

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 28, 2021
10:00 O'clock AM

SAINT LUKE'S: A USER'S GUIDE

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. If you are a visitor or a newcomer, please make yourself known to the priest or greeter and let us know if we can be of help to you. **As we resume in-person worship, we ask that all follow the Diocese of Bethlehem COVID-19 Protocols for Gathering (Last updated: May 20, 2020.)**

<https://diobeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/DioBethProtocolUpdates-052021.pdf>

General Guidelines

Indoor Gathering

To consider indoor gathering and worship, each parish should determine the following:

- Your county's 7-day Average New Cases per 100,000 to be less than 25 for 2 consecutive weeks
- The Vestry's consensus to open for indoor gathering/worship
- The agreement of the Rector/Priest-in-charge to open for indoor gathering/worship

Parish leadership should prayerfully consider these three elements and notify the Bishop in writing (email or letter) of any decision to gather indoors.

Fully Vaccinated People

The CDC considers people fully vaccinated:

- Two weeks after their second dose in a two-dose series, such as Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
- Two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

People who do not meet these requirements are not fully vaccinated and should follow "Guidance for Unvaccinated People."

Masking

Fully vaccinated people are not required to wear a mask while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, masks that fully cover the nose and mouth are recommended for all people.

Physical Distancing

Fully vaccinated people are not required to physically distance while gathering. In gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, all people are recommended to stay six feet apart from others who do not live with them.

Specific Recommendations

Singing

Congregational or choir singing among fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people should follow the "Masking" and "Physical Distancing" guidelines above.

Gathering Capacity

Indoor gathering capacity should be determined by the circumstance and space. For indoor gatherings that include both fully vaccinated and not yet fully vaccinated people, it is recommended that your gathering capacity be determined by applying the "Physical Distancing" guidelines above to your indoor space.

Eucharist

- The Celebrant should sanitize hands liberally and should wear a mask that fully covers their nose and mouth.
- The Sacrament should be received by the communicants in only one kind (the Bread).
- The Celebrant should be the only person who delivers the Bread to the communicants.
- The Cup should be received only by the Celebrant.



SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist -10:00 O'clock AM

The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Our Mission Statement

To spread the Gospel to all people through hospitality, service, and spiritual growth.

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SUNG LITURGY OF THE DAY

Deutsche Messe by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Musicians of Saint Luke's

Ms. Janet Burgan, Soprano; Mr. Max Roche, Tenor;

Mr. Francis McMullen, Bass;

Ms. Maria Zengion (Organist and Choirmaster)

Hymns, in numerical order, are in the 1982 Hymnal; service music is listed on the service leaflet and may be found in the front of the 1982 Hymnal, with "S" before the number. "BCP" with a page number, refers to The Book of Common Prayer. The Collect of the Day, the First and Second Lessons, and the Gospel are on the bulletin insert

PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



PRELUDE

Gottes sohn ist kommen, BWV 600

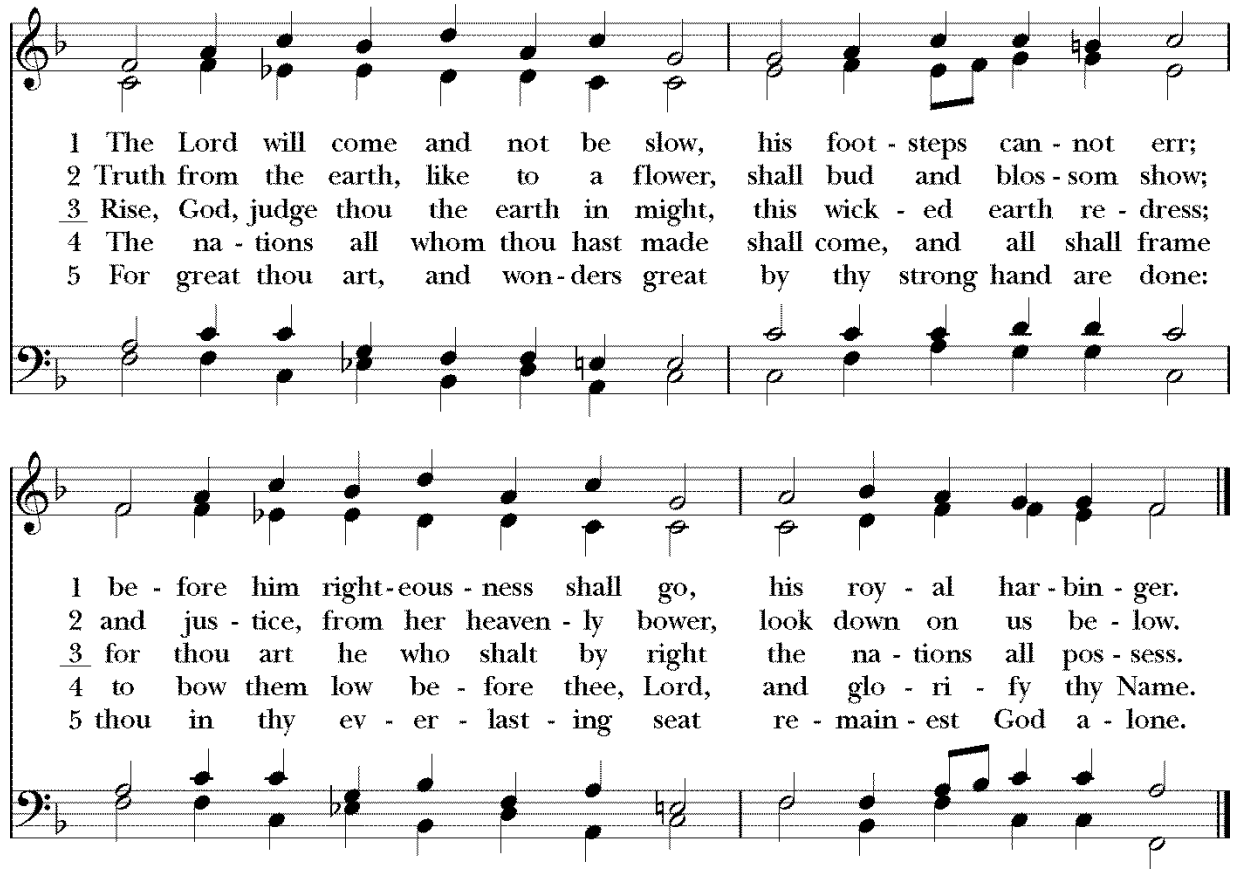
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#462 The Lord will come and not be slow

York

All stand as the procession enters the nave.



1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;
 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;
 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;
 4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
 5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

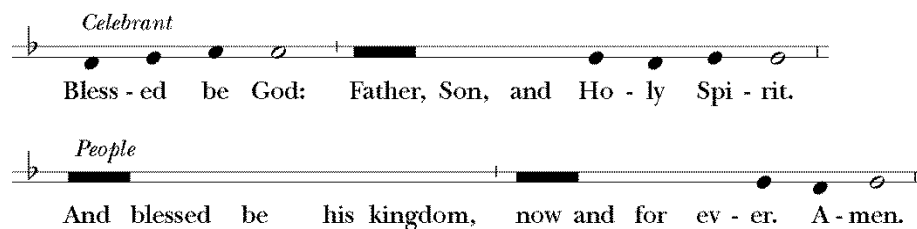
1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.
 2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.
 3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
 4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.
 5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615; adapt. *The Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1621; harm. John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant
 Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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The Celebrant may say

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.**

KYRIE

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding English lyric line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
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 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,
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 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE FIRST READING **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

Reader A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

THE days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM **Psalms 25:1-9** *Chanted by the choir*

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- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

