

Come As You Are Eucharist

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

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 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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Prelude “Lord Most High”

Rector’s Welcome

“Meet With Me”

I’m here to meet with You
Come and meet with me
I’m here to find You
Reveal Yourself to me

As I wait
You make me strong
As I long
Draw me to Your arms

As I stand
And sing Your praise
You come, You come and You fill this place
Won’t You come, Won’t You come and fill this place

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.

“Meet With Me”
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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.

"Great Are You Lord"
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The Word of God

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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
And great are You, Lord

Chorus:

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore (You restore)
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus (X2)

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bonds will sing
Great are You, Lord (X2)

Chorus (X2)

The Gospel | Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

"Let There Be Light"

There's no darkness in Your eyes
There's no question in Your mind
God almighty
God of mercy

Let there be light
Open the eyes of the blind
Purify our hearts in Your fire
Breathe in us we pray

There's no hiding from Your face
There's no striving in Your grace
God of mercy
God almighty

Let there be light
Open our eyes to Your heart
Desperate just to know who You are
Shine in us we pray
Jesus have Your way

Let there be light
Open the eyes of the blind
Purify our hearts in Your fire
Breath in us we pray
Jesus have Your way

Good news embracing the poor
Comfort for all those who mourn
For the broken... More

There's no borders in Your love
No division in Your heart
God of heaven
God of freedom

There's no taking back the cross
No regret in what it cost
God of freedom
God of heaven

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.

"Let There Be Light" Cody
Hillsong Worship
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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 **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 **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.

The Prayers of the People | Form III

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Amen.

The Peace

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

Welcome & 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 below with your phone.
Thank you for your generosity.



Offertory Song

“He Knows My Name”

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic 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 God 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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

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;

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.

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, blessed 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.

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

**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!

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 failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

*All are welcome to 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.*

Communion Song "Unbroken Family"

Postcommunion Prayer

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 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.

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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

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.**

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

“Open Up the Heavens”

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in your name
Calling out to you
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord, unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

So open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Yes, So open up the heavens
We want to see you
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory, Lord (X2)

Postlude Music

One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present **blessing** to God's people.

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.

“Open Up the Heavens”
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Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Derek J. Stefanovsky
Preacher	The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor
Lay Reader	Mary Shaw
Intercessor	Tom Dickson
Altar Guild	Pat Cage
Musicians	Anna Jacobson, Vocals, Violin Bob Leinbach, Keyboards, Vocals Tod Baharian, Guitar, Vocals Tod Hedrick, Bass Tom Barracco, Percussion

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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Next Sunday | Jan. 30

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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