

# The Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 9, 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**

On this First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event that initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as the Messiah, the Christ. God designated him as the beloved Son and he was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism, each person is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized are anointed and marked as Christ's own and they are received "into the flock of Christ." They join with that household in confessing the faith of Christ, proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood—the priesthood that is enacted sacramentally in Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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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

Rector’s Welcome

## 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Lesson | Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## Hymn 296 *Sung by all.*



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows.



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Text: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.  
Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## The Gospel | Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. "

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Don Thompson

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, as we begin this new year and as we celebrate this Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

*People* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
**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 as follows*

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.**

## The Asperges

*The Clergy then sprinkle the people with Holy Water as a symbol of having renewed their baptismal vows.*

## 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 117

*Sung by all.*

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we then yield him in costly devotion  
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favor secure.  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber (1785-1826), alt.

Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B

*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* 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 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, in loving memory of Cynthia Chadwick Bullock from her family, of Peter E. Nightingale from his family, and of Edmond Pearse Ryan from his family.

## Participants in Today's Service

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Derek J. Stefanovsky
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev. Don Thompson
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor
<b>Lector</b>	Annie Slaughter
<b>Intercessor</b>	John Craft
<b>Musicians</b>	Will Roslak
<b>Ushers</b>	Terrie Wood, Vinny Arguimbau
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Molly Larson, Sally Schlachtenhaufen, Martha van Nierop, Kim Westcott
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Tasha Nagler
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Sally Houlihan

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Why are we sprinkled with holy water?** The liturgical practice of sprinkling with holy water is meant to serve as a reminder of baptism. The term "asperges" comes from the Latin version of Ps 51, "Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop." The asperges may be done after the Renewal of Baptismal Vows on one of the four feasts suggested for baptisms in our church: the Baptism of our Lord, Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints'. The asperges may also be done as a preparatory ceremony before the Eucharist on any given Sunday, or as the conclusion to Compline, or Night Prayer. Historically, it was also performed as a kind of exorcism and cleansing of a building or other place for liturgical services. An aspergillum is used for sprinkling the holy water.





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The Rev. Ryan C. Fleenor

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### Next Sunday | Jan. 16

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite II with hymns)
9:00 AM	The Forum
9:50 AM	Church School
10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (Rite II with choir)
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
5:00 PM	Come As You Are Eucharist (led by the CAYA Band)

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 30	Annual Meeting & Brunch
Feb. 5	Evensong & Reception
March 2	Ash Wednesday
March 19	Lenten Quiet Day
April 10	Palm Sunday