



SAINT LUKE'S PARISH
1864 Post Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 10, 2021

5:00 P.M. COME AS YOU ARE EUCHARIST

PREACHER: *The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor*

CELEBRANT: *The Reverend Susan C. Wyper*

PRELUDE "INVITACION FOUNTAIN"

RECTOR'S GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

"HOSANNA"

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes
Yeah

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

[Chorus]
Hosanna
Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
(x2)

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

[Chorus]

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have
loved me

Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your kingdom's
cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

[Chorus x2]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

"Hosanna"
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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.

“GOD WITH US”

Lord, let Your light
Light of Your face
Shine on us
(x2)

That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

Lord, let Your grace
Grace from Your hand
Fall on us
(x2)

That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

Lord, let Your love
Love with no end
Come over us
Lord, let Your love
Love with no end
Come over us

That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us

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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.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: ***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.***

*On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: ***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows,

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

“REVELATION SONG”

Worthy is the
Lamb who was slain
Holy, Holy, is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's Mercy Seat
[Repeat]

(Chorus)
Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of Kings!
You are my everything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be
To You the Only Wise King

(Chorus)

Filled with wonder
Awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your Name
Jesus, Your Name is Power
Breath, and Living Water
Such a marvelous mystery
Yeah...

(Chorus)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray for ourselves and others.

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 . . . and all 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.

After a period of intercession, the Celebrant concludes

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.***

THE PEACE

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 a gift today, please either visit www.saintlukesdarien.org/give or scan the QR code below with your phone.

Thank you for your generosity.



OFFERTORY “LET THERE BE LIGHT”

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All stand.

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.

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.

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

***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 **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.

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The Post-Communion 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.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
The Gifts of God for the people of God.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

In union, dear God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my self, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I tie myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live, now and forever, in your love. Amen.

"CANNONS"

It's falling from the clouds
A strange and lovely sound
I hear it in the thunder and rain
It's ringing in the skies
Like cannons in the night
The music of the universe plays

Beautiful and free
The song of galaxies
Reaching far beyond the Milky Way
Let's join in with the sound
Come on let's sing it out
As the music of the universe plays

[CHORUS]

Singing, You are holy, great and mighty
The moon and the stars declare who You are
I'm so unworthy, but still You love me
Forever my heart will sing of how great You are

[CHORUS]

All glory, honor, power is Yours, Amen
All glory, honor, power is Yours, Amen
All glory, honor, power is Yours, forever Amen
(x2)

[CHORUS]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.*

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

We are a vibrant community of faith that welcomes everyone—regardless of where you are on your faith journey—to hear God's word, to be fed at God's table, and to experience the love of community, so that you will be strengthened to serve God in the world.

To begin receiving our weekly e-newsletter, join our mailing list by visiting www.saintlukesdarien.org. To learn more about getting more involved or becoming a member of Saint Luke's Parish, please contact Cindy Scam in the Parish Offices.

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We thank the band for their leadership in our worship service.

Vocals, Violin:	Anna Jacobson
Guitar, Vocals:	Tod Baharian
Piano, Vocals:	Bob Leinbach
Lay Readers:	Elizabeth Yaney
	Charlotte Ward

Parish Intercessions

We encourage parishioners to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family:

For those who are ill: Sheila, Janetta, Charlie, Chris, Pam, Jessica, Karen, Verna, Rob, Bridgette, Pat, John, Peter, Andrea, Jeff, Deedee, Michelle, Jim, Cecilia, Douglas, Courtney, Francesco, Diane, and Michael

For those with special needs: Allison, Aldin, Zeke, Simon, Elizabeth, Lilia, Jack, and Michael

If you or someone you know is in need....

If you or someone you know is facing an illness, hospitalization, death in the family or any other stressful life situation, please consider a visit or call from one of our clergy or trained lay volunteers. Please call the parish office at 203.655.1456. We can also place your name on the list of people who receive prayers during our worship service.



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At the time of the Offering, please tear this section away from the Service bulletin and place it in the collection plate, and a clergy or parishioner will contact you during the week.

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