HOW can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

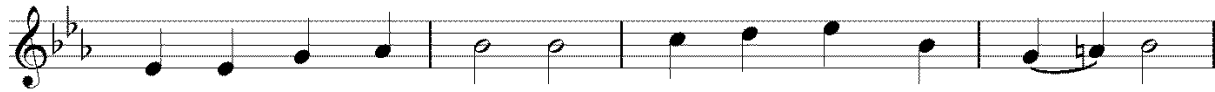
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

#53 Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

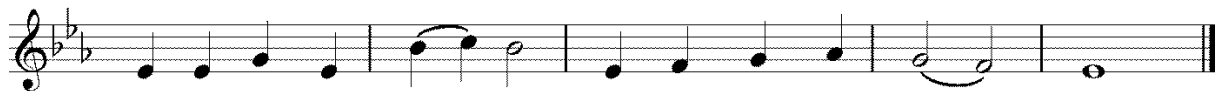
All standing



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Words: Jan Roh (1485?-1547); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*, melody Michael Weisse (d. 1534); harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946) Copyright ©1984, Jack W. Burnam. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

All stand

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

JESUS said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Barnes

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

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All Stand

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

Intervessor As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us lift our hands in prayer, and raise our heads in hope, to the Lord, who is our righteousness, saying: *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that in the face of distress and anxiety, we may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For this Parish Family, that we may be attentive to God's presence and action in our lives, so that we may be ready to act when God invites. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all God's people, that among nations made desolate by conflict and violence, justice and righteousness may flower anew. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all who live in fear and confusion, that whether rich or poor, unknown or famous, they may encounter the light of Christ that will show them the way to a fuller life. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For all those in any anguish of body, mind, and spirit, remembering especially, Jordan, Mary Ann, Beverly & Frank, Edna, Peter, Tim, Martin, Liz, Naomi, Elaine, Beatrice, Lynn, Mary, Dan, Cheryl, Leslie, and Jo, that the disciples of Jesus may strengthen them with words of hope and deeds of love. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

For those who have died, remembering especially, John, Ruth, and Shaina, that they may be found blameless before God at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Come, O Lord, and save us.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, Andrew the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Holy and righteous God, hear the prayers we offer this day, and raise our heads to greet the redemption that is drawing near: the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, with all his saints. Glory to you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. In an effort to observe social distancing when passing of The Peace, we ask that you please remain in your pew and exchange with those immediately near you or with a wave or bow.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts. *Psalms 96:8*

OFFERTORY HYMN #66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score ends with a double bar line.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

SURSUM CORDA

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Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant *People*

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

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 *Sanctus*

Schubert

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

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

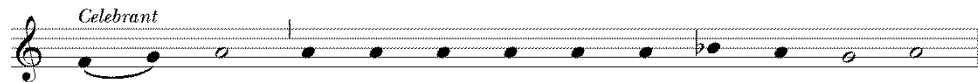
On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

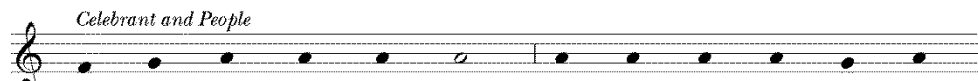
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Celebrant

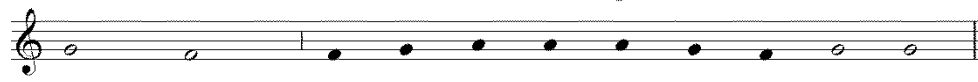


There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -



rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

The Celebrant continues


And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [] and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

GREAT AMEN

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A - men. A - men. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

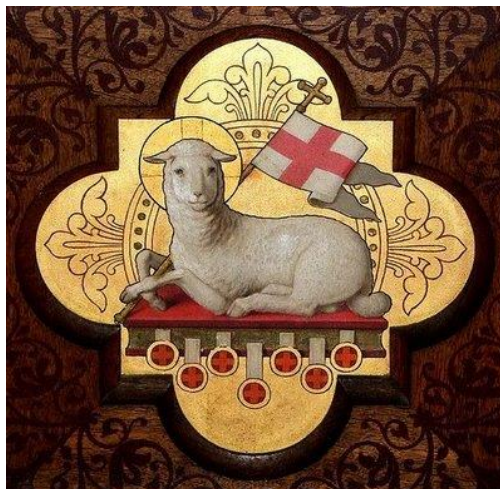
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

A period of silence is kept.



THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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The Celebrant says

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.

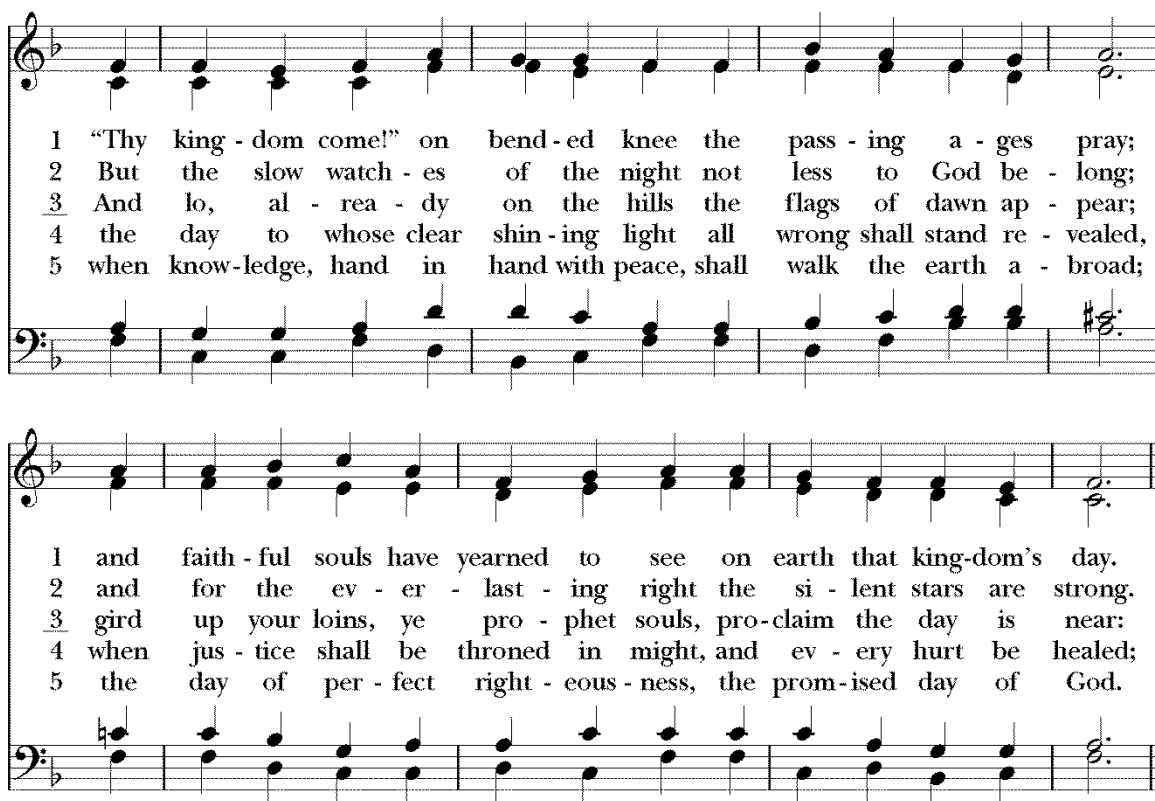
We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to receive communion here at Saint Luke's. If you do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward to a blessing. To show that you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

We invite those who are joining via livestreaming to make an Act of Spiritual Communion

<https://news.forwardmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Spiritual-Communion.pdf>

COMMUNION HYMN #615 “Thy Kingdom come!” on bended knee

St. Flavian



1 “Thy king - dom come!” on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom’s day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day’s Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING OF PLEDGES

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

THE FINAL HYMN #57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
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 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

THE DISMISSAL

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Deacon  *People* 

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Herr der einig Gotts Sohn

Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The candle beside the Ambry, in which the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, has been given in loving memory of
Grace Rakauskas by Mario and Lucetta Savinelli.

