

# The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 23, 2022  
8:00 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 season of Epiphany celebrates the manifesting of Christ in his ministry. Today we focus on his preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Jesus did not simply tell about the Kingdom. He was and is the Kingdom, embodied. When he preached in his home synagogue for the first time, this was the theme. He reads Isaiah's passage foretelling the role of Messiah in bringing about the reign of God. Then he tells the people, "This day this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The first reading recounts that period in the fifth century B.C. when, as the central event in the reconstituting of Israel as God's Kingdom, Ezra the priest and others read the Word of God to all the people. That event established Judaism as the religion of the Book. It is in this event that the foundations were laid for the ministry of Jesus as the preacher and teacher of the Kingdom.

Christianity is not simply a message about what once happened. In baptism, we are empowered to join Christ in proclaiming the Good News to the whole world. That ministry of ours is Paul's concern as he uses the image of the human body with all its parts and organs—all of which are essential for it to function. In the same way, Paul tells us, each of us has an essential role in the Body of Christ. Each of us is baptized in order that each may be the fulfillment of the Kingdom now. In our celebration of Eucharist, we are built into that Body, so that God's salvation may be made manifest in us.

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## The 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

Opening Voluntary

## 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.

Kyrie and Gloria

*Celebrant*      Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People*        **Christ have mercy upon us.**  
*Celebrant*      Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All*            **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

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

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson | Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Hymn 493

*Sung by all.*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heaven.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt.

Music: Azmon, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784–1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

The Gospel | Luke 4:14-21

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 because he has anointed me  
 to bring good news to the poor.  
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
 and recovery of sight to the blind,  
 to let the oppressed go free,  
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

## 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 | Form III

*Deacon*                   In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader*                   Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People*                   That we all may be one.

*Leader*                   Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People*                   That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader*                   We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People*                   That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader*                   We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People*                   That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader*                   Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.  
*People*                   That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader*                   Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People*                   That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

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

*Celebrant* O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **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](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/give) or scan the QR code below 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 Hymn 135

*Sung by all.*

1 Songs of thank-ful- ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - themes be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)  
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant  
People*

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

*Celebrant  
People*

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

*Celebrant  
People*

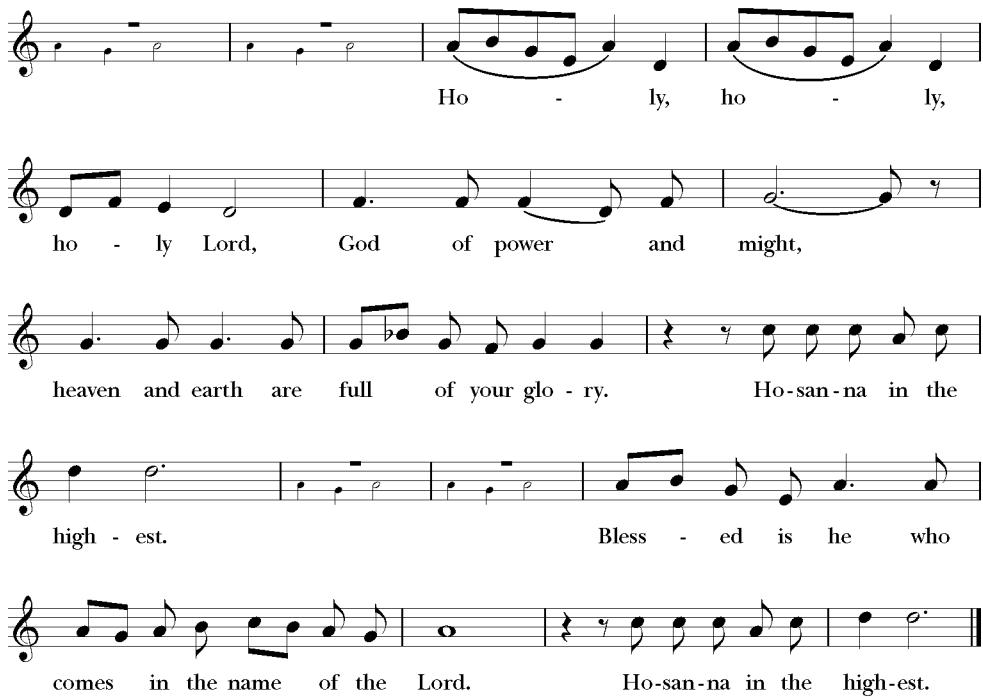
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*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. 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Sung by all.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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. Ho-san - na in the high-est.

Setting: William James Mathias (1934-1992)

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues*

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,

*All*

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

*Celebrant*

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, 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.

*All*

**AMEN.**

*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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

### The Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to receive Christ's Real Presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind (only the consecrated Bread) due to COVID precautions. 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.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* 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 and Dismissal

*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.**

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

## Closing Voluntary

Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God.

## Participants in Today's Service

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Derek J. Stefanovsky
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
<b>Lector</b>	Pam Vossler
<b>Intercessor</b>	Fred Elliott
<b>Musicians</b>	Will Roslak
<b>Ushers</b>	Trez Moore, Bill Cleary
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Allen, Jane Bowen, Kelly Wheeler
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Patty Young
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Candy Wheelock

## DID YOU KNOW?

**What is the significance of the word “catholic” in the Nicene Creed?** The Nicene Creed was written in the fourth century, long before the sixteenth-century split between Protestant and Catholic. When we say we believe in the “one, holy, catholic and apostolic church,” the term “catholic” (with a small “c”) means “universal.” When “Catholic” is used with a big “C,” it typically refers more narrowly to the Roman Catholic Church, which considers itself to be a universal church. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Christians see Roman Catholics as but one part, with themselves, of the wider catholic church. This week—from January 18 (Confession of St. Peter) to January 25 (Conversion of St. Paul)—we observe with Christians all over the world the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and recommit ourselves to praying as Jesus taught us: “may they be one, as the Father and I are one” (John 17:21).





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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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### **Next Sunday | Jan. 30**

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10:00 AM      Holy Eucharist (Rite II with choir)

11:00 AM      Annual Meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

Jan. 30      Annual Meeting

Feb. 5      Evensong & Reception

March 2      Ash Wednesday

March 19      Lenten Quiet Day

April 10      Palm Sunday

April 14      Maundy Thursday

April 15      Good Friday

April 16      Holy Saturday

April 17      Easter Sunday