

St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

8:00 am

The Rev. Jesús Reyes

Officiant

The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura

Deacon & Preacher



Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of North and South America, in particular the nations, whose land that we now occupy in this region that was once their home. It was taken from them or they were removed from it.

We give thanks for them and express our gratitude for their witness on how to live a life that is honorable and humble. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life.

Help us to learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the Chinook and Cowlitz people. These people are still here, continuing to honor and bring to light their ancient heritage.

Welcome, Altar Flowers & Altar Bread Dedication

During the Advent Season, the green arrangement at the altar is presented to the glory of God by the Altar Guild Flower Fund.

The communion bread is provided by Melanie Kenoyer

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today we light the first, second, third and fourth candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, the third candle is JOY, and the fourth candle is LOVE.

The candle is lit.

"Jesus said to them, I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. *John 13:34*



Let us pray,

Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. **Amen.**

A Penitential Order

Blessed be you, holy and living one.

You come to your people and set them free.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God.

Silence is kept.

Minister 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.***

Absolution

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.

Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Word of God

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the Book of Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7

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

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

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

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

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

7 Restore us, O 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 for ever. Amen***

Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother

of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Mighty One has done great things for us. And so we appeal to God once again, praying, "Stir up your strength, O Lord; and come to help us."

Prepare in us a mansion for yourself, O Christ. We pray for Holy Cross, Redmond and St. Clare's, Snoqualmie.

Silence

Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts. May we know security. May we know peace. May we know the benefits of the reign of your Christ.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings,

Silence

Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Show the strength of your arm, O God: lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things. Look on your children with favor.

Silence

Stir up your strength, O Lord;
And come to help us.

Have mercy on all captives and prisoners, O God. Remember them and come to their aid. Fill our hearts with mercy. May we learn to forgive even as you forgive us.

Silence

Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Hear the prayers of your people, O God of hosts. May those who have fed on the bread of tears, feed instead on your strength, O Lord. Show them the light of your countenance and be their salvation. We pray for Chuck, Yakouba, Don, Anna, Joey, Jim, Naomi, Patrick, Mike, Garry, JoAnn, Alison, Rev, Annette, Joe, Saul, Beverley, Allison, Kristeen, Kim, Deedee, Rusty, Paul, Amy, Melissa, Bob, Lindsay, Leland, Kreta, Sherry, Malone, Kim, Caroline, Lindsay, Elise, Jean, Brianca, Scott, Michael, Gabriel, Peggy, and Connie.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions,

Silence

Stir up your strength, O Lord;

And come to help us.

Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom. Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn.

Silence

The Celebrant concludes with a prayer.

O Root of Jesse, who arises as a sign among all peoples, in whose presence kings stand silent and nations bow in worship, come, and deliver us, and tarry not. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Thanksgivings

12/22 – Norma Murillo

12/22 – Esmeralda Zaragoza

12/23 – Tom Amies

12/24 – Jesus Perez

12/24 – Zamirah Diaz Martinez

12/26 – Pam Goodlett

12/26 – Esmeralda Zaragoza

12/26 – Erick Mondragon Martinez

12/27 – Hakon Akselsen

12/27 – Anthony Cruz-Rodriguez

12/28 – Stephen Butler

12/28 – Beth Femling

Offertory Sentence

“Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.’”

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God 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:

***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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

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.***

Announcements

Blessing

Triune love, you were with us at the beginning of time

Stay with us till the end of time.

You were with us when our lives were formed.

Remain with us till the end of life.

You were with us at the rising of the sun.

Be with us when the day is done.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical Ministers

Officiant: The Rev. Jesus Reyes
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura
Lector: Darcy Scholts
Lay Eucharistic Minister: Mary Maxon
Altar Guild: Carol Hiltz, and Irene Viernes
Usher/Greeters: Pam Gunn



12/24—Christmas Eve/Noche Buena

3:00 PM Early Service/Primera Misa
9:30 PM Musical Prelude/Preludio Musical
10:00 PM Solemn Eucharist/Misa Solemne

12/25—Christmas Day/Navidad

There are No Services.
A worship booklet for a brief home service with your family will be distributed.

No hay servicios en este día.
Un pequeño folleto con ora-



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