



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Simple Communion Service Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

**Quilt Raffle will happen before service begins.
Good Luck!!!**

We are so glad you are virtually celebrating with us the Fourth Sunday of Advent!
Guests, friends, and family, please take the time to introduce yourself to us and to let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family, by contacting us at info@slecp.org.

The Word of God

Opening Hymn:

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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.**

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Christ, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

Lord, have mercy. *Lord have mercy.*

Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." ⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you

went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. (...) ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 *Misericordias Domini*

¹Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²*For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.*

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴*"I will establish your line for ever, and preserve your throne for all generations."*

¹⁹You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: "I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

²⁰*I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.*

²¹My hand will hold him fast and my arm will make him strong.

²²*No enemy shall deceive him, nor any wicked man bring him down.*

²³I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him.

²⁴*My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my Name.*

²⁵I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.

²⁶*He will say to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.'*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Second reading

Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also

conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Chris Christy

The Nicene Creed

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 I

The Deacon: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our Presiding Bishop, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the quad-city area, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widows and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer lists and for those we now name silently or aloud..(silence)... let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those impacted by Covid-19, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In thanksgiving for the birthdays of Shane, Ken, Ron, Sylvia, Barbara, Anna and Sarah and for the anniversaries of Mark & Nancy, Hank & Gloria, Wini & Olaf, and Gary & Luann, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. *To thee, O Lord our God.*

The Celebrant: We thank you Lord our God for the love you give us. As we present our prayers and wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, remain present with us, help us to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your love with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem from Mary and the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

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

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A

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 him 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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of 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 and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent

Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

The Breath of Heaven

Larsen

Pauline Buisson & Becca Wooden, Soprano Duet

Special Dates this Week

Birthdays

December 20: Shane Denison, Ken Delmastro

December 21: Ron Baker

December 22: Sylvia McIntosh, Barbara Baker-Rosenberg, Anna Johnson

December 23: Sarah Meyer

Anniversaries:

December 21: Mark & Nancy Paola

December 22: Hank & Gloria Martin

December 23: Olaf & Wini Larson

December 24: Gary & Luann Herbert

For those in need we pray

For a Covid-19 vaccine that will put an end to this virus and for all those people affected by this pandemic. Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Alicia; Alex; Alexa; Sharon, Dave & Nancy C.; Larie & Wife; Carol; Darrell C.; Dominica Coppola & Marty Dane; Max J.; Carol Glover; Gil & Cheri Lattimer's mother & Good Samaritan Staff; Cathy Hoaglund; Gary & Kathy MacCauley; Robert McCaulley; Jean Messick; Etta Parson Gary & Peggy Cole; Ileen Szelka; Mark Tuttle; Patty; Ron Miller; Kate Carroll; Sara Wiliman; Barbara Harber; Vera Mulnix; Rich Staudt; Steven; Glenn J.; Joan Hedger; Erni Frazier; Ruth Visclo, Vicki Casacchia; Ian Snider; Jerri Wheeler; Joe & Linda, Glen Gregor; Jim & Jan Casacchia; Scott Menke; Jeff Bernatz; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Yoland Jr; Steve; Glenn Johnson; Adria Tropel; Kyle Forslund; Thurlow; Karla Kash; Kelly; Aubrey Schultz, Max Mabrey, Jeanne Miller; Kira Williman; Pauline; Gary DeLisle; Tim Salem, Marcia Reinhart's Family, Mary Temme & family, Charles Tibbets' Family, Bill & Joan Preston as they mourn the loss of Joan's brother and their good friend Doris Smith; Patti Bain's son Eric who has Covid, Jack Ehlers, Ed Ausmus, Mark, Lisa & Morgan Cassassa, Chuck Parkowitz, Riley Faith; Christina England, Friends and Family of Gwen Swenck (died 12-16), Family & Friends of Margo McMahan, died 12-17 (Deacon Kimball's Sister-in-law from Amherst, MA), Ben Wallace

For those in our Armed Forces: Echo, Brian, Lopez, Dante', Florian

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion

In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Harbor Missional Community, Phoenix

In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's Blood Drive, Angel Tree

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60th Diocesan Convention*

We acknowledge the living culture of the Yavapai people, the traditional custodians of the land we stand on, and pay tribute to the role they play in the life of this region. Resolution #2016-3, of the 56th Diocesan Convention

