

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.

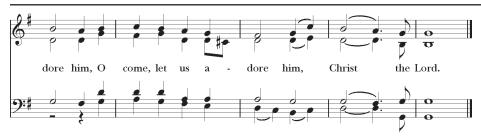
The Holy Eucharist

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 • Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen ('Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming') Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

ENTRANCE HYMN 83 · Adeste Fidelis





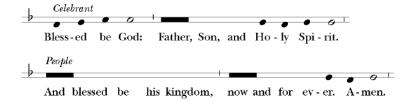
6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others Music: Adeste fideles, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

ACCLAMATION

Ambrosian Chant



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Hymnal S278





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

PSALM 98

Anglican chant (Ivor Atkins)

Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord. Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 1:1–12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 110 · Venite adoremus

Sung by all.



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THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

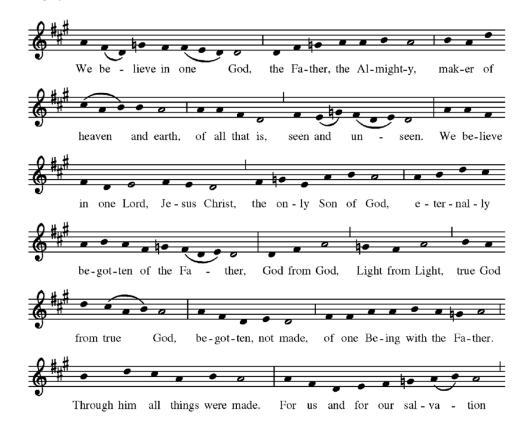
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

THE SERMON The Rev. Andrew Ancona

THE NICENE CREED

Plainsong, Mode V Sung by all.







Setting: Plainsong, Mode 5; Credo 3; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947). © 1985, Bruce E. Ford.

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

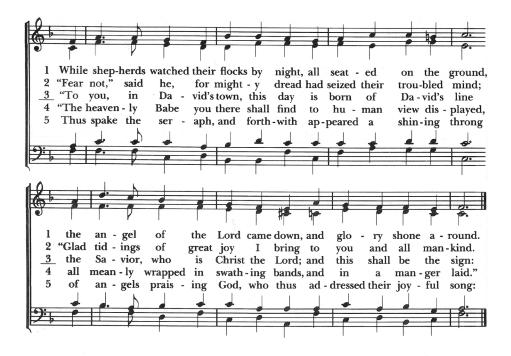
William Billings

- Methinks I see an heavenly Host
 Of angels on the wing;
 Methinks I hear their cheerful notes,
 So merrily they sing.
- Let all your fears be banished hence,
 Glad tidings I proclaim;
 For there is a Savior born today
 And Jesus is his name.
- Lay down your crooks and quit your flocks,
 To Bethlehem repair;
 And let your wandering steps be squared
 By yonder shining star.
- Then learn from hence, ye rural swains,
 The meekness of your God,
 Who left the boundless realms of joy,
 To ransom you with blood.
- 5 The master of the inn refused A more commodious place; Ungenerous soul of savage mold And destitute of grace.

- 6 Exult ye oxen, low for joy, Ye tenants of the stall; Pay your obeisance; on your knees Unanimously fall.
- 7 The royal Guest you entertain is not of common birth,
 But second in the great I Am,
 The God of heaven and earth.
- 8 Then suddenly a heavenly Host around the shepherds throng, exulting in the three-fold God, and thus addressed their song.
- 9 To God the Father, Christ the Son, And Holy Ghost accord The first and last, the last and first Eternal praise afford.

OFFERTORY HYMN 94 · Winchester Old

Sung by all.



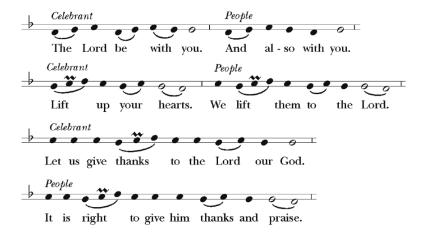
6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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

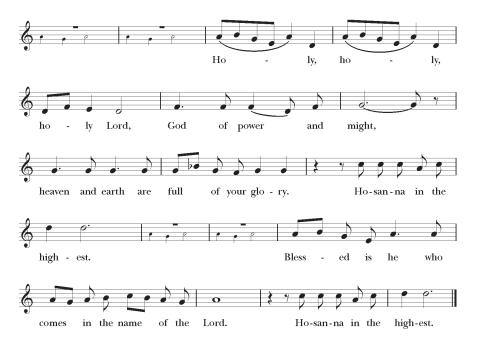


The Celebrant continues:

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 Hymnal S128



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

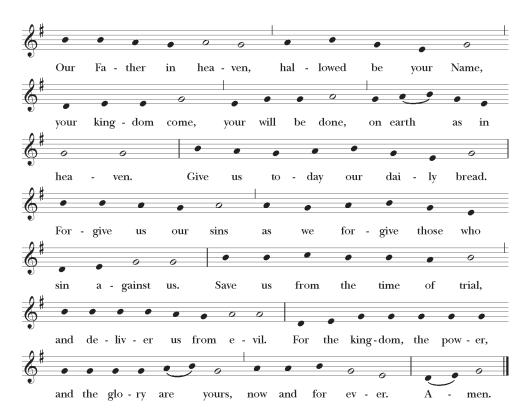
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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

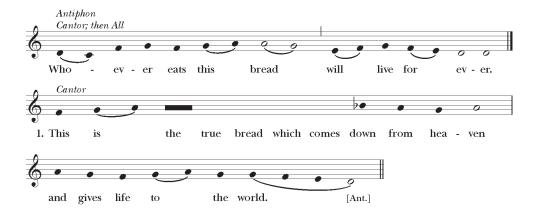
McNeil Robinson II



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymnal S170



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

Jean Mouton (c.1459-1522)

Puer natus est nobis, et filius datus est nobis. Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Verbum caro factum est, et habitavit in nobis, alleluia. Noe. Alleluia. A boy is born to us and a son is given to us. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill ot his people. The word was made flesh and dwelt among us, alleluia. Noel. Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 100 · Antioch

Sung by all.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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.

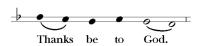
May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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 Day, Friday, December 25

10:30 am Sung Eucharist Livestream12:30 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.

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.

^{*} Weekly pre-registration required.

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