

St. Luke's Episcopal Church – Stephenville, TX
Second Sunday after Epiphany – Year C
In Person & Virtual Service via Facebook Live, YouTube
January 19th, 2025
8:00 am & 10:00 am

Coffee Hour at 11:00 am following 10 am Eucharist.

To All Who Are Joyful And Thankful, To All Who Mourn And Need Comfort
To All Who Are Weary And Need Rest, To All Who Are Friendless And Wish Friendship
To All Who Pray And Who Do Not But Ought, To All Who Sin And Need A Savior.

And To Whoever Will, The Church Opens Wide The Door

And In The Name Of Christ, The Lord Says Welcome.

The Processional Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

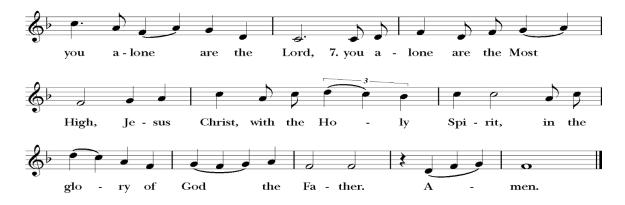
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Gloria





The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Readings

All are seated.

Isaiah 62:1-5

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. and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 Dixit injustus (Read responsively by full verse)

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #533 How wondrous and great

Then, all standing, as are able, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mackenzie Campbell-Furtick

A brief time of reflection follows

The 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 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 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.

Prayers of the People, in Honor of Dr. King

O God of all creation, we pray that you will...

Bless us with tears – for a world in which over a billion people exist on less than a dollar a day, and thousands die daily from malnutrition, malaria, easily-cured waterborne diseases, and AIDS.

Bless us with anger – at discrimination, at home and abroad, against refugees and immigrants, women, people of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Bless us with discomfort – at the easy, simplistic "answers" we've preferred to hear, instead of the truth, about ourselves and the world, which we need to face if we are going to rise to the challenges of the future.

Bless us with patience – and the knowledge that none of what ails us will be "fixed" anytime soon.

Bless us with humility – open to understanding that our own needs must always be balanced with those of the world.

Bless us with freedom from mere tolerance – replacing our begrudging tolerance with a genuine respect and warm embrace of our differences, and an understanding that in our diversity, we are stronger.

Bless us with compassion and generosity – remembering that every religion's God judges us by the way we care for the most vulnerable in the human community, whether across town or across the world.

Bless us with a sense of thanksgiving and appreciation – for those who give themselves for service to others over private gain, especially on this day for Martin Luther King, Jr., and give us the strength to make the sacrifices that will be needed in playing our part in facing the challenges of these days.

(Insert St. Luke's prayer list)

We pray for those facing illness and adversity.

We offer thanksgiving for...

We pray for those who have died.

The Celebrant continues with the following Collect after the Prayers.

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Hear our prayers and help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children -- Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow -- will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. **Amen**.

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

All stand, as are able. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries Stephen & Amber Burge (23rd), Gordon & Sandy Lee (23rd), Gerald Cook (24th), and Madison Burney (25th)

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering of sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Offertory

The Offertory Hymn

Lift Every Voice & Sing II #115 Spirit of the living God (Sing 2x)



The Doxology

(sung to The Hymnal 380)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye Heavenly Host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People 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.

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 face 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:

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #130 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as are able. The Celebrant continues

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 many 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.

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

Jesus said to them, "Peace I leave with you my peace I give to you." *John 14:27*

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.

Concerning Holy Communion

"This the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here."



If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, we invite you to come forward for a blessing.

Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will bless you.

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Communion Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #324 Let all mortal flesh After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest gives the blessing

May the God who shakes heaven and earth, Whom death could not contain, Who lives to disturb and heal us, Bless us with power to go forth And proclaim the Gospel. **Amen**. ~ *Janet Morley*

Processional Hymn The Hymnal 1982 #423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

The Celebrant dismisses with these words

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Thank you for taking the time to visit with us today. We feel truly blessed that you chose to be with us here at St. Luke's. It is great to have you worship with us and hope you feel truly welcomed. We welcome you back next Sunday and look forward to seeing you again soon.

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From the Calendar of the Saints

January 19 Wulfstan Bishop of Worcester, 1095

The most respected prelate of the Anglo-Saxon Church, Wulfstan was beloved by all classes for his humility, charity, and courage. While bishop, he became famous for his monastic asceticism and personal sanctity.

January 20 Fabian Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250

Fabian, a layman and stranger in Rome, was spontaneously elected pope when a dove alighted on his head while he was standing in the crowd. During the persecution under Emperor Decius, he died courageously as one of the earliest martyrs.

January 21 Agnes Martyr at Rome, 304

Only twelve years old at the time of her execution, Agnes was either burned at the stake or beheaded by sword for refusing to worship heathen gods. On her feast day, the wool of two blessed lambs is woven into the pallium, a scarf with which the Pope invests archbishops.

January 22 Vincent Deacon of Saragossa, and Martyr, 304

During the persecution under Emperors Diocletian and Maximian, Vincent proclaimed that he and his bishop, Valerius, had no intention of betraying the true God. After his torture and death, Vincent became "the protomartyr of Spain."

January 23 Phillips Brooks Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

Although best known as the author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Brooks was a leader of youth, and as rector of Trinity Church, Boston, considered the greatest preacher of the century. His constant concern was to turn his hearers' thoughts to the revelations of God.

January 25 Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Saul, an orthodox Jew who zealously persecuted Christians, became Paul, the apostle of Jesus to the Gentiles. He experienced a dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus when Christ spoke to him from heaven.

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