



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord January 10, 2021

Daily Morning Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold.

Prelude

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Dietrich Buxtehude

(Based on Hymn 139, "When Jesus went to Jordan's stream")

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant 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.

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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. Alleluia.

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Officiant and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Officiant The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 29

Officiant and People

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 - 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
 - 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
 - 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
 - 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 - 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 - 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
 - 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
 - 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
 - 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
 - 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.
- 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

A Reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1-5.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called

the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations Will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When

Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day

English Carol
arranged by Richard Shephard

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 1:4-11.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Timothy T. Rich

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, for all bishops and other ministers; and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. We join with communities throughout this diocese and pray for the newly baptized, and all who share in the Baptism of our Lord.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your care all of those who work for justice, freedom, and peace. We pray for those in our Armed Forces.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Florence MacQueen, Karen Cesaro, Lou R., Kenneth Hunter, Sylvia DeFalco, Ann Brough, Caroline, Tom Gunther, Bob Richert, Paula Thompson, Michael Jolicœur, Rita, Lisbeth, Seamus Ryan Drago, Sherry Anderson, Kate & Callie, Bill, Patti & Gregory Lebeau, Rowen W., Dorothy Brown, Ellen Hall, Shirley W., Dot McDermott, Helen Biancani, Peter & Nancy W., Don & Mary S., Richard Fogarty, Jackie Hudson, Jack Eversole, Jennifer Larkin, Andre Cabana, Sue & Mel Awes, Sam Hopp, Wendy, Bob Schulman, Mackenzie C., Heather M., Neil & Tracy, Spencer Collins, Kusum Singh, Hannah's Family, Logan and Gerald.

And during this time of global pandemic we pray: God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Pete Fornal and Kevin Gedney and their family and friends in their time of grief.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silence

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Hymn 121

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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Participants

Officiant	The Rev. Tanya Watt, Assistant Rector
Preacher	The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Minister of Music	Rodney Ayers
Cantor	Arielle Rogers
Choir	Members of the St. Cecilia Choir (from December 16, 2018, concert)
First Reading	Sally House
Second Reading	Ben Lovejoy
Gospel Reading	Steve McLoughlin
Prayers	Cindi Lovejoy

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday, 1/10

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

Monday, 1/11

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Wednesday, 1/13

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

7 pm Adult Faith Formation via Zoom

Friday, 1/15

10:30-12 EG Food Cupboard

Sunday, 1/17

Worship with us online at stlukeseg.org

5 pm Social Hour via Zoom

If you have requested pledge envelopes, they are located in the atrium.

From the Treasurer

I was in the checkout line the other day, waiting for my turn to approach the register, masked and socially distanced by the stick on feet placed on the floor. It brought me back to the annual meeting last year, where our floors (and walls and many other places, so it seemed) also had stick on feet for that year's commitment drive theme of taking our next step. Who knew we would be trend setters.

October and November were solid months financially. Pledges and gifts have continued in your support of our Parish. With all the good news of vaccines coming, and a potential return to less sickness and a less restrictive lifestyle, there is a reason to hope.

And hope sounds like a pretty good Christmas gift for all of us.

If you can, please help us close out 2020 on a positive note.

	2020 YTD	Budget	%	2019 YTD	Var
Pledge Income	\$382,778	\$400,000	95.69%	\$419,131	(\$36,353)
Loose Plate	\$17,960	\$17,700	101.47%	\$31,321	(\$13,361)
Other Personal Inc.	\$65,165	\$68,819	94.69%	\$130,517	(\$65,352)
Total Personal Inc.	\$465,903	\$486,519	95.76%	\$580,969	(\$115,066)
Total Other Inc	\$110,133	\$94,533	116.50%	\$47,201	\$62,932
Total Income	\$576,036	\$581,052	99.14%	\$628,170	(\$52,134)
Staff Expenses	\$384,676	\$391,199	98.33%	\$408,644	(\$23,968)
Facilities Expenses	\$102,289	\$111,926	91.39%	\$144,990	(\$42,701)
Program Expenses	\$21,825	\$29,296	74.50%	\$22,739	(\$914)
Outreach Expenses	\$12,067	\$7,506	160.76%	\$7,036	\$5,031
Total Expenses	\$607,610	\$626,658	96.96%	\$668,302	(\$60,692)
Net Income	(\$31,575)	(\$45,607)	69.23%	(\$40,132)	\$8,557

Peace,
Michael Sullivan

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Adult Faith Formation

It's 2021-- and Time for Joy!

The next adult faith formation offering begins Wednesday, January 13th, as we read *The Book of Joy*, an account by Douglas Abrams of 5 days spent with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. From these deeply faithful and profound leaders we hear such insights as, "The ultimate source of happiness is within us (His Holiness The Dalai Lama)" and "We grow in kindness when our kindness is tested (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)."

Join us on Zoom Wednesday nights at 7:00PM to reflect on these pearls of wisdom and more.

While the entire book is worth your reading, we will focus our study by reading the section entitled "The Eight Pillars of Joy." Please come to class having read about the first two pillars beginning on page 193.

We hope you'll join us.

Zoom Meeting Information is below with a link provided in our weekly announcement:

Meeting ID: 846 7270 7828

Password: 968306

Pastoral Care Ministry

Prayer is a powerful way for us to support each other and build community. If you would like to add someone to our parish prayer list, please use the online Prayer List Request Form. It is available on our website under our Parish Life tab and in our Weekly Newsletter. The prayer list is updated weekly and available for all of us to view via the link in our Weekly Newsletter. The Pastoral Care Ministry continues to pray for all on the prayer list and send cards to the homebound and those in the hospital. By filling out the information on this form, you will help us to keep in touch.

The next Pastoral Care Meeting will be held on January 13 at 1 pm via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting Information is below with a link provided in our weekly announcement:

Meeting ID: 890 9747 8106

Password: 720103

Thank you and stay well.

The Pastoral Care Ministry

St. Luke's Choirs Sing for You!

As a special gift from the Canterbury, St. Cecilia, and Angel Choirs to our St. Luke's family and friends, choir members compiled a special 'arrangement' of "How Can I Keep From Singing". The music is from an American folk song originally composed by Baptist minister Robert Wadworth Lowry in 1868 with the four-part arrangement published by Jeffrey Honoré in 1991. The choirs performed this piece at their 2019 Spring Concert and happily recreated that performance in this video. Here is the link: <https://stlukeseg.org/virtual-hymn-2020/> (It is also available on St. Luke's website and Facebook page).

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Thank you,
Mark & Susan Cordle, Deborah Collins & Jeremy Stowe
Your Faithful RaiseRight Project Team

Women of Grace – January 11, 2021

Women of Grace will meet on Monday, January 11, to discuss a reading from Mark Nemo's *Finding Inner Courage*. Facilitated by The Rev. Pam Gregory, our discussion will focus on insights to and application of spiritual frameworks. Join us in starting off the New Year with inspiration and fellowship.

Women of Grace meets once a month via Zoom. Each gathering opens with prayer and a period of fellowship, followed by the evening's discussion, and ends with a prayer or reflection. We start at 7pm and promise to say our final AMEN by 9pm!

Details for linking via Zoom and any additional information for the discussion will be emailed to the WOG list the week prior to the meeting. If you are not currently on our mailing list, please email Deborah Collins (collinstn01@gmail.com) to add your name and email address and receive updates on meeting logistics and resources.

Happy 99th Birthday to Margaret (Gram) Pinney!

Margaret's family is asking our St. Luke's Community to send birthday cards to help celebrate this special milestone! Her address is 32 Dye Hill Rd., Hope Valley, RI 02832

A Birthday Thank You from Tom Greene

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards and good wishes I received for my 90th birthday. I've lost count of how many cards came to my mailbox, but I am filled with gratitude for each of them.

I look forward to the time when we can all gather in person to worship at our beloved church, and I can thank you in person.

In the meantime, I wish you good health, and all good things in the New Year.

With deep appreciation,
Thomas Casey Greene

Big Brothers and Big Sisters Donations



In our continuing efforts to be a good neighbor and serve our local community, we have added a new addition to the St Luke's parking lot! The clothing bin is a result of joining in a new partnership between the Episcopal Diocese and Big Brother Big Sister of Rhode Island. It will serve as a collection point for community donations of clothing, shoes and other cloth items. Please drop off your bagged items at your convenience.