# St. Luke's ~ San Lucas Episcopal Church

# The Holy Eucharist The Nativity of Our Lord

December 24, 2025 7:00 P.M.





#### **PRELUDE**

Christmas carols sung by all - The music director will announce the carols which you can find in the blue hymnal.

#### Carol of the Bells The St Luke's Bell Choir

Hark, hear the bells, Bethlehem tells, "God's Son is born, this holy morn." Angels appear, "Peace, do not fear," To lowly ones, God sends His Son.

Ding-dong, ding-dong, this is their song, Good news they bring, Christ is our King. Heaven draws near, love now is here, In manger hay, God comes today.

Rejoice, rejoice! Lift up your voice, Heaven and earth join to proclaim: Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas, Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas. On, on they ring, joy of the King, Christ's birth proclaimed to every home.

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Shepherds awake, haste for his sake, Come, see the Child, meek, undefiled. Angels repeat tidings so sweet, Heav'n's gift of love lies at your feet.

Ding-dong, ding-dong, this is our song, Promise of old now has been told. Glory on high, peace drawing nigh, Christ with us dwells, God from on high.

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Music and Words: Mykola Leontovych

Don Oiche Ud I mBethil Kerry Gulbranson

That dark, cold night in Bethlem Will live in our hearts for aye.
That dark, cold night in Bethlem
The Word first saw the day.

The distant stars were twinkling; The earth wore a mantle white. See Jesus in the cradle; His Mother keeps watch nearby.

Music: Trad. Gaelic Words: Irish Traditional



# THE WORD OF GOD

# **CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION** Remain standing.

Celebrant Unto us a child is born;
People Unto us a Son is given!

Celebrant And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

**People** Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace!

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest;

People On earth, peace and goodwill to all!

#### **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.** 



#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-7

#### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 96

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.

- Sing to the Lord a new song; \* sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.

- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \* he is more to be feared than all gods.
- As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \* Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*
  he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
  he will judge the peoples with equity."
- Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.
- He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND LESSON Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Go Tell It On the Mountain



THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

The Good News of Jesus as written in Luke.

# Glory is yours, O Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino

#### THE NICENE CREED



Music: Traditional American melody

Lyrics: Sylvia Dunstan

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

#### Redeeming God,

As we begin this new year, we remember how you have cared for us and comforted us by speaking your Love into being. Trusting in your faithfulness, we bring you our prayers for the world, saying:

O God who is with us:

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for your church in all its many forms, that it may speak to the needs of all the diverse people of the world.

O God who is with us:

#### Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, that all might experience your love made flesh through justice and peace.

O God who is with us:

## Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer, that our care for them may be a new incarnation. We invite your intercessions at this time.

O God who is with us:

# Hear our prayer.

We pray for your creation: Make us healers of your earth and joyous recipients of your bounteous goodness. We invite your thanksgivings at this time.

O God who is with us:

#### Hear our prayer.

We commend into your hands those who have died and pray for those who now journey toward death that they may rest assured in your promises.

O God who is with us:

#### Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* One with Christ and sealed in the Holy Spirit, we praise and glorify your name, Holy One, now and always. Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCES**

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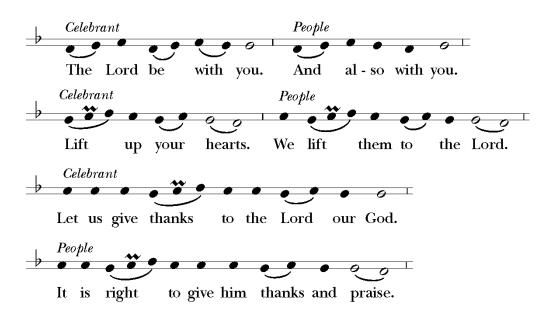


Words: Adolphe Adam Music: Placide Cappeau

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP pg. 361



#### 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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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**



Music: Schubert

#### **CONSECRATION**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds with the Eucharistic Prayer A found on pg. 362 of the Book of Common Prayer.

... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

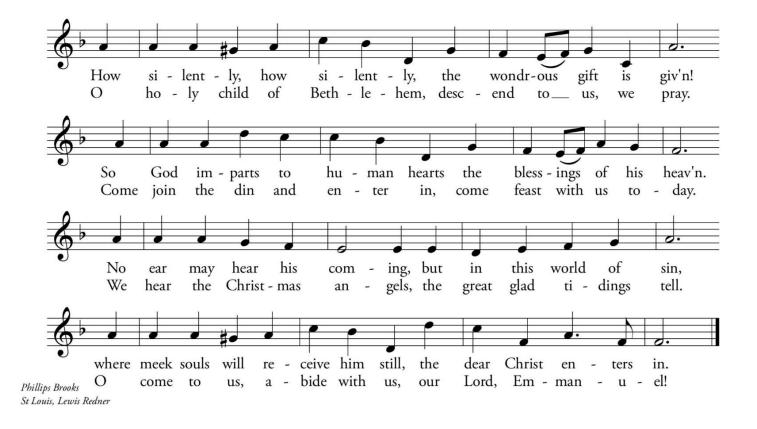
...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### 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.

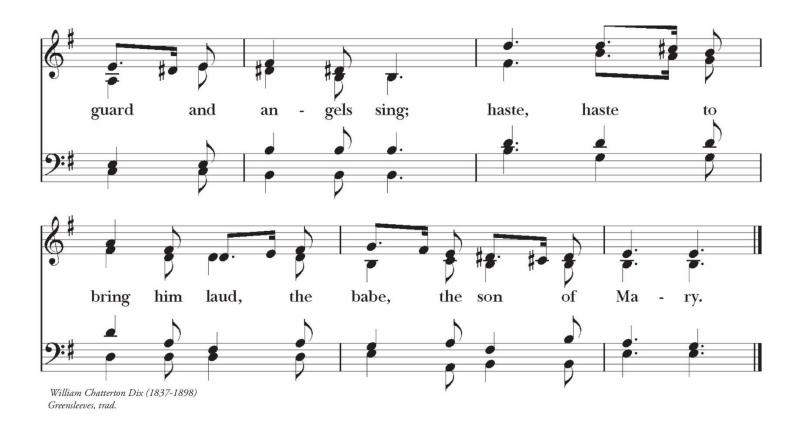
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



#### THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.







Music: Gustav Holst Words: Christina Rossetti



Music: Franz Gruber Words: Joseph Mohr

### 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**



Music: Felix Mendelssohn Words: Charles Wesley

#### DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Alfredo Feregrino

Associate Priest: The Rev. Amy Cox

Deacon: The Rev. Lynette Poulton Kamakura

Music Director: Jack Barben
Lector: Gail Bauhs

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Melanie Kenoyer and Kathy Gallaher

Altar Guild:

Ushers: Jason Barbour and Judy Morrison

Video and Sound: Bob Lawson, Mike Morrison and Yasuhiko Kamakura

Instrumentalists: Hannah Femling, oboe

Fiona Rice, trombone/French horn

Annie Harkey-Power, cello Stefanie Aschman, viola

#### ALTAR FLOWERS AND COMMUNION BREAD

The communion bread is donated by Melanie Kenoyer.

The altar arrangement is given to the Glory of God in celebration of Christmas.

#### 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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