

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Susan C. Wyper
Assisting	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor The Rev. Hannah G. Pommersheim Paul J. Keene
Christmas Story	The Clergy and Staff of Saint Luke's Parish
Chalice Bearers	Fred Elliott, Frank Kemp, Jane Lyons
Musicians	David Pulliam
Ushers	Pat Houlihan, Trez Moore, Martha van Nierop, Jan Henrick van Nierop, Bill Bogle, Joe Steuert
Altar Guild Flowers	Faith Gray The Saint Luke's Flower Guild



**Christmas Eve 2022
3 PM Children's Service
Saint Luke's Parish
Darien, CT**



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Welcome to Saint Luke's!

On this Christmas Eve, it is with great joy that we welcome you to Saint Luke's. If you are seeking a spiritual home, for yourself or your family, we would love for Saint Luke's to be that place.

Saint Luke's is a vibrant congregation—learning, growing, reaching out to serve the world. We offer superb programs for children and youth as we seek to minister to families. If you'd like more information, please fill out a Welcome card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or give it to an usher or one of the clergy as you leave. We'd love to know more about you, and tell you a little about Saint Luke's. Find us online at www.saintlukesdarien.org.

*Please be aware that we expect a full congregation;
the reserving of pews at today's services cannot be accommodated.*

In an effort to make this a positive worship experience for every member of the family, please note the following:

- *Childcare is available for children ages 0-3 years old in the Education Building.*
- *The front cover of this bulletin is meant to be a coloring page. Crayons are in the Narthex.*
- *The Taylor Room, across the cloister and to the right, is a great place to take a quick break or change a diaper.*
- *Restrooms are located at the bottom of the Narthex stairs.*
- *This service is designed for our youngest parishioners. Please feel comfortable to wiggle, giggle, squirm and scream as much as is needed. All are welcome here!*

*Thank you for joining us for worship and to celebrate
the beauty of Christmas Eve here at Saint Luke's.*

Merry Christmas!

Carol *Sung by all.*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace.
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, Love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

A Christmas Blessing

May Jesus Christ, who came as a baby to show us God's love, fill you with hope, joy, and peace. **Amen.**

And may God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you, this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Carol *Sung by all.*

Refrain:
Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light. **Refrain.**

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth. **Refrain.**

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. **Refrain.**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of the newborn Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Communion

Today's Christmas Offering supports Saint Luke's mission and outreach partners, here and around the world. Your gift helps feed, clothe, shelter, educate, refresh, and restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those in need within our parish, in our Darien community, and beyond.

To make an electronic gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your smart phone's camera. Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, (x3) Christ the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

Adeste fideles

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, O God, to give you thanks and praise. You made the whole world and each one of us. We thank you for all that is good and beautiful. We thank you for loving each one of us. We thank you for being with us always. And so we sing this song to praise your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God and 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 God, you loved us so much that you sent your only Son, Jesus, to be born of Mary and live on earth among us. He taught everyone a better way to live. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, welcomed strangers, and forgave those who had done bad things. Dying on the cross, he saved us from our sins. Rising from the dead, he gives us new life. And he is with us always.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took a loaf of bread, blessed it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

Then Jesus took a cup of wine and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, poured out for you and for all people, to forgive your sins. Do this to remember me."

And so, every time we come together at this table, we remember Jesus, and the way he feeds all of his friends.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Dear God, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We ask you to bless us too, so that we can become Jesus' hands and feet and heart for each other. Help us love one another as you have loved us. And help us remember that you are with us always.