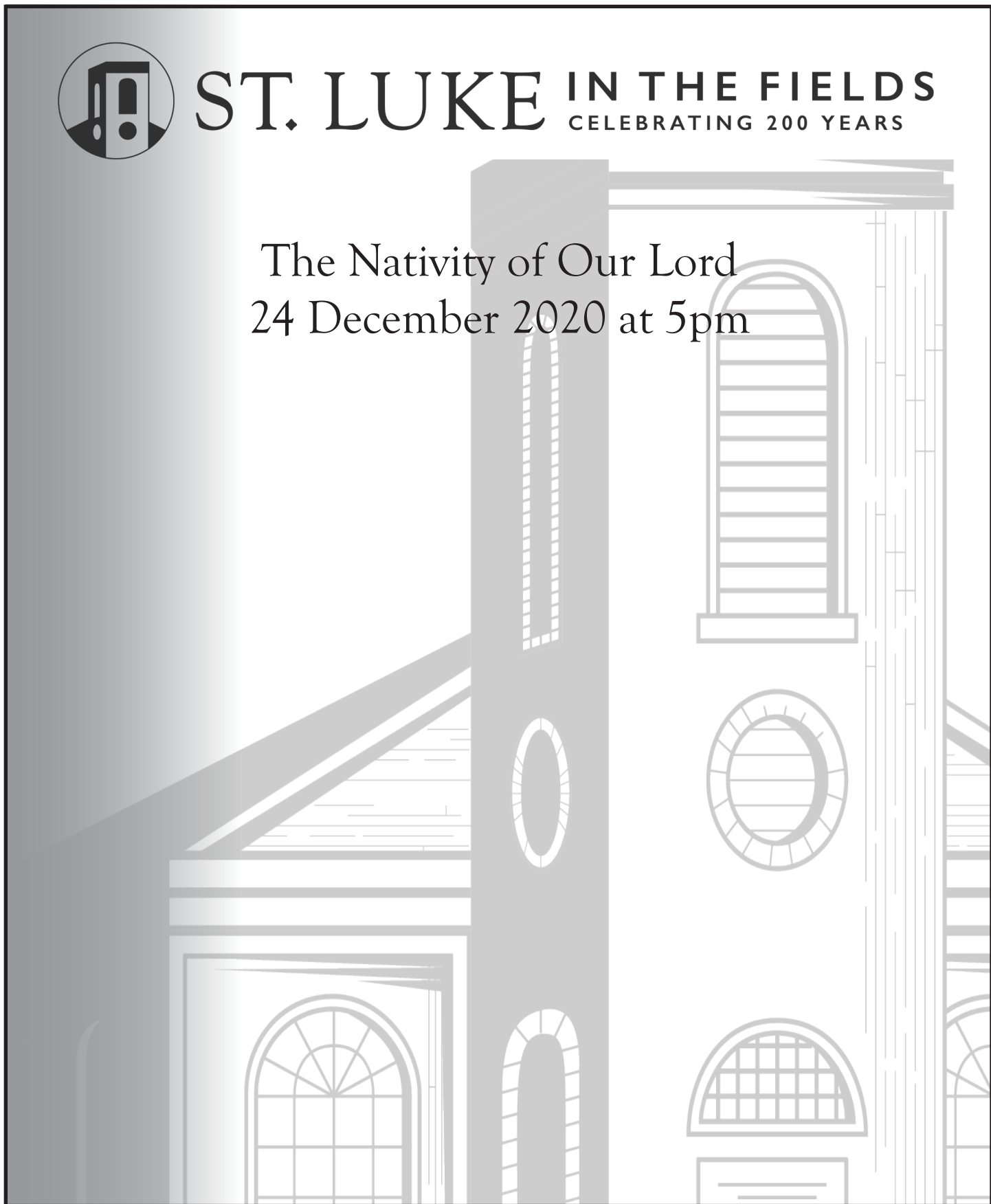




ST. LUKE IN THE FIELDS

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

The Nativity of Our Lord
24 December 2020 at 5pm



Welcome to St. Luke in the Fields.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in compliance with government agency directives, our service schedule has been altered and seating is limited to 30 pre-registered worshippers. For additional information and updates on this evolving situation, please visit our website stlukeinthefields.org

We look forward to continuing to serve you in this time of national crisis and beyond.

