

# *The First Sunday after Christmas Day*

December 27, 2020

10:30 a.m. Worship Service



## ***St. Luke's Episcopal Church***

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Greeting

Reflections

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn

Blue Hymnal 79

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant 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*

## Gloria (spoken)

Blue Hymnal S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
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.*

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

**People**      And also with you.

Celebrant      Let us pray.

## Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson:

**God provides for and delivers his people, his greatness given in witness to all generations.**

### A reading from the Book of Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 147**    *Laudate Dominum*

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.]

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

## **The Second Lesson: The Epistle**

Though we deserve punishment for our sins, we are given the gift of grace through Jesus Christ our lord.

### **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians**

**3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader Concludes with: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual (spoken)

**Red Book 113 (v. 1)**

Speak now the word of life, Dear Lord to me,  
As once you spoke the word Beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you Lord;  
My spirit longs for you, The living word!

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

**People:** Glory to you Lord Christ

## **The Gospel: John 1:1-18**

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.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came

through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant Concludes with: The Gospel of our Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Gradual** (spoken)

**Red Book 113 (v. 2)**

Show me the truth concealed Within your word,  
That by your book revealed I know you, Lord;  
So send your Spirit, now, Dear Lord, to me  
That he may touch my eyes And make me see.

**The Homily:** The Rev. Dr. Wayne A. Ewing

**Nicene Creed**

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 of God, Light of 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 - Form III**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of  
the world;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

*The Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.*



*St. Luke's Prayer Requests  
for the week of December 20, 2020*

*May all congregants and those on the prayer list  
receive God's grace this day and throughout 2020*

**Illness/Injured/Surgeries**

**Kristen Murray\*\* (Mike & Bonnie's Daughter)**

**Jim Willson \*\***

**Dallas Anderson\*\***

**David Thompson's Mom**

**Loren Elston, Sandy & 12 yo Samuel Barrett (Greg &  
Janet's Family)**

**Eduvijos Rodriquez (Leida's Mother)**

**Lee & Park Street**

**David Cross (ALS) and family**

**Continued Healing & Prayers**

**The Drummond Family**

**The Austin Family**

**Mary Chandler (The Ann's Cousin)**

**Wilson Begay and family**

**Parson's Dad & Grandson**

**Helen Ensrude (Mike's Mom)**

**Cathy LoPresti and Family**

**Neal Johnson & wife Joanne  
(Sandra Attebery's Family)**

**Billie Jo Hermansson and Family  
(Ann & Ann's  
Daughter and Sister)**

**Suzane Steele**

**Sara Barthrop Simpson**

**Carryn Anderson  
(Mike and Bonnie's daughter)**

**Linda & Alan McPeak**

**Willdra Ruzanski**

**Robyn Tems**

**Fr. Wayne & Shannon Ewing**

**Dean Zylich**

**The Rev. Wendie &**

**Evalds Jekabsons**

**Lisa Kidwell**

**Maria Thrurn**

**Zahara**

## Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence may be kept.)*

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.*

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.

**People**      And also with you.

**Blessings (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Traveling, Healing)**

**Offertory:** Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

**\*Pledges and Plate can be mailed to POB 208, Westcliffe 81252**

**Offertory Music**

**Doxology**

*"Praise God to Whom All Blessings Flow"*

## **Spiritual Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Agnus Dei (spoken)**

**Blue Hymnal S158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

*grant - us thy peace*

## **The Communion Prayer**

In union, O Lord,

with the faithful who yearn to gather

at the altar of your Church with the Holy Eucharist,

we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.

We present you our souls and bodies

with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you,

and,

since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart.

We unite ourselves with you,

and embrace you with all the love of our souls.

Let nothing ever separate you from us.

May we live in you,

and may you live in us,

both in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

## A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
We, your unworthy servants, give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, reservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with a truly thankful hearts we may show forth your  
praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Blue Hymnal 83

*"Oh Come All Ye Faithful"*

**Benediction** (remain seated)

**Dismissal:**      Celebrant:      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
                         **People**                      Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Announcements**

**Postlude**

