Holy Eucharist

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ
The First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Luke's Episcopal Church!
An inclusive, multicultural community pursuing spiritual and social transformation.
Una comunidad inclusiva y multicultural, en búsqueda de transformación espiritual y social.

At St. Luke's, we welcome and fully affirm everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Thank you for joining us as we resume in-person worship. Despite the changes in California guidelines, we continue to recommend that people wear masks indoors. And, we will pass the Peace by bowing, nodding, or waving from a distance. We will celebrate the Eucharist together, and the bread of Holy Communion will be given to all who would like to share in receiving the body of Christ. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact the clergy, the Rev. Jane Gould at jgould@stlukeslb.org or 562-436-4047.

Please turn off your cellphone. If God is going to speak to you during the service, other means will be used.
The Order of Service

Prelude Arioso
J.S.Bach
George Bullock, Cello & Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

Hymn 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise
If you are able, please stand.

Opening Acclamation Please stand.
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God forever and ever.
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God’s call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day
Celebrant God be with you,
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.
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.

The First Reading Isaiah 43:1-7
A reading from the Book of Isaiah.
Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 29

Remain seated. The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

Mark Mummert
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
The Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

REFRAIN

The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

REFRAIN

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

REFRAIN

The Second Reading Acts 8:14-17


Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Gospel Processional 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized Caithness
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear histhreshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jane Gould

Silence follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith: Baptismal Covenant
(All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, CA)

Celebrant Let us together affirm our faith in God and renew the promises made at our baptism. What is your faith?

People I believe and trust in God the Source of all being, creator and sustainer of all things; and in God the Eternal Word, my Savior Jesus Christ; and in God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life and truth. This is my faith.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God’s help.
Prayers of the People for Epiphany

Arise, shine; for the light has come, and the Glory of the Lord has risen upon you. We pray as pilgrims, “Lead us to your presence; let us see your glory!”

Almighty God, grant to your Church wisdom. Work through us that we might lead many to knowledge and love of you.

_Silence_

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see your glory._

Defend the needy, Lord Christ. Rescue the poor and thwart all the ways of oppression.

_Silence_

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see your glory._

The heavens reveal your wonders, O God. Give us eyes to see, hearts to follow, and lives that pay you homage.

_Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence._

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see your glory._

Bless all teachers and students as they return to school and university. May they find wisdom as well as knowledge; give them a hunger for your truth.

_Silence_

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see your glory._

Loving God, you are the help of the helpless and the deliverer of those in distress: bless and heal all those in need.

_Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence._

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see your glory._

Great redeemer, you have guided us to your presence; you have shown us your glory. Grant us, that we may at last, see you face to face.

_Silence_

Lead us to your presence; _Let us see you glory._

**Confession and Absolution**

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

*People*  God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant*  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Christ be always with you.
People  And also with you.

Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries

Offertory Sentence
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and oblation to God.

Offertory Anthem  Arise, Shine  Donald Pearson

(Refrain) Arise, shine for your light has come
And your glory has dawn’d upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land,
Deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

(Refrain)
For over you’re 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.

(Refrain)
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.

(Refrain)
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.

(Refrain)
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.

(Refrain)
During the anthem, please support the parish by contributing financially to the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s / San Lucas.
You may contribute electronically by scanning the QR code to the right, or by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Hymn 448 (v.1-4)  O love, how deep, how broad, how high  Deus tuorum militum
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1
If you are able, please stand.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Sanctus

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Mary, blessed Luke, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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  The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Sung by the cantor:
I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for He has been so good to me.

Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the Lord’s Table, and all are welcome here.
The Holy Communion
Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Eucharist. At this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the bread of Holy Communion will be offered to the congregation. To receive Communion, please form a line down the center aisle. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail to stand or kneel around the altar rail to receive the bread, which will be placed in your hands; gluten free wafers are available. Anyone with mobility issues is welcome to remain standing in the center, or stay seated and have the clergy bring Communion to you. If you desire a Blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms on your chest. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Our prayer partners are in the Chapel to offer prayers with anyone who would like special prayers.

Communion Anthem  The Blessing of Aaron

The Lord bless thee,
The Lord keep thee,
Make his face to shine upon thee,
And be gracious unto thee.

Norman Ramsey arr. Walter Rodby ASCAP

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee,
And give thee peace,
And give thee peace.
Amen.

Communion Hymn  I’ve got peace like a river

Traditional Spiritual

1. I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a
   river in my soul.
2. I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a
   fountain in my soul.
3. I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an
   ocean in my soul.

The Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant  Let us pray.
People  God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements
Hymn 137  O wondrous type! O vision fair

If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Come, Thou Fount

We pray for our community:

For Sheila, Juliana, Evelyn, Rose, Vandalue, Isaac, Amos, Kim, Shelley, Luis Eduardo; for our homeless siblings; who have asked for our prayers; for all those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by COVID-19; for all refugees and immigrants; for an end to violence of all kind.

For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop John; for our clergy: Jane, Jennifer, Dean, Beryl, Peter, Antonio, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff.

**If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the yellow Visitors Card found in the front of your pew or at the back of the church. We would love to get to know you and keep you informed of the many activities happening at St. Luke's! Cards may be placed in the offertory plate or given to an usher.

If you are interested in our Ministry with Young People, please get a brochure from an usher, or the table in the back of the church.**

Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by Byron & Judy McBride, Charles Albert & Jeanne Ortiz, and Mark Fretland & Ramon Joson.
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (JANUARY 9 – 16)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15
7:30am-Noon – Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11
7:00pm – Renewal Taizé (Zoom)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
9:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

RENEWAL TAIZE – Tuesday, January 11 on Zoom & Facebook Live

Taizé is a meditative service of lovely music, inspiring readings and moments of soothing silence.
We invite you to join us on Zoom or Facebook Live and invite your friends to experience this January 11th Renewal Taizé.

GREAT MIGRATION GROUP READING “SEE NO STRANGER”
Our first 2022 meeting will be the evening of January 17 at 7:00pm. We will be reading “See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love” by Valerie Kaur. The book is broken into 3 parts: Part One: See No Stranger: Loving Others; Part Two: Tend The Wound: Loving Opponents; and Part Three: Breathe and Push: Loving Ourselves. The book has 327 pages. The church bookstore has copies. We’ll start by reading the Introduction and Chapter 1. We will meet every third Saturday of the month.