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SPECIAL MINISTERS

Saturday, 5:00 pm: S. Savinelli, M. Savinelli (Ushers and Altar Guild); A. Wrazien (Lector); S Hoffman (Intercessor).

Sunday, 10:00 am: D. Kraus, A. Wrazien (Altar Guild); B. Ott (Lector); D. Wegner (Intercessor); TBD (Counters).

***Servers are needed at every service:** If you are interested in serving, please contact Mother Barnes. A sign-up sheet for the month may be found in Israel Lounge.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Welcome to St. Luke's as we return to in-person worship! Live streaming and zoom gatherings continue from St. Luke's. Please join us on our [Facebook page](#) for the streaming of the services.

******(Note: if you are NOT a Facebook member, when you click on the link it will ask you to sign in or create an account, which you can ignore and just scroll down the page a bit till you see the service.)

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Book of Common Prayer!

Click [here](#) for a copy of Enriching Our Worship 1. This contains supplemental liturgical materials (i.e. Canticles) we occasionally use for Morning and Evening Prayer.

Daily Office: Morning and Evening Prayer – Morning Prayer at 9 AM; Evening Prayer at 5PM are live-streamed on Sunday; Tuesday through Saturday morning.

Please note: On Saturday, May 22 we resumed in-person worship. Going forward, we will continue to stream our in-person services at St. Luke's, as well as the Daily Office, as scheduled below.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – FERIA

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – THE FIRST OF ADVENT

- 5PM – Said Holy Eucharist II ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- [The First Sunday of Advent \(Lectionary Readings\)](#)
- [Click here for the 5 PM service leaflet](#)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

See above for Lectionary Readings

- Morning Prayer, Rite I ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 10AM - Sung Holy Eucharist II ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#)) A full service leaflet for the Sunday [service](#) may be found by clicking below:

[Click here for the 10 AM service leaflet](#)

- 11:45AM – *Episcopal 101* Adult Ed program
- Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – FERIA (NO SCHEDULED SERVICES OR EVENTS TODAY).

- [Monday Morning](#)
- [Monday Evening Prayer](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 – SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE (Major Feast)

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1 – CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 12:10PM – Healing Eucharist (*This service is in-person only; no live-stream*)
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 7PM – Preparing to Become Beloved Community (Live and via Zoom) [Click here to join by Zoom](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2 – NICHOLAS FERRAR

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5:30PM - CENTERING PRAYER: Our ongoing group meets each Thursday at 5:30 BOTH IN THE CHAPEL AT ST. LUKE'S AND ON ZOOM. All are welcome to join in. To access the "zoom chapel" click [here](#). Click [here](#) for a brochure on *The Method of Centering Prayer*.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3 – FRANCIS XAVIER

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))
- 5PM – Evening Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

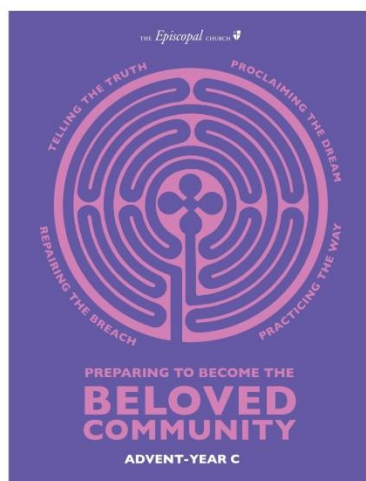
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 – JOHN OF DAMASCUS

- 9AM – Morning Prayer ([streamed on our parish Facebook page](#))

Christian Education and Formation

Episcopal 101 - An Adult Formation & Inquirers Class

Episcopal 101 class began on Sunday, September 19. The class is held following the 10AM Sunday Eucharist (approx. 11:45). The classes, led by Mother Barnes, are held live at St. Luke's. (Zoom options will be considered in the event of increased Covid numbers and/or inclement weather.) This class is an opportunity to explore and learn more about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition. Sessions are open to everyone, no matter where you may be in your journey of faith - those who are seeking, those new to the Episcopal Church, or those who have been life-long Episcopalians and want a refresher course. This class may also be used toward preparation for baptism and/or confirmation or reception. The text used for this class will be *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

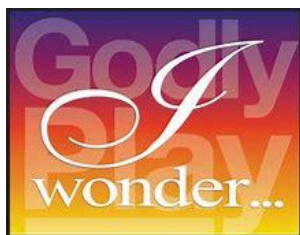


Advent Preparing to Become Beloved Community: Wednesdays in Advent, 7PM

Advent is a season of preparation: shopping for gifts, decorating our homes and sanctuaries. Advent is also a time to prepare our hearts and communities for the coming of Christ, the Almighty God who came among us poor and homeless, a stranger and a child. There may be no better time to reflect on how we as the Episcopal Church embrace the Holy One who continues to draw near in the neighbor, the stranger, the refugee, or the one who seems most “other” to you. It is the ideal season to commit to becoming Beloved Community and growing loving, liberating, life-giving relationships across the human family of God. Join us as we gather for a time of lighting the Advent wreath, prayer, reflection on Advent texts and conversation. This program will be offered in-

person at St. Luke's and via Zoom. To join via Zoom, [click here](#), or see our website for sign-on link.

Children's' Christian Education and Formation



Sunday School, 9:30 AM –Sunday School resumed on Sunday, September 19! St. Luke's uses Godly Play, a Montessori-based curriculum with our younger children, ages five to ten years old. Rick Ammenhauser, Senior Sunday school teacher leads the children's Sunday school classes at 9:30am. For more information, to enroll your child, or to learn more about serving in the Sunday school program, please see Mother Barnes or email her at mthrbarnes@gmail.com or Rick Ammenhauser at imgold67@aol.com

Children's Christian Education Materials

Click below to access free faith formation resources for kids.

- For Sunday, November 28, 2021.: Lectionary-based **Sunday Paper Junior**

See our [Children and Youth page](#) for more offerings including resources for talking with kids about the challenging issues of our time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SERVICES

BLUE CHRISTMAS/LONGEST NIGHT - DECEMBER 21

7pm Blue Christmas/ Longest Night Service

A service designed especially for those who have experienced loss or find the holidays difficult.

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm - Christmas Eve Family Service

10:30pm - Choral Prelude; 11:00pm - "Christ-Mass"

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am – Christmas Day Service

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME - NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1

10:00am – Feast of the Holy Name Service

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - JANUARY 6

6:00pm - Feast of the Epiphany Service



► **Every Perfect Gift - Annual Stewardship Campaign:** On Sunday, October 3, 2021, we will launch our Annual Stewardship Campaign. On **Sunday, November 28th**, we will have the ingathering of pledges, and a potluck luncheon following the 10AM Eucharist. The program we will use this year is an ongoing year-long program offered through The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). "This year's stewardship theme, "Every Perfect Gift," taken from the first chapter of The Letter of James and highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how

that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, the world. We hope you'll join us as we work together as a parish community remembering that "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights."

► **Advent Wreath Workshop – Sunday, November 28:** On Sunday, November 28, following our Stewardship Ingathering Potluck luncheon, we will have a multigenerational advent wreath workshop. There will be the opportunity for all to make an advent wreath to take home, followed by a blessing of the wreaths. Devotional materials for home use will be provided to help us and mark the season and prepare our hearts for Christmas and the coming of the Christ child. A suggested \$20 donation is requested to cover supplies; scholarship is available by speaking with Mother Barnes.