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We are Here for You!

Let us know if you would appreciate Pastoral Care. If you or a loved one is in hospital, or will be going for surgery, please let us know. To schedule a pastoral meeting or request visitation, please contact our clergy directly using their contact information found on the back cover of the bulletin, either by email (best) or by calling the parish office at 212.924.0562. For pastoral emergencies in the evenings or on weekends, please call the emergency pastoral cell phone at 646.240.5740.

For December, the Vestry on Call are Amanda Durant (917.902.2617) and Savannah Stevenson (917.822.7651). For January, they are William Robertson (917.459.3544) and Donald Conrad (646.884.3145).

MISSION

We gather to worship, witness, learn, grow, and serve, creating Jesus' embrace through outreach, arts, educational programs and the sanctuary of our church and gardens.

VISION

We joyfully join the Holy Spirit to transform this world into the kingdom of God, celebrating the diversity and dignity of all creation, connecting people to each other and to the Divine.

VALUES

We set scripture, prayer and sacraments at the center of our communal life.

We practice inclusive hospitality, valuing diverse experiences and contributions from our parish, our neighbors, and the wider community.

We honor our progressive Anglo-Catholic heritage through our service at the altar and our service to those in need.

We strive to be good stewards of the resources God has given us, giving our highest and best to God in all that we do.

Choral Music for the Christmas Season and Carols

(The virtual congregation is invited to join in the singing of the hymns.)

We recommend viewing the service on two devices: one for viewing the video service, and a second for reading through the bulletin. Service video recordings and sermon manuscripts are available on our website www.stlukeinthefields.org

PRELUDE BEGINS AT 4:30 PM

ANTHEM

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Hodie Christus natus est. Alleluja.
Hodie salvator apparuit. Alleluja.
Hodie in terra canunt angeli,
laetentur archangeli. Alleluja.
Hodie exultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Alleluja.

*Today Christ is born. Alleluia.
Today our Savior has appeared. Alleluia.
Today on earth choirs of angels sing,
and the archangels rejoice. Alleluia.
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory be to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Alleluia.*

HYMN 100 · Antioch

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| <p>1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing.</p> <p>2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,
repeat the sounding joy.</p> | <p>3 He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love.</p> |
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ANTHEM

Giacomo Carissimi (1605-1674)

Exulta, gaude, filia Sion;
 triumpha, iubila, filia Ierusalem.
 In te natus est salvator mundi;
 in te natus est rex pacificus,
 rex magnus, rex admirabilis,
 Pater futuri saeculi, princeps pacis, Deus fortis,
 princeps mundi.

Exulta, gaude, filia Sion; triumpha,
 iubila, filia Ierusalem.
 Consurge, sede Ierusalem, induere
 vestibus iucunditatis et gloriae.

Solve vincula colli tui,
 captiva filia Sion.

Quoniam illuxit tibi dies redemptionis
 tuae, dies gratissima, dies felicitatis
 aeternae.

Exulta, gaude, filia Sion;
 triumpha, iubila, filia Ierusalem.
 Noe, noe.

*Exult, rejoice, O daughter of Zion;
 triumph, sing in jubilation, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 To you is born the Savior of the world,
 to you is born the king of peace, to you is born the great king,
 the wonderful king, the father of the world to come, the prince
 of peace, the mighty God,
 the prince of the world.*

*Exult, rejoice, O daughter of Zion; triumph,
 sing in jubilation, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 Rise up, Jerusalem, clothe yourself
 in the garments of joy and glory.*

*Loosen the chains from your neck,
 captive daughter of Zion.*

*For the day of your redemption has shone
 on you, that most pleasing day, the day of
 eternal happiness.*

*Exult, rejoice, O daughter of Zion;
 triumph, sing in jubilation, O daughter of Jerusalem.
 Noe, noe*

HYMN 94 · Winchester Old

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| <p>1 While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
 all seated on the ground,
 the angel of the Lord came down,
 and glory shone around.</p> <p>2 "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
 had seized their troubled mind;
 "Glad tidings of great joy I bring
 to you and all mankind.</p> <p>3 "To you, in David's town, this day
 is born of David's line
 the Savior, who is Christ the Lord;
 and this shall be the sign:</p> | <p>4 "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
 to human view displayed,
 all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
 and in a manger laid."</p> <p>5 Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
 appeared a shining throng
 of angels praising God, who thus
 addressed their joyful song:</p> <p>6 "All glory be to God on high
 and on the earth be peace;
 good will henceforth from heaven to men
 begin and never cease."</p> |
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ANTHEM

Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)

Puer natus in Bethlehem,
 Unde gaudet Jerusalem,
 Alleluia.

