

# SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**An Order of Worship for the Evening**

**Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 5PM**

*The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

*All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.*

*One of the following, or some other Short Lesson of Scripture appropriate to the occasion or to the season, may then be read*

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. *Psalm 139:10-11*

*The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light, using any one of the following or some other suitable prayer, first saying*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.*

*During the candle-lighting, an appropriate anthem or psalm may be sung, or silence kept.*

*The following hymn, or a metrical version of it, or some other hymn, is then sung*

## **O Gracious Light** *Phos hilaron*

O gracious light,  
**pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,**  
**O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,**  
**and our eyes behold the vesper light,**  
**we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,**  
**O Son of God, O Giver of Life,**  
**and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

*The service may then continue with Evening Prayer, beginning with the Psalms*

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 104** *Benedic, anima mea*

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; \*

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

10 You send the springs into the valleys; \*  
they flow between the mountains.

11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, \*  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests \*  
and sing among the branches.

13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; \*  
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds \*  
and plants to serve mankind;

15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, \*  
and wine to gladden our hearts,

16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, \*  
and bread to strengthen the heart.

17 The trees of the Lord are full of sap, \*  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,

18 In which the birds build their nests, \*  
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.

19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \*  
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \*  
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

21 You make darkness that it may be night, \*  
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

22 The lions roar after their prey \*  
and seek their food from God.

23 The sun rises, and they slip away \*  
and lay themselves down in their dens.

24 Man goes forth to his work \*  
and to his labor until the evening.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, \*  
and the wicked be no more.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

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 Lessons**

### **The Old Testament**

**Micah 7:11-20**

**Reader** A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

11 A day for the building of your walls!  
In that day the boundary shall be far extended.

12 In that day they will come to you  
from Assyria to Egypt,  
and from Egypt to the River,  
from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.

13 But the earth will be desolate  
because of its inhabitants,  
for the fruit of their doings.

14 Shepherd your people with your staff,  
the flock that belongs to you,  
which lives alone in a forest  
in the midst of a garden land;  
let them feed in Bashan and Gilead  
as in the days of old.

15 As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt,  
show us marvelous things.

16 The nations shall see and be ashamed  
of all their might;  
they shall lay their hands on their mouths;  
their ears shall be deaf;

17 they shall lick dust like a snake,  
like the crawling things of the earth;  
they shall come trembling out of their fortresses;  
they shall turn in dread to the Lord our God,  
and they shall stand in fear of you.

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity  
and passing over the transgression  
of the remnant of your possession?  
He does not retain his anger for ever,  
because he delights in showing clemency.

19 He will again have compassion upon us;  
he will tread our iniquities under foot.  
You will cast all our sins  
into the depths of the sea.

20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and unswerving loyalty to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our ancestors  
from the days of old.

**Reader**    **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*    Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus***

**Isaiah 12:2-6**

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.**

## **The New Testament Lesson**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

**Reader** A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Reader**    **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*    Thanks be to God.

## **The Song of Mary**    *Magnificat*

**Luke 1:46-55**

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.**



## **The Apostle's 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.

## **The Prayers**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **Suffrages B**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of Blessed Mary, the God-bearer, Blessed Luke, Blessed Kamehameha and Emma, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

*We entreat you, O Lord.*

## **Collect of the Day: Pentecost, Proper 29**

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 Saturdays**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **For Mission**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

## **Prayers and Intercessions**

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others.

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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.**

## **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.**

## **The Ending**

### **Benediction**

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*          **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*





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**"In the heart of things"**

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