

St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church

The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025
8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Godly Play: 10:00 am and 12:30 pm, ages 5 to grade 5

Youth Group: 12:30 pm, grade 6 and up

Nursery care is available for ages birth to 5 years old

Located in the educational wing

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Remain seated.*

The Candle of Peace

Reader

“The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.” (Isaiah 35)

The candle is lit.

The first Advent candle we light for hope, the second for peace. Today we light the third candle for joy: the joy of justice in every part of our lives.

Let us pray.

People

In this Advent season, O God, give us hearts filled with the joyful message of your salvation. In our world of despair, let us be your witnesses for joy. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning



My___ soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,
 Though I am small, my___ God, my all, you___ work great___ things in me.
 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.



And my spir-it___ sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the one who waits.
 And your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears eve - ry ty - rant from his throne.



You fixed your sight on the ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn,
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and___ those who would for you yearn,
 The hun - gry poor shall___ weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;



So from east to west shall my name be___ blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 You will show your might, put the strong to___ flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth will be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, For the dawn draws near, And the world is a - bout to___ turn. *music trad gaelic*
words Carl Glaser

THE WORD OF GOD

SALUTATION

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

TRISAGION

(Said at 8:00 am)

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

CIRCLE SONG—KYRIE

(Sung at 10:00 am)

We invite you to join in singing our circle song. Listen with attentiveness as the Music Director sings your part, then echo and join in. Let your listening guide your singing and your heart guide your thanksgiving as we lift our voices together before God.

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

Canticle 15 *(Chanted at 10:00 am)*

Please join in the singing the Psalm. The Music Director will sing the first verse as a guide; listen and join in on verse two.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children 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 LESSON

James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Scottish Gaelic Tune

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

The Good News of Jesus as written in Matthew.

Glory is yours, O Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are

cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Amy Cox

THE NICENE CREED

(Sung at 10:00 am)

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.



We be - lieve in God al - might - y Au - thor of all things that be,
 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit bond - ing all the saints with - in



Ma - ker of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied. True Life there had tru - ly died.
 one Church cath' - lic, one Church ho - ly where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus now for us both Lord and Christ
 We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
 in the bo - dy's re - sur - rec - tion for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bund - ant life.
 then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Music: Traditional American melody

Lyrics: Sylvia Dunstan

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the church, especially St. Stephen's, Longview; St. Peter's, Seaview; and St. Anne's, Washougal that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths.

Come Lord Jesus,

And hear our prayer.

Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Come Lord Jesus,

And hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. We invite your thanksgivings at this time.

Come Lord Jesus,

And hear our prayer.

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We invite your intercessions at this time.

Come Lord Jesus,

And hear our prayer.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. We invite your remembrances at this time.

Come Lord Jesus,

And hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and against our neighbor.

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.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy

Traditional American Melody
Sung by the St. Luke's Choir

OFFERTORY HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City



1 All who love and serve your ci - ty, all who
 2 in your day of loss and sor - row, in your
 3 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 4 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 5 Ris - en Lord! shall yet the ci - ty be the



1 bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 2 day of help - less strife, hon - or, peace and
 3 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 4 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 5 ci - ty of de - spair? Come to - day, our



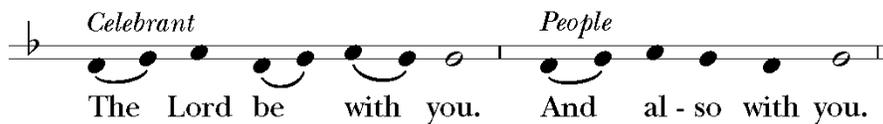
1 peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless,
 2 love re - treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
 3 word of Je - sus, "I must work while it is day."
 4 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 5 Judge, our Glo - ry; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

Music: Eric Routley Words: Albert Bayly

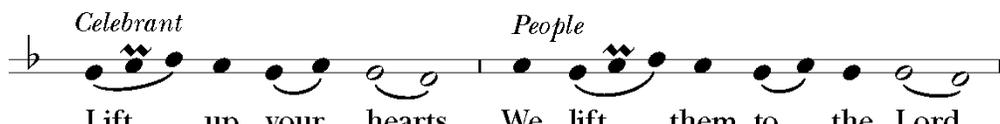
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer B)