Assumpsit carnem Filius,
 Dei Patris altissimus,
 Alleluia.

In hoc natali gaudio,
 Benedicamus Domino,
 Alleluia.

*A child is born in Bethlehem,
 Exult for joy, Jerusalem!
 Alleluia.*

*The Son of God the Father,
 In the highest has taken flesh,
 Alleluia.*

*Come then, and on his natal day,
 Rejoice before the Lord and pray.
 Alleluia.*

HYMN 78 · *Forest Green*

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting Light;
 the hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary;
 and gathered all above,
 while mortals sleep, the angels keep
 their watch of wondering love.
 O morning stars, together
 proclaim the holy birth!
 and praises sing to God the King,
 and peace to men on earth.

3 How silently, how silently,
 the wondrous gift is given!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 the blessings of his heaven.
 No ear may hear his coming,
 but in this world of sin,
 where meek souls will receive him, still
 the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 descend to us, we pray;
 cast out our sin and enter in,
 be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 the great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 our Lord Emmanuel!

ANTHEM

Peter Philips (c.1560-1628)

Hodie nobis de coelo pax vera descendit:
 Hodie per totum mundum melliflui facti sunt coeli.
 Hodie illuxit nobis dies redemptionis novae,
 reparationis antiquae, felicitatis aeternae. Alleluia.

*Today for us true peace from heaven came down:
 Today throughout the whole world the heavens distilled honey.
 Today there shone for us a day of new redemption,
 of long-expected restoration, of eternal happiness. Alleluia.*

The Holy Eucharist

ENTRANCE HYMN 83 · *Adeste Fidelis*

- 1 O come, all ye faithful joyful and triumphant,
O come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him born the king of angels.
O come let us adore him Christ, the Lord.
- 2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb.
Only-begotten, Son of God the Father.
O come let us adore him Christ, the Lord.
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above.
Glory to God, glory in the highest.
O come, let us adore him Christ, the Lord.

ACCLAMATION

Ambrosian Chant

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Missa O magnum mysterium* *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam: Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine fili unigenite Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, and we give thanks to you for your great glory: Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. You, who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 9:2–7*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96*Plainsong, Mode V*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord,
for he has come.

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
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.
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.
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

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.

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.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad before the Lord,
for he has come.

THE SECOND LESSON *Titus 2:11-14*

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 96 · *Gloria*
Sung by all.

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| <p>1 Angels we have heard on high,
 singing sweetly through the night,
 and the mountains in reply
 echoing their brave delight.
 <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> | <p>3 Come to Bethlehem and see
 him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee
 Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
 <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> |
| <p>2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why these songs of happy cheer?
 What great brightness did you see?
 What glad tidings did you hear?
 <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> | <p>4 See him in a manger laid
 whom the angels praise above;
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
 while we raise our hearts in love.
 <i>Gloria in excelsis Deo.</i></p> |

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord 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.

