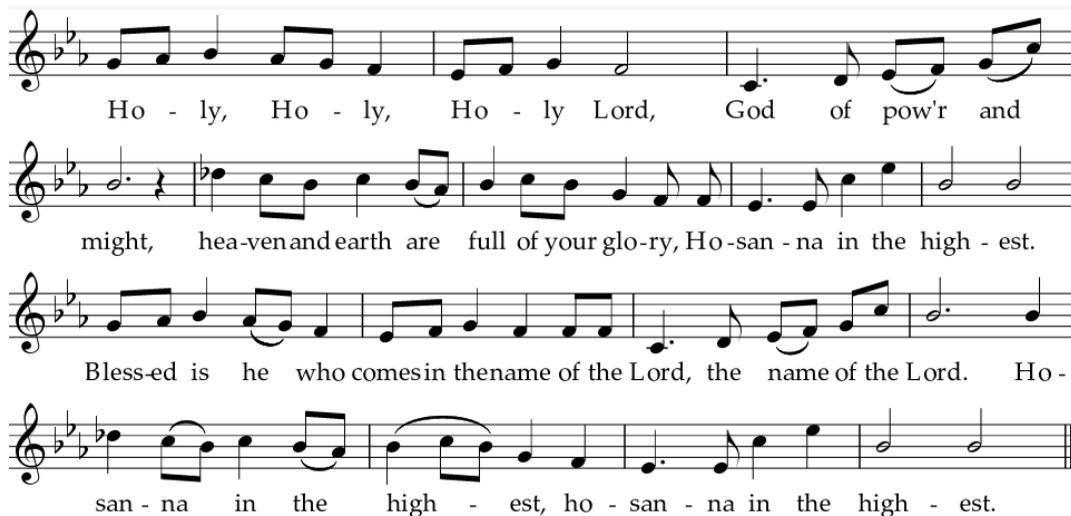
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung by all.*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel 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 and ever
AMEN.

All

Celebrant

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 *Sung by all.*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have
mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world; have mer - cy up - on us
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world;
grant us your peace.

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The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion, regardless of age or denomination. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. 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.

Hymn 325 “Let us break bread together”

Let Us Break Bread

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant
People

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 Epiphany Blessing

Celebrant

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.**

Hymn 599 “Lift every voice and sing”

Lift Every Voice

The Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

Closing Voluntary

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Lucille Dressler from her family.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim
Preacher	The Rev. Ansley E. Walker
Children's Chapel	Misty Krasawski
Lectors	John Schlachtenhaufen, John Wall
Intercessor	Teddy May
Chalice Bearers	Allison Ball, Maggie Domont, Marjorie Neville
Musicians	David Pulliam, Huw Jones, and the Saint Luke's Parish Choir
Ushers	Chuck Andreae, David Gray, Kip Hewitt, Pat Houlihan, Tim Reid, Wistar Wallace
Acolytes	Winter Bolton, Patch Hurty, Mason Creutz, Finn Dickinson, Nell Domont
Altar Guild	Kate Adamson, Nancy Hooper, Kim Westcott, Anne Huck, Monie Sullivan
Flower Guild	Beverly Kelsey
Flower Delivery	Kristie Jones

Prayer List

For the Church

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo de America.

In our Diocese, we pray for St. Gabriel's, East Berlin; St. Stephen's, East Haddam; All Saint's, East Hartford. Parish volunteers & parish historians. For the Ecumenical Ministry Network

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the Worship Ministries.

Thanksgivings & Celebrations

For the birth of Vivienne Frost Clarkson, child of Bill and Mariely Clarkson.

Those who have requested our prayers

For members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Charlie, Cody, Lauren, Anne, Foster, Nathan, Desi, Mary, Chloe, Christian, Quay, Elizabeth, Jim, Beth, Pete, Kerry, Chris, Ava, April, Ann, Jack, Bridgette, Jackie, Mari, Gaffney, Drayton, Robert, Ellen, Donna, Melissa, Patrick, Cooper, John, Dave, Julia, Kara, Steven, Mariyln.

In our Outreach cycle of prayer, we pray for Person to Person, all clients, staff, volunteers, and board members.

Those who have died

All whom we love but see no more, especially, Steven Gary Buckles.

All who have died in civil and military conflict around the world, especially in the Holy Land, Sudan, and Ukraine.

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.

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.

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 please contact Aynsley Joyce at 203-655-1456 or aynsleyjoyce@gmail.com.

Saint Luke's Parish

A parish in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut,
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The Most Rev. Sean W. Rowe, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello, Bishop of Connecticut
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan

Rector

The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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Saint Luke's Parish

Grow



Love



Serve

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.