Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 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 Prélude
Camille Saint-Saëns
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn 616 (v.1-3) Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein
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.

Collect for Purity
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.

Hymn of Praise We Have Come Into His House
Bruce Ballinger

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to
2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and
3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and

1. worship Him, We have come into His house and
2. worship Him, So forget about yourself and
3. worship Him, Let us lift up holy hands and

1. gathered in His name to worship Him; We have
2. concentrate on Him and worship Him; So for-
3. magnify His name and worship Him; Let us

1. come into His house and gathered in His name to
2. get about yourself and concentrate on Him and
3. lift up holy hands and magnify His name and

. worship Christ, the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.
Collect of the Day

Celebrant  God be with you,
People  And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading  Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 19

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

Marty Haugen
St. Luke’s Soloists

REFRAIN

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun. It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

REFRAIN

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul, the testimony of the Lord is sure and
gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

REFRAIN

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can detect one’s own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my heart and the medication of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

REFRAIN
The Second Reading  1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
A reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians.
Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Processional 632  O Christ, the Word Incarnate

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Steve Alder

Silence follows the sermon.
Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.

Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.

Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.

We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Ubi Caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ’s love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

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.
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:
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.

**Fine**

*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  O Love
O Love that will not let me go, O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I rest my weary soul in thee; I cannot close my heart to thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, I trace the rainbow through the rain,
That in thy ocean depths its flow And feel the promise is not vain,
May richer, fuller be. That morn shall tearless be.

Communion Hymn  One Bread, One Body
One bread, one body of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.
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 539  *O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

arr. Charlie Miller
Dr. Gukhui Han
We pray for our community:
For Amos, Kim, Shelley, Luis Eduardo, Stacy, Beryl; 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, 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 Glenn & Joyce Howard.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (JANUARY 23 – 30)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23**
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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**
7:00pm – Book Club (Zoom)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10:45am – Drop-in Church School for Children in the Play Area
11am – Bilingual Worship & Annual Meeting
DETAILS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

- For those attending the Annual Meeting in person, we will ask you to sign in when you arrive for worship because the meeting will follow in the church immediately after the postlude. The meeting is expected to conclude before 1:00pm.
- Ms. Esperanza will offer Bible stories, activities, and play time outside from 10:45am until 1:00pm. Children should bring their own water bottles and snacks.
- Voting will be electronic; if you can, please bring a cell phone or iPad for voting purposes. We will have an iPad to bring around for anyone who doesn’t have a device.
- Following the meeting, the Vestry will host a COVID-cautious Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall where there will be a slideshow of 2021 highlights. The slideshow will also be available on YouTube.

FEBRUARY 6 AT 8AM, 10AM, & 12:30PM
WELCOME THE REV. DR. ANTONIO GALLARDO

We’ve been waiting for several months for his arrival,
Let’s turn out to welcome him in style!