

Simple Communion Service  
1st Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2020

We are so glad you are celebrating virtually with us the 1st Sunday after Christmas! 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](mailto:info@slecp.org).



## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn 83 vs. 1 & 3 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others  
Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

## Hymn of Praise #87 1 & 2 Hark! the herald angels sing

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!  
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.

with the an-gel-ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je-sus, our Em-man-u-el!

*Refrain*  
Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

## The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray. (...) Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; or he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. <sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

## Psalm 147:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup>*For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.*

<sup>15</sup>He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup> *He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.*

<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>18</sup> *He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?*

<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

<sup>20</sup> *He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.*

<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

*The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.*

*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

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

## The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. <sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Kimball Arnold

## 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 IV

*The Deacon:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, comfort and heal those in our prayer lists and those we name now silently or aloud (silence...) give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Send your blessings upon Terry, James, Beth, Rich, Mike, Lori, Cathy, John, Tina, Deven, Bill, Cindy & Meridith for their birthdays, and upon Jim & Susan, Jeff & Marty, Gib & Sylvia, Bill & Chris and Larry & Marge for their anniversaries, that they may experience your loving presence in their lives. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, (...) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. God of love and mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

*The Celebrant:* O God of heavenly glory and earthly peace, hear our prayer as we celebrate the joyful tidings of Christ's birth: May the Light dawning upon us kindle our hearts and awaken hope, that we may shine forth your glory in love; in Christ's name we pray. ***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

**Offertory Sentence** Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches. *Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 Mary, Joseph, Luke and 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all:

*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)

## Communion Anthem

Prayer from Hansel & Gretel  
Mary Bowers & Ellie Lassiter

Dorr Frank Diefendorf

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Celebrant: Let us pray.

*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.*

## Solemn Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## Dismissal

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

### Special Dates this Week

#### **Birthdays:**

December 27: Terry Lequesne, James Callan, Beth Cirzan

December 28: Rich Staudt

December 29: Mike Barber, Lori Brooks

December 31: Cathy Kleinhenz, John Opitz

January 02: Tina Boden, Deven Heinz, Bill Feldmeier, Cindy Brower, Meridith Martin

#### **Anniversaries:**

December 26: Jim & Susan Schubert

December 28: Jeff & Marty Bernath,

December 31: Gib & Sylvia McIntosh, Bill & Chris Christy

January 2: Larry & Marge McGuire

#### **For Those In Need We Pray:**

##### **December Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers**

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; 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, Family and Friends of Gwen Swenck (died 12-16), Family & Friends of Margo McMahon, died 12-17 (Deacon Kimball's Sister-in-law from Amherst, MA), Ben Wallace, Greg & Mary Bowers, Jill (granddaughter of Larry Neece) , Hank Martin, Gislela Slonneger, Gary Delisle

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Episcopal de San Pablo**

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

*Happy New Year!*

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