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ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WEBCAST SERVICE BOOK

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Morning Prayer

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CHURCH'S CORNER

WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH! --We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Since the COVID-19 pandemic prevents us from being physically present in this sacred space, we have added a prayer to reflect our spiritual sharing of the bread and wine. Some of this service will be read by a member of the St. Luke's Lectors Guild while responses of the people will be led by our Eucharistic Minister. We will continue to webcast worship service *via* our Facebook Page for the duration.

12th
Night:
The
Epiphany

Wednesday
6 p.m. Jan. 6



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Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, January 3, 2021

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalms 43:3*

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Psalm 100

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

(Antiphon) *Alleluia.*

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

(Antiphon) *Alleluia.*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

(Antiphon) *Alleluia.*

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

(Antiphon) *Alleluia.*

Psalms Appointed

Psalm 84

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than
a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

After the Psalms, all say together

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. Alleluia.

Readings of the Day

A period of silence will follow each reading.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

The people remain seated.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel. See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

Remain seated.

Canticle 20

Glory to God *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.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

The people are seated.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

Remain seated.

Canticle A Song of God's Mercy

When I remember this, I have hope: *
by God's kindness, we are not destroyed,
for God's mercies are never-ending *
and are new every morning.
How great is your faithfulness, O God! *
"You are my portion," says my soul, "therefore I hope in you."
You are good to those who wait with patience, *
to every soul that seeks you.
It is good to wait, even in silence *
for the salvation of the Lord.
It is good to bear in youth *
the yoke God imposes,

to sit silent and alone, *
 clinging to hope even when tasting the dust.
It is good to turn one's cheek to those who hit it *
 and to bear up under insults.
The Lord does not reject us for ever, *
 but after sending grief, relents
in compassion and loving-kindness, *
 not desiring to torment anyone.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Please be seated.

A Reading from Luke.

Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated.

Canticle 18

A Song to the Lamb *Dignus es*

Splendor and honor and royal power *
 are yours by right, O God Most High,
For you created everything that is, *
 and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, *
 for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation, *

a royal priesthood to serve our God.
And so, to the One who sits upon the throne, *
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, *
for ever and for evermore.

Meditation

Led by Valarie Stanley

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People And listen to our prayer.
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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 Officiant and People say responsively

A.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

The Officiant then says

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow

of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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 Bishops Ian and Laura, for our Presiding Bishop Michael, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the President –elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of New Haven, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, 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 those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those suffering in this time of pandemic and domestic division, 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.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. 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.

Concluding Collect

Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, you order all things in heaven and on earth: We give you thanks and praise for making all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, our blessed Redeemer. Prepare us for the coming of him whom you send, and grant that of his fullness we may all receive; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel, Healing

The Officiant leads prayers for:

Prayers for Birthdays

Jan 8th Jacquelyn Haywood Dorothy Hughes
Jan 9th Noel Peterkin, Jr.

Officiant Let us join in praying for those having birthdays this week this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer. #50. *For a Birthday*

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers List

Dorrett Allen, Robert Archibald, Genevieve Jones, Rose Jones, Craig Lindsey, Ed Mapp, Pearl Miles, Nneoma Obi, Brenda Smith, Dorothy Smith, Edith Spruill, Evelyn Singley, Phyllis Taylor, Gloria Brown, Carol Williams-Davis, Patricia Harris, Connie Mills, Joan Osborne, Ula Robertson, John & Leslie White, Gloria Williams, Phyllis Lindsey, Colleen Ormsby, Elnora Potter, June Davis, Melvin Esdaile, Nushi Biscoff, Anne-Marie Etienne, Bernard Scott, Valerie Jackson-Pittman and her daughter Andrea, Sheila Martin-Corbin Yared Hernandez, Everson Smith, Jalessa Smith, Clarence and Emma Philip.

Let us pray that they may be comforted by our prayers and God's blessing. May the Church say *Amen! Amen!*

We pray for protection and good health for those who staff the supermarkets, served in hospitals, care for the elderly, drive the bus, or provide emergency services during the COVID-19 pandemic. May the Church say *Amen! Amen!*

We pray for those who have contracted Covid-19 and those who are still recovering. We also pray for friends and families that have lost loved ones during these difficult times. May the Church say *Amen! Amen!*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Officiant

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen. Romans 15:13*

Announcements

Announcements are now made.

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A Note on Today's Readings



Welcome to St. Luke's!
Today we continue to celebrate the entrance of the Son of God

This Gospel contains the only account we have of Jesus' childhood. The twelve-year-old Jesus seems, to the teachers in the temple, a religiously precocious boy; to his parents, a straying child who, in Joseph's typical fatherly admonition, has caused his mother to worry; to us, a reminder

of the God incarnate, hidden within a human being. It is through the eyes of faith opened by the events of Jesus' ministry and his death and resurrection that we see the irony of God visiting his own temple and amazing the experts on divine matters with his knowledge. By faith we are also confronted with the God who so condescends to human nature as to live subject to human parents.

The Old Testament reading foretells the coming of God's Kingdom, when all peoples will be gathered into God's holy place. The reading from Ephesians tells us that in Christ we have become sons and daughters of God.

The first reading today promises the reestablishment of God's people as the kingdom of God.

The reading from the opening of the letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Jesus the Son of God has opened the way for all people to be adopted as daughters and sons of God. God does this through the new birth of baptism and does it for God's own joy.

As in the child Jesus, so in us God comes to dwell in the world. In us God chooses to reveal the truth, confounding the wisdom of the world. By baptism, we are adopted as children of God. In the Eucharist, our relationship to God is affirmed and revealed. God continues to come into the world and has chosen us as the primary instruments to reveal that coming.

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