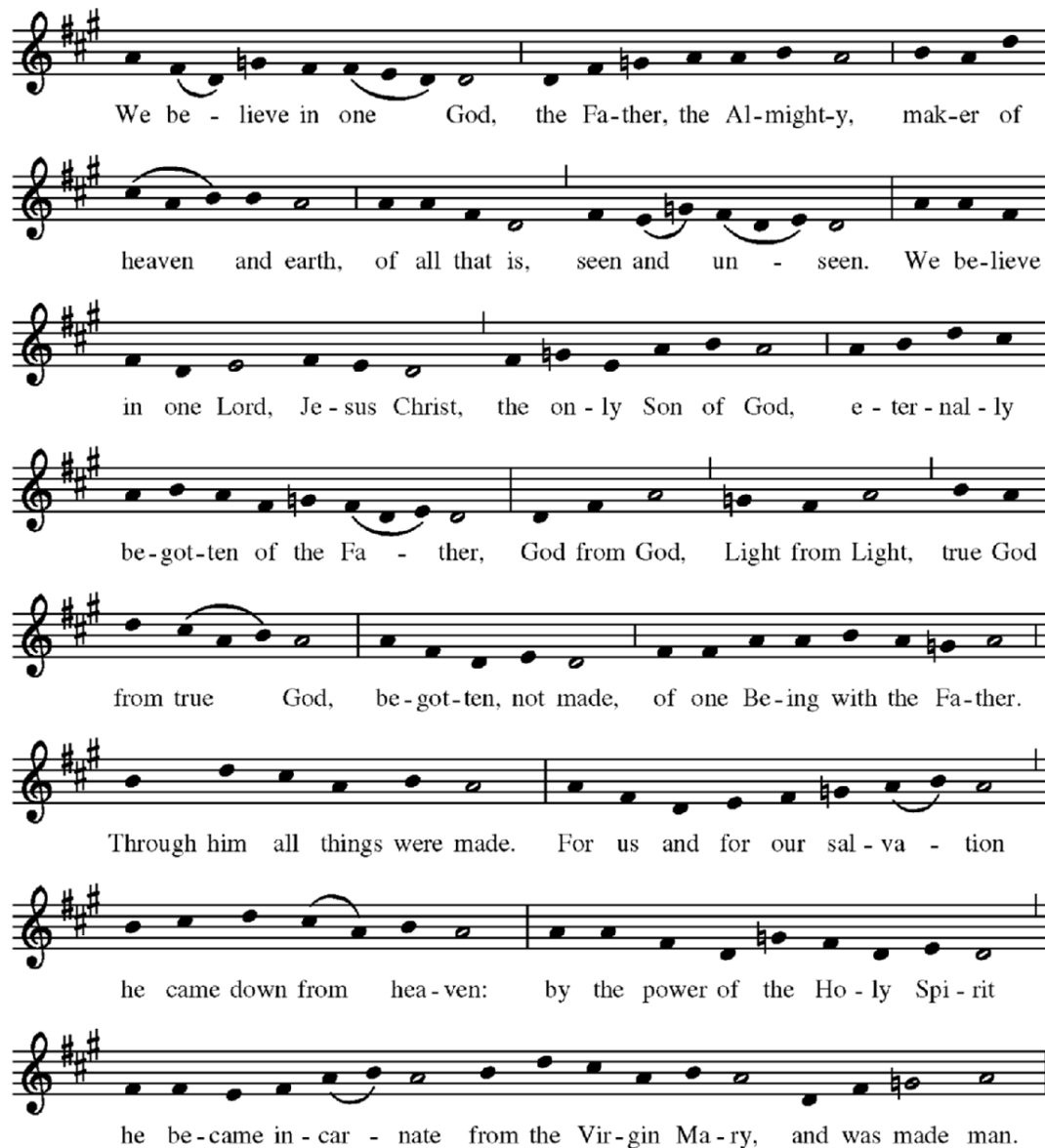
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *The Rev. Caroline Stacey*

THE NICENE CREED

Plainsong, Mode V

Sung by all.



We be - lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y, mak-er of
heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve
in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly
be-got-ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
he came down from hea-ven: by the power of the Ho - ly Spi - rit
he be-came in - car - nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.

For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;

he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures; he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven

and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -

gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom

will have no end. We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord,

the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son.

With the Fa - ther and the Son he is wor - shiped and glo - ri - fied.

He has spo - ken through the Pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly

cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church. We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism

for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As we join the whole creation and celebrate with joy the Word made flesh, let us offer prayers to God who dwells among us to the end of time.

By the birth of the timeless Son of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Allen and Mary, our Bishops; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President; Joe, our President-elect; Andrew, our Governor; Bill, our Mayor; for the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that Christ's embracing love may be known throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies, and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and oppressed, for those in prison, and for the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Mother of God, blessed Luke our patron and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

THE PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Peter Philips

O beatum et sacrosanctum diem,
 in qua Dominus noster de Virgine Maria
 pro nobis nasci dignatus est.
 Gaudeat itaque universus orbis,
 et cantemus illi,
 in sono tubæ, cithara,
 psalterio et organo.
 Congratulemur cum multitudine
 angelorum exercitus,
 semper suas laudes cantantibus. Noe.

O blessed and most holy day
 on which our Lord was born of the Virgin Mary
 for our sake.
 Let the whole world therefore rejoice,
 and let us sing to him
 to the sound of the trumpet, strings,
 the harp and the organ.
 Let us rejoice with the numerous
 hosts of angels,
 ceaselessly singing his praise. Noel.

OFFERTORY HYMN 87 · Mendelssohn

Sung by all.

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with the angelic host proclaim
 Christ is born in Bethlehem!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!*
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored;
 Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 hail the incarnate Deity.
 Pleased as man with man to dwell;
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!*

- 3 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.
 Risen with healing in his wings,
 light and life to all he brings,
 hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
*Hark! the herald angels sing
 glory to the newborn King!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367*

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.

The Celebrant continues:

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Missa O magnum mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
 Hosanna in excelsis.
 Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
 Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, holy mother of God, Blessed Luke our patron, 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. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

McNeil Robinson II

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A short period of silence follows.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Missa O magnum mysterium*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

The sacred ministers receive the Sacrament with the spiritual participation of the whole Body of Christ.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ATTEND MASS

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MOTET

Tomás Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum
ut animalia viderunt Dominum natum, jacentum in
praesepio. O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt
portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

*O great mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals might
see the birth of the Lord, lying in the manger:*

*O Blessed Virgin, who was worthy to
bear our Lord Jesus Christ: Alleluia.*

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 111 · *Stille Nacht**Sung by all.*

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| <p>1 Silent night, holy night,
all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child,
holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace.</p> <p>2 Silent night, holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born!</p> | <p>3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light,
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.</p> |
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.*

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

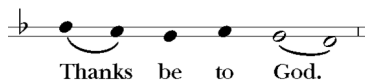
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon bids the dismissal.

People

**POSTLUDE** *In dulci jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers at today's worship service are made possible in part through the Kurt Weyrauch Memorial Flower Fund.

Worship at St. Luke's

Christmastide Services

This year we can't celebrate Christmas as we normally would, but we are preparing a variety of livestreamed and pre-recorded offerings that we hope you'll watch and enjoy with your loved ones. To keep everyone safe, **Christmas services will be livestream only** and there will be no in-person worship. The Feast of the Epiphany will be observed both in-person and online during our regular Wednesday 12:00 pm Mass.

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

- 2:00 pm Virtual Nativity Play
- 4:30 pm Prelude of Christmas Music
- 5:00 pm Festive Choral Eucharist Livestream

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

- 10:30 am Sung Eucharist Livestream
- 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom

First After Christmas, Sunday, December 27

- 9:15 am Holy Eucharist Broadcast
- 10:30 am In-person Eucharist with Livestream *
- 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom

Feast of the Holy Name, Friday, January 1

- 12:00 pm Spoken Eucharist Livestream

Second After Christmas, Sunday, January 3

- 9:15 am Holy Eucharist Broadcast
- 10:30 am In-person Eucharist with Livestream *
- 12:30 pm Virtual Coffee Hour Zoom

Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday, January 6

- 12:00 pm In-person Eucharist with Livestream *

All Christmas Services will be Livestream Only.

Worship with us online by watching our livestreamed services at stlukeinthefields.org/worship or on our Facebook, Vimeo, or YouTube.

* Weekly pre-registration required.

Registration Required for Each In-Person Service

Registration for in-person worship is open on a weekly basis. Attendance will be capped at 30 people, with all subsequent registrations being placed on a waiting list. Those on the waiting list will be given priority for the following week. This is to ensure that everyone who would like to join us has the opportunity to do so.

If you need to cancel your registration for any reason, please contact the parish office. This will allow us to offer your space to someone else.

All services will be livestreamed on our website, Facebook, Vimeo, and YouTube.

Sunday 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Registration: bit.ly/sun-service

Wednesday 12:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Registration: bit.ly/weds-service

Masks and social distancing are required for all in-person events.

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