



# **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

### **December 26, 2021**

#### **10:00 AM**

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,  
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **CORE VALUES**

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

# THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hymnal #93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;  
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

*Refrain*  
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,  
ye have seen his na - tal star:  
in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## ENTRANCE RITE

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*                      **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Hymnal #89

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give  
  
 still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider*

God be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Presider*

Let us pray

*People*

**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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

Jerusalem will worship you, O God, \*  
and Zion will praise your name.

For you have strengthened the bars of our gates \*  
and have blest our children within them.

You have established peace on our borders \*  
and satisfied us with the finest wheat.

You send out your command to the earth, \*  
and your word runs very swiftly.

You give snow like wool \*  
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.

You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against your cold?

You send forth your word and melt them; \*  
you blow with the wind, and the waters flow.

You declare your word to Jacob, \*  
your statutes and judgments to Israel.

THE SECOND LESSON *seated*

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.

*Lector*      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



*Refrain*  
 O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

THE HOLY GOSPEL *standing*

John 1:1-18

*Presider* 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. (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.

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

SERMON

Grace LaTorra

THE NICENE CREED            *said by all, standing*

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made human.**

**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.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### THE CONFESSION

*The Presider says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Presider and 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.**

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

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

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY & SPECIAL PRAYERS

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Our God, heaven can - not hold him, nor— earth sus - tain;  
 3 An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4 What— can I give him, poor— as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heaven and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 cher - u - bim and se - ra - phim throught - ed the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow— on— snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble - place suf - ficed  
 but his mo - ther on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise— man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord— God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

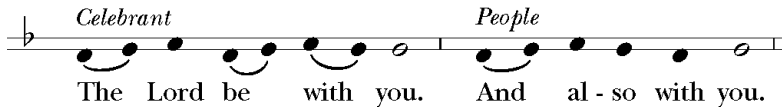
## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Celebrant*                                      *People*



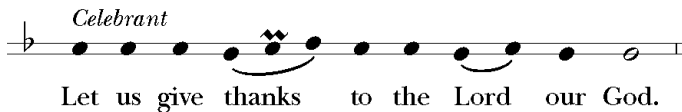
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Celebrant*                                      *People*



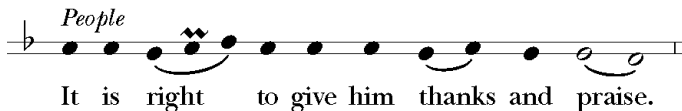
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The prayer continues until*

*Presider* Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues until*

*Presider* 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.

*All* **AMEN.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All*     **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.*

*Presider*     We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People*       **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the  
                  one bread.**

## THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

*The Presider says*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Ivar Hillesland*



## THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and 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

*The Presider blesses the People.*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say; Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

## **Text Us!**

Send a text to [office@stlukesseattle.org](mailto:office@stlukesseattle.org) to:

- Give us new or updated contact information
- Request a name tag
- Tell us your pronouns
- Send us a prayer request

## End of the Year Giving to St. Luke's and Edible Hope Kitchen

Please consider a special gift to St. Luke's and/or the Edible Hope Kitchen as this strange and difficult year comes to an end. The challenge of raising funds when folks can't be present in person has made it difficult to meet our goals for income. Your additional, generous offering will allow us to begin the year without a deficit as we plan for a brighter future. You may give online on the website, by check or to Edible Hope via Facebook. Thank you so much!

You can **contribute** to St. Luke's and to our Edible Hope, our meals ministry, by setting up auto pay with our office, **donating online** from the St. Luke's website, or via PayPal with a credit or debit card on your smartphone using this QR code:



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### Liturgical Ministers

Presider	The Rev. Hillary Kimsey
Preacher	Grace LaTorra
Worship Assistant	Sara Bates
Musician	Ivar Hillesland
Prayers	Julia Hunter
Tech	Paige Lowe
Altar Guild	Bernadette Walcott
Flowers	Susan Young