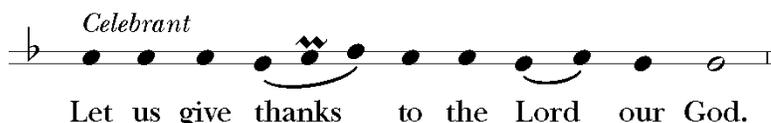
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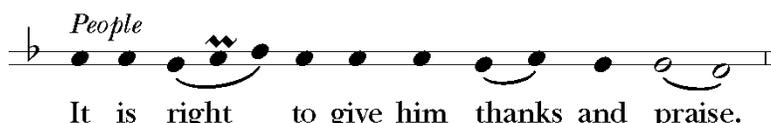
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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, 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:

SANCTUS

(Said at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am, see next page)

Celebrant and people

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, ___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. ___

Heav - en and earth are full, ___ full ___ of ___ your glo - ry.
Bless'd is the one who comes ___ in the name of the Lord. ___

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: Schubert

CONSECRATION

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer B found on pg. 368 of the Book of Common Prayer.

...Therefore according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

...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

As now our Savior Christ has taught us, in the language of your heart, 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Spoken at 8:00 am; Sung at 10:00 am)

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Beau-ti-ful, Gra-cious paint-ed in my heart you were cre-a-ted for love.

Beau-ti-ful, gra - cious, soul of my be-lov-ed seek your-self in me.

Music and Words: Darlene Franz

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Nada Te Turbe

The musical score is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "No-thing can trou - ble, no-thing can frigh - ten; Those who seek God will ne - ver go want - ing. No - thing can trou - ble, no - thing can frigh - ten: God a - lone fills us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C).

Music: Taizé

COMMUNION HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
O come, thou day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
O come, de - sire of na - tions, bind, in one the hearts of
O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
all - man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
Is - - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
cease, and be thy - self our king of peace.
here un - til the son of God ap - pear.

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee O Is - ra - el.

Music: Thomas Helmore
Lyrics: John Mason Neale

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

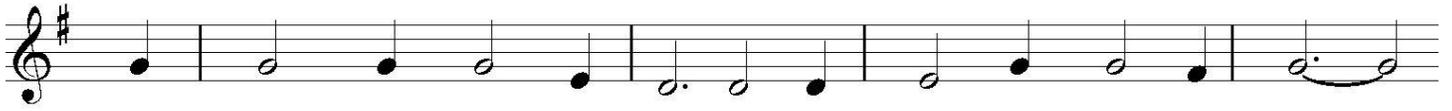
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

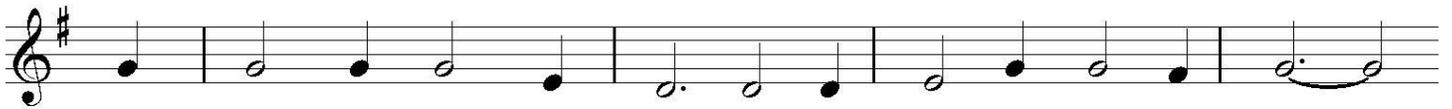
BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the Way, O Zion



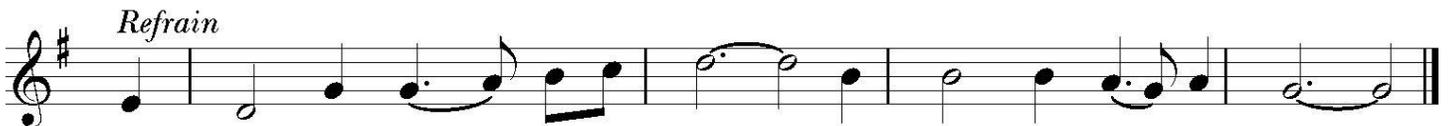
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Traditional Swedish Melody

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

POSTLUDE

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

8:00 am Service

Officiant:	The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino
Associate Priest/Preacher:	The Rev. Amy Cox
Deacon:	The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura
Lector:	Patty Backman
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Mary Maxon
Altar Guild:	Patty Backman and Sandra Kimura
Usher:	Jennifer Cole

10:00 am Service

Officiant:	The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino
Associate Priest/Preacher:	The Rev. Amy Cox
Deacon:	The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura
Music Director:	Jack Barben
Lector:	Judith Bean
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Diane Morgan and Judy Morrison
Altar Guild:	Ellen Hiramura
Ushers:	Georgie Wildfang and Yasuhiko Kamakura
Coffee Hour:	Melanie Kenoyer
Video and Sound:	Len Bauhs and Mike Morrison

ALTAR FLOWERS AND COMMUNION BREAD

The communion bread is donated by the Scott family.

The altar arrangement is given to the Glory of God during this season of Advent.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of North and South America, in particular the nations whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home. We at St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral lands of the Chinook and Cowlitz people. A people that are still here, continuing to honor and bring to light their ageless heritage.



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