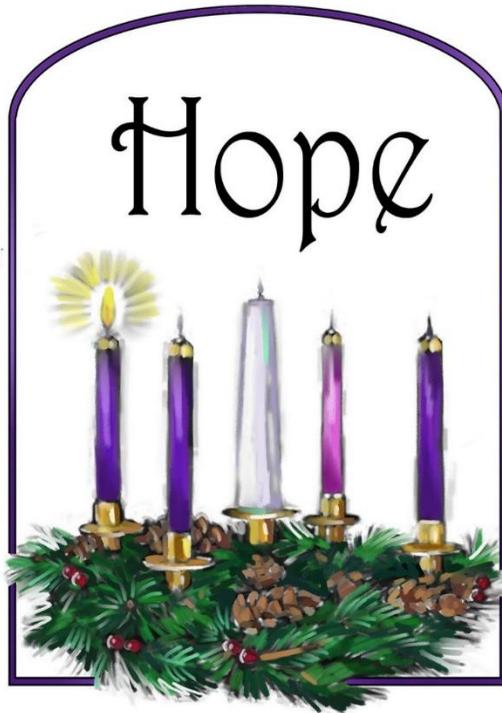




# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## First Sunday of Advent

November 28 & 29, 2020



*Our Mission: **To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

*Our Vision: **To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of love, joy, and healing.***

**All are welcome!**

We are so glad you are here today, in-person or virtually, to celebrate with us the day of the Lord! Guests, friends, and family, please take the time to introduce yourself to us. We would like to know you. 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).

***At our 10 am service, the sound of the chimes indicates the Live Stream recording begins. Worship begins with a time of personal prayer.***

***You are invited to remain silent and to listen to the prelude.***

***To help you prepare, you may use the following prayer:***

O Almighty God, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Prayer No. 64, Before Worship; BCP, p. 833)

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Prelude

Duo

Jean Francois Dandrieu

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn 59 vs. 1 & 3 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)  
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**The Opening Acclamation** (*From Enriching our Worship 1*)

Blessed are you, holy and living God. ***You come to your people and set them free.***  
***Amen.***

## The 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.*

## The Collect of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do

not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup> *In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.*

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup> *O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?*

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup> *You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved...

<sup>16</sup> *Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

<sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

<sup>18</sup> *Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

### The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 601 vs. 1 & 2    *O day of God, draw nigh*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.

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 Music: *St. Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**The Gospel**

*Mark 13:24-37*

The Holy Gospel of our Jesus Christ according to Mark ✠ *Glory to you, Lord Christ*  
 Jesus said, “<sup>24</sup>In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”  
 The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn 601 vs. 4

*O day of God, draw nigh* (see top of this page)

## 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.*

## 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 Cynthia, Shelby, Eleanor, Bill, Pat, Trampus, Mary, Monte, Gloria, Bruce, and Paula, for their birthdays, and upon Geoff & Brenda, Roger & Jane, and Christopher & Karen 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:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *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

**Offertory Sentence:** The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light. *Romans 13:12*

(5:00 pm) **The Offertory:** All things come to thee, O Lord, *and from your own are we given Thee.*

(8:00 & 10:00 am) **The Presentation Hymn 380, Stanza 3**

3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## The Great Thanksgiving *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 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 when 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.*

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;*

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 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.**

## 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

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.*

## 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.

*All who are baptized are invited to share in the banquet of the Lord's Supper. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. Respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*

*(10 am) A spiritual communion is a personal devotion that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

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

*(10 am) 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

A Child's Prayer  
Melanie McCally, Soprano

Perry

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.*

## The Advent Solemn Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, be rewarded with unending life at his second Advent. **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.**

**The Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

*Prelude and Fugue*

George Frederic Handel

*You may enjoy the Postlude offered by our gifted organist or quietly leave the sanctuary.*

*Please observe social distancing when leaving the worship space.*

*Thank You*

## *Special Dates this Week*

### **Birthdays**

November 29: Cynthia Nichol, Shelby Blake, Eleanor Tubat

November 30: Bill MacNamera

December 1: Pat McKee

December 2: Trampus Tribbey

December 3: Mary Bowers

December 4: Monte Anderson

December 5: Gloria Martin, Bruce Ohannesian, Paula Tomitz

### **Anniversaries**

**December 2:** Geoff & Brenda Holden

December 3: Roger & Jane Peacock,

December 4: Christopher & Karen Cone

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

#### **November Thanksgiving & Healing Prayers**

To all members, family, friends of St. Luke's during this pandemic

Brandon & Nikki Reynolds.; Alicia; Alex; 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 & Peggy Cole; Gary & Kathy MacCauley; Robert McCaulley; Jean Messick; Etta Parson; Linda Schwab; Sue; 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 Casacchia; Scott Menke; Jeff Bernatz; Doug & Pat Ogburn; Yoland Jr; Steve; Glenn Johnson, Adria Tropel; Kyle Forslund.; Thurlow; Hank Martin, Karla Kash, Kelly, Aubrey Schultz, Max Mabrey, Jeanne Miller; Kira Williman; Pauline; Gary DeLisle

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

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Lusitanian Church

**In Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Christ Church of the Ascension, Paradise Valley

**In the St. Luke's Outreach Cycle of Prayer:** NEEP Uganda

For the Yavapai-Apache Nation

For Bishop Zak and Amagoro Junior Academy

**For Our Companion Diocese of Western Mexico** *Resolution 2020-1, of the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 56<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention*