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Morning Prayer

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REV. JAMES VENABLE

JOSHUA HUBER

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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.

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Thanksgiving
Day 2020

9 A.M.
Nov. 26

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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM 11 A.M.:

PAUL WHYTE, LECTOR
LISA YARBOR, EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
ARIJIT CHAKRABORTY, MUSIC DIRECTOR
JOSH HUBER, PREACHER
FR. THOMAS C. JACKSON, CELEBRANT



Visitors are warmly welcomed to join us online for meetings and worship. Worship books may be

downloaded from our web site stlukeschurchnewhaven.com

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, we pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic.

IN OUR COMPANION DIOCESE, we pray for the health and well-being of persons employed by the Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of the Deputies of the Episcopal Church.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please send in your weekly and monthly contributions to St. Luke's by mail. We are working to set up an online payment option. You may also ask your bank or credit union to set up a monthly payment to St. Luke's through their "Bill Pay" features.

VESTRY MEETS NOVEMBER 24TH

THE VESTRY will hold their next monthly online meeting, on Tuesday, November 24th at 6 p.m. on zoom. Most of the meeting is open to members and friends of the parish. Please contact the church to watch.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE FIRST LESSON
Isaiah 64:1-9
THE PSALM
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
THE EPISTLE
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
THE GOSPEL
Mark 13:24-37

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

- ✘ **WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER, 9 A.M. MONDAY – FRIDAY WITH JOSH HUBER ON [FACEBOOK.COM/WHALLEYAVE](https://www.facebook.com/whalleyave)**
- ✘ **MONDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR @ 7 P.M. ON ZOOM (CALL OFFICE FOR DETAILS)**
- ✘ **NEXT SUNDAY, MORNING PRAYER, 8:30 A.M. @ [FACEBOOK.COM/WHALLEYAVE](https://www.facebook.com/whalleyave); BIBLE STUDY, 9:30 A.M. @ ZOOM, 11 A.M. MASS @ [FACEBOOK.COM/WHALLEYAVE](https://www.facebook.com/whalleyave)**

The Officiant says

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

Confession of Sin

The Officiant then says

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

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.

The Officiant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

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 earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

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

Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The people remain seated.

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *

the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed 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.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

A Reading from the book of Ephesians

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, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*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.*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Please be seated.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the

eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Canticle 2

A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 praised and exalted above all for ever.

Homily

Josh Huber

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. *So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

Collect of the Day

The Officiant then says

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

Announcements

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A Note on Today's Readings



Welcome to St. Luke's! Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays. In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race.

In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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