



Glory to God

*in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men. Luke 2:14*

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Advent 2023

Dear Friends,

We pray this Advent Season affords you time to prepare your heart and home for the coming of Christ.

Come join us this year at St. Luke's Christmas and Epiphany services! Please remember that your donations are needed for this season's music, evergreens, and plants. Melinda Faylor, Organist and Choir Director, along with St. Luke's Choir, are working diligently to prepare carols, hymns, and sacred music. Their ministries inspire us and glorify God. St. Luke's sanctuary, always beautiful, will be made breathtakingly gorgeous when the Altar Guild decorates it. Please use the enclosed envelope to support these ministries.

If you are not able to worship in person, please join us virtually. Services for the Christmas and Epiphany seasons will be available via Zoom. Please use St. Luke's Zoom Meeting ID: 897 4444 1960 and Passcode STL WORSHIP for the other services. **On the reverse side of this letter, you will find both our worship and music offerings for this season.**

May God grant you a fruitful Advent, happy Christmas and blessings in the New Year.

Yours in faith,

*Suzanne C. Schick
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Fr. Michael F. Delaney +

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve/The Fourth Sunday in Advent): 10:30am Communion Service

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve): 4pm Children's Service; 10pm Blessing of Creche, Christmas Carols & Choral Eucharist

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day): 10am Christmas Hymns & Communion

Sunday, December 31, 2023 (New Year's Eve/The First Sunday after Christmas): 10:30am Morning Prayer

Sunday, January 7, 2024 (The First Sunday After the Epiphany & Our Lord's Baptism):
10:30am Choral Eucharist followed by a Three Kings Day Party during Fellowship Hour

Sunday, January 14, 2024 (The Second Sunday after the Epiphany): 10:30am Choral Eucharist

Sunday, January 21, 2024 (The Third Sunday after the Epiphany): 10:30am Communion & Choral Eucharist followed by the Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

The Nativity of Our Lord, 24 December 2023 at 10:00pm

The Vigil of The Nativity

Prelude – Meditation on Divinium Mysterium - Vidas Pinkevicius
Entrance of the Choir – Once In Royal David's City – Irby

The Dedication of the Crèche

Wexford Carol - traditional Irish, arr. Dale Warland
Noël Nouvelet - French traditional carol, arr. John Rutter
Dadme albricias, hijos d'Eva - from Three Spanish Carols of the Sixteenth Century,
Anonymous, edited by Noah Greenberg
I Wonder as I Wander - Appalachian carol, arr. John Jacob Niles and Lewis Henry Horton

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

The Great Procession – "O Come, All Ye Faithful" – Adeste Fidelis - descant by David Willcocks
Gloria, Deutsche Messe - Franz Schubert
Psalm 96 – Simple Anglican Chant
Sequence Hymn – Angels we have heard on high
Offertory Anthem - All Bells in Paradise - John Rutter
Presentation Hymn – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Sanctus – Community Mass – Richard Proulx
Agnus Dei – Robert Powell

The Holy Communion

Away in a Manger - arr. Robert J. Powell
Communion Hymn – The First Noel
The Final Gospel – Silent Night
Hymn in Procession – Joy to the World – Arranged by John Rutter
Postlude – Fanfare on "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" – Alec Wynton