Holy Eucharist

Celebration of the Epiphany

January 2, 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  *How Lovely Shines The Morning Star*  
Nicolai, arr. J. Pachelbel  
Eveline Eng, Organ

**Hymn  117  Brightest and best of the stars of the morning**  
Morning Star

If you are able, please stand.

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People*  Glory to God for ever 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.

**Song of Praise**  *Hymn 96 (v. 1-2) Angels we have heard on high*  
Gloria

**Collect of the Day**

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

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The First Reading  Isaiah 60:1-6**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses’ arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.
Psalm 72

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

Mark Mummert
Jakob Hesse, Cantor

REFRAIN

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king’s son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness. 

REFRAIN

Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor. May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of people till the moon shall be no more. 

REFRAIN

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts. May all kings bow down before him, and all nations do him service. For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper. 

REFRAIN

He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in sight. 

REFRAIN
The Second Reading  Ephesians 3:1-12
A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.
This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.
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Gospel Procession 119 (v.1-3)  As with gladness men of old  Dix

The Gospel  Matthew 2:1-12
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon  The Rev. Jane Gould
Silence follows the sermon.
Nicene Creed  If you are able, please stand.

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 from God, Light from 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, 
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; 
his suffering 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, 
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, 
who 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.

Prayers of the People for Epiphany

Arise, shine; for the light has come, and the Glory of the Lord has rise 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.*

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**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

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**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** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*  
Michael Larkin, ASCAP

“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.

Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrows load.

To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,

Calling us to true repentance, since the kingdom now is here

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.

Let the valleys rise in meeting and the hills bow down before him.

Straight shall be what once was crooked, and the rougher places plain.

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God’s holy reign.

For the glory of the Lord ow on earth is shed abroad,

And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.

*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 128  We three kings of Orient are**  
*Three Kings of Orient*
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Eucharistic Prayer A
If you are able, please stand.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.
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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the fact of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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_

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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._

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.

Fraction Anthem  Hymn 112 (v.4) In the bleak midwinter  Cranham

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  Let Your Light Shine  Mary McDonald

Let your light shine, shine, shine,
For Jesus all the time, time, time,
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!

Let your voices praise, praise, praise!
Let your love for Jesus raise!
Walk in the light, beautiful light of his love!

Come to the light, heavenly light: Jesus is the light of the world! Shine ev’ryday, let your spirit say: Jesus is the light of the world! Come to the One; glory in the Son! All the debt for sin is paid. Let your voices sing, for we know the King: Jesus is the truth and way!
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

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!

And may the blessing of the God who created us, came to live among us as Jesus, and renews us through the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you this night and always.

Announcements

Hymn 124 (v.1-3) What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

If you are able, please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon May the love of Christ lead us into the world this night and always. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude From Heaven Above

German Chorale, arr. G. Young
Eveline Eng, Organ

We pray for our community:

For Sheila, Juliana, Evelyn, Rose, Vandalue, Isaac, Amos, Kim, Shelley; 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 Luis Eduardo Morillo.
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?
Next Sunday, January 9, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. If you are interested in Baptism, please speak with the clergy and complete a Baptism Registration Form available in the back of the church. Our Baptism Preparation Class will be on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:00pm in Building A, Room 101.

FOLLOW THE EPIPHANY STAR TO THE GRAYS ON JANUARY 8
As the magi followed the star to the manger in Bethlehem, Will, Melody, and James Gray hope that all families with kids as well as adults who like to hang out with young ones will follow your GPS to the Grays at (4240 Cerritos Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807) for Saturday morning fun on January 8. As 2022 unfolds, the Grays hope that kids and adults will prioritize St. Luke’s connecting and socializing time on Saturday mornings (9am-Noon) on January 8, April 2, and August 13. Mark your calendars for these 2022 events, and RSVP now (melodyprincegray@gmail.com) for January 8, 9am-noon!

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK (JANUARY 2 – 9)
Check the Weekly Newsletter for more information.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
8am – Holy Eucharist in English
10am – Holy Eucharist in English
12:30pm – Misa en Español

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5
6:00pm – Baptism Prep Class (A101)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6
10:00am – Healing Eucharist (Chapel)
10:45am – Bible Study (Commins Room)
7:00pm – Weekly Watch (Zoom)
8:30pm – Compline (Zoom)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7
4:00pm – Tea & Talk (Zoom)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
7:30am-Noon –
Homeless Ministry: Showers, Clothes & Food
Contact: Gail Mutke (gamutke@verizon.net)

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