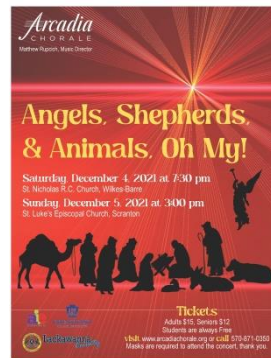
► **Christmas 2021 Memorial Flowers and Greens:** All those who wish to give flowers and greens in memory or honor of a loved one and have their name included on St. Luke's Christmas Memorial List for 2021 are asked to use the envelopes marked "Christmas Memorial Flowers and Greens." For your convenience, envelopes have been included in the service leaflet. Additional copies are located on the table in the rear of the church. Please provide a list of names (written or typed) to the parish office no later than **Sunday, December 19, 2021**.

► **St. Luke's Cleaning and Greening of the Church:** We will gather on **Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 10:00** to clean and "spruce up" the church for Christmas. All are warmly welcome at this festive and fun event.

► Upcoming Concerts

Arcadia Chorale: Angels, Shepherds & Animals, Oh My! December 5, 2021 3:00PM

Celebrate the holidays with this exciting choral program focusing on the observers of the baby in the manger. Our Christmas presentation plans to be a beautiful and colorful concert. <https://www.arcadiachorale.org/>



Lyric Consort: A Lyric Consort Christmas, Saturday, 18 December 2021 at 8:00 pm

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Scranton. "Our traditional holiday program presenting music and texts of the season amid the white marble and candlelight of St. Luke's. This year we mix music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance with the sounds of bells, American music of the Colonies and Appalachia, some jazz-tinged selections, and songs of wassailing, feasting, and good cheer. \$10.00 General Admission <http://www.lyricconsort.com/index.php>



St. Luke's Piano Dedication Concert: Sunday, December 19, 2021 3:00PM

St. Luke's celebrates the dedication of our 1994 Steinway Model B Grand Piano! The concert will feature pianist Ron Stabinsky and violinist Sophie Till, and will feature Mozart's Violin Sonata in C Major, K 296, Schnittke's Violin Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Piano, Schubert's Fantasy for Violin and Piano in C Major, D 934, and Ravel's Sonata No. 2, M. 77. This concert has been generously underwritten; free admission.



In a Pastoral Emergency, please contact—The Reverend Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge at 646-533-1836 or via e-mail at mthrbarnes@gmail.com. If you, or a family member, are in the hospital, a health care facility, or are home bound and would like to have a visit from Mother Barnes or a member of our Pastoral Care Committee, please contact the parish office. Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, commonly known as HIPAA, hospitals no longer automatically provide churches with the names of admitted parishioners. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in a health care facility someone acting on your behalf will need to notify the church in order to assure that proper pastoral care may be offered. St. Luke's church complies with all HIPAA requirements and cannot provide personal information for sick or injured members without permission of the member or his or her close family member. Additionally, if you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound and desire regular Eucharistic visitation, please notify the parish office. Eucharistic Visitations are customarily made once per month; weekly visits may be scheduled upon request.



November 28, 2021 – Advent 1 (C)

First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, November 28

WORSHIP

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, November 29

GO

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

Tuesday, November 30

LEARN

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

Wednesday, December 1

PRAY

Pray along with the Collect for Advent I, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Thursday, December 2

BLESS

We know that angels are God’s special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with Mary, helping her to understand her part in God’s story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

Friday, December 3

TURN

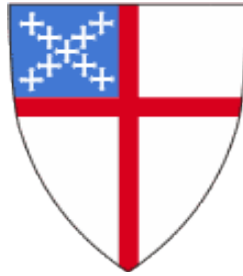
Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Saturday, December 4

REST

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.





ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"In the heart of things"

The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes, Priest-in-Charge

Ms. Maria Zengion, Organist and Choirmaster

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