



O Come Let Us Adore Him  
*Christ the Lord*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25, 2023

Saint Luke's Church

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Welcome to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church. We (Canon Michael Delaney, Wardens and Vestry) extend a warm welcome to members, visitors and friends. We are blessed by your presence and pray you are blessed by this service. Thank you for celebrating the Feast of Christ's Incarnation with us.

At the time of Holy Communion, please form two lines on each side of the center aisle, beginning with the people seated closest to the front. Come to the altar rail, kneel or stand, for a blessing or to receive Communion. You may receive Communion in one or both kinds: Bread alone or Bread and Wine. To receive the Blood of Christ by intinction, hold the bread in your hands for the Deacon or Eucharistic Minister to dip in the wine. To drink from the cup, gently guide the cup to your mouth.

Please join us in thanking our Organist and Choir Director, Melinda Faylor, for her ministry of music, praising the Altar Guild members who decorated the church for Christmastide and showing gratitude for our Parish Administrator, Lauren Butler, who produces this and every worship booklet.

Know that you are welcome to return to worship with us as often as the Spirit moves you. Following is the worship schedule for this holiday season:

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31, 2023: 10:30am Morning Prayer

Epiphany, Sunday, January 7, 2024: 10:30am Choral Eucharist

followed by a Three Kings Day Party during Fellowship Hour

Sundays after Epiphany, January 14 to February 11, 2024:

10:30am Choral Eucharist

Let the light of Christ shine in and through your life so that people who see your good works may give glory to God who is in heaven.

Yours in faith,

Anne Harte Su and Suzanne C. Schick, Wardens

## Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE – *Candlelight Carol* – John Rutter, arr. Justin K. Reeve

*The people stand as the altar party processes in.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN – 83 – *Adeste fideles*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only begotten Son of the Father;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.



# The Liturgy of the Word

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.

*People* **Let us adore him. Alleluia!**

## 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.**

## GLORIA – S280 – *Gloria in excelsis*

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 CHRISTMAS COLLECT

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray,

**O** God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts. Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

Lector            The Word of the Lord  
 People            **Thanks be to God**

PSALM (*sung to the tune of Duke Street [Hymn 544]*)

- 1 Sing to the Lord new songs praise,  
 Let all the earth sing to the Lord;  
 Sing out and praise God's holy Name,  
 Proclaim good news with one accord.
  
- 2 Declare God's glory far and wide,  
 God's wondrous acts and holy law;  
 For God is greatly to be praised  
 And then beheld with greatest awe.
  
- 4 Magnificent God's presence here,  
 With splendid courts in glorious light;  
 Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues,  
 Ascribe to God all power and might.
  
- 5 Ascribe all honor to Lord;  
 Bring gifts into the holy place.  
 In holy beauty worship God;  
 Bow down with awe before God's face.

**W**hen the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord

*People*            **Thanks be to God**

*All stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN – 96 – *Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high,  
singly sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*The congregation faces the Center aisle.*

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

**I**n that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

*All are invited to sing verse 4 of Gloria.*

GRADUAL HYMN – 96 – *Gloria*

See him in a manger laid  
 whom the angels praise above;  
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
 while we raise our hearts in love.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
 Gloria in excelsis Deo.



*All stand.*

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

We bring before God our needs and the needs of his world.  
Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given

Wonderful Counselor,  
give your wisdom to the rulers of the nations.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God,  
make the whole world know  
that the government is on your shoulders.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father,  
establish your reign of justice and righteousness forever.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace,  
bring in the endless kingdom of your peace.  
Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord,  
**Hear our prayer,**  
**and fulfill your purposes in us,**  
**as you accomplish your will**  
**in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

## The Holy Communion

AT THE OFFERTORY – *Christmas Morning (from Little Women) – Alexandre Desplat*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*            **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **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 human by 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 – *S125 – Richard Proulx*

*Presider and People*  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People*        **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 Isaiah, Mary, Joseph, 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

*Presider*        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.**

*Presider*        Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*        **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

#### AGNUS DEI – S164 – Franz Schubert

*Presider and People*

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Presider*        The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance of Christ's Incarnation and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*All Baptized Christians from any denomination are welcome to receive. You may receive the host on the palm of your hand and drink from the chalice. If you would like the host intincted in the wine, please leave the host in the palm of your hand.*

## COMMUNION HYMN – 109 – *The First Noel*

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,  
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,  
and there it did both stop and stay  
right over the place where Jesus lay.  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
born is the King of Israel.

*All Stand.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* 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 BLESSING

*Presider* May God who has sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you this night and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION – 100 – *Antioch*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let everyone prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, and wonders of his love.



THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*        The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.  
                    Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks Be to God**

POSTLUDE – *Il Est Né le Divin Enfant* – Gabriel Fauré

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**SERVING TODAY**

The Reverend Canon Michael F. Delaney, *Celebrant and Preacher*

The Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto, FCC, *Deacon*

Melinda Faylor, *Organist and Choir Director*

Chris Ashley, *Crucifer and Second Chalice Bearer*

Suzanne Schick, *Building Opener and Acolyte*

Paula Santaro, *Lector*

Marilyn Matthes, *Usher*

*Volunteer, Oblation Bearer*

Diane Santana, *Altar Guild*

# Christmas Decorations

## Memorials

Bernardo Petruso by Daniella Rizza

Katherine & Lloyd Espenschied, Fran Russell, Elizabeth Sibicky,  
and Gertrude & Kemper Martin by Ann Espenschied

Henry & Mirabel Ogilvie, Robert Ogilvie, Karl, Archie and Edwin Hudson-Phillips, Anne  
Berry, and Rose Marie Thomas by Margaret Rowley and Jennifer Hudson-Phillips

Wei-Ying Lin, Anna Lin and David Lin by Suzanne and Robert Lin

Wayne C. Baxter by Rebecca Baxter Hess and Family

## Thanksgivings

The entire vestry of St. Luke's Church by Anne Harte Su

The Parishioners of St. Luke's by Jane Kettlewell

Rosalind, Juliet and Burke Chapin by Ann Espenschied

The birth of Eric Joseph Snyder by the Snyder Family



# Christmas Eve Service Music

## Memorials

Albert King Dillette by Anne Harte Su

Raymond, Mildred & Barry Percival, and Robert & Marian Stolp  
by Brian and Marianne Percival

Gabrielle Schick, Frederick Schick, Tom Greiner, and Joyce Greiner  
by Suzanne and Robert Lin

Joseph P. & Carol M. Occhiuto and Dorothy Stanscheit  
by the Reverend Joseph J. Occhiuto

Wayne C. Baxter by Rebecca Baxter Hess and Family

Robert Butler by the Butler Family

## Thanksgivings

In grateful appreciation for the gift of music  
by Brian and Marianne Percival

The Choir of St. Luke's by Jane Kettlewell





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#### 2024

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#### 2025

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Christopher Nyberg

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10:30am [church/Zoom]

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Church school: 10:15am on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, Sept-June

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