

THE CHRIST-MASS



Christ Mass 2021

Dear Friend:

"Good News!" To us a Child is born... a Savior... Christ the Lord! We greet one another announcing the Lord's birth in the flesh and our victory over sin and death.

Once again it is Christmas at Saint Luke Ministries. I am glad to welcome so many of you to sing praise to the newborn King. Some have come from close by, some are with us virtually, and others from places around the world... to all of you a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

Saint Luke Ministries strives each day to live out the Christmas message of hope and peace to all. Through worship in Word and Sacrament, through education for young and old, through programs of social ministry and caring, through the arts and music the Christmas story is made real for all who come

o to this place and for the community. All people need to know that Jesus came to earth to deliver humanity from the powers of darkness and to give life and hope now and forever.

Please make this your home in Jesus Christ.

May you have a most joyous and blessed Christmas.

Venite Adoremus,

Stephen P. Bouman, Pastor

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Annus Christi + 2021

24 DECEMBER 2021

II:00 PM



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Carillon de Westminster	Louis Vierne
“O Harken Ye”	Alfred Burt
“Pastoral Sinfonia” <i>from Messiah</i>	G.F. Handel
“Nigh Bethlehem”	Alfred Burt
Three Flute Clock pieces	Franz Josef Haydn
“Christmas Day” <i>A medley of familiar English Carols</i>	Gustav Holst
Noel #10 “Puer Nobis”	Louis Claude Daquin
“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	Walford Davies

GATHERING

- Welcome
- Ringing of the Bells



Stand Processional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Please turn and face the cross as the procession enters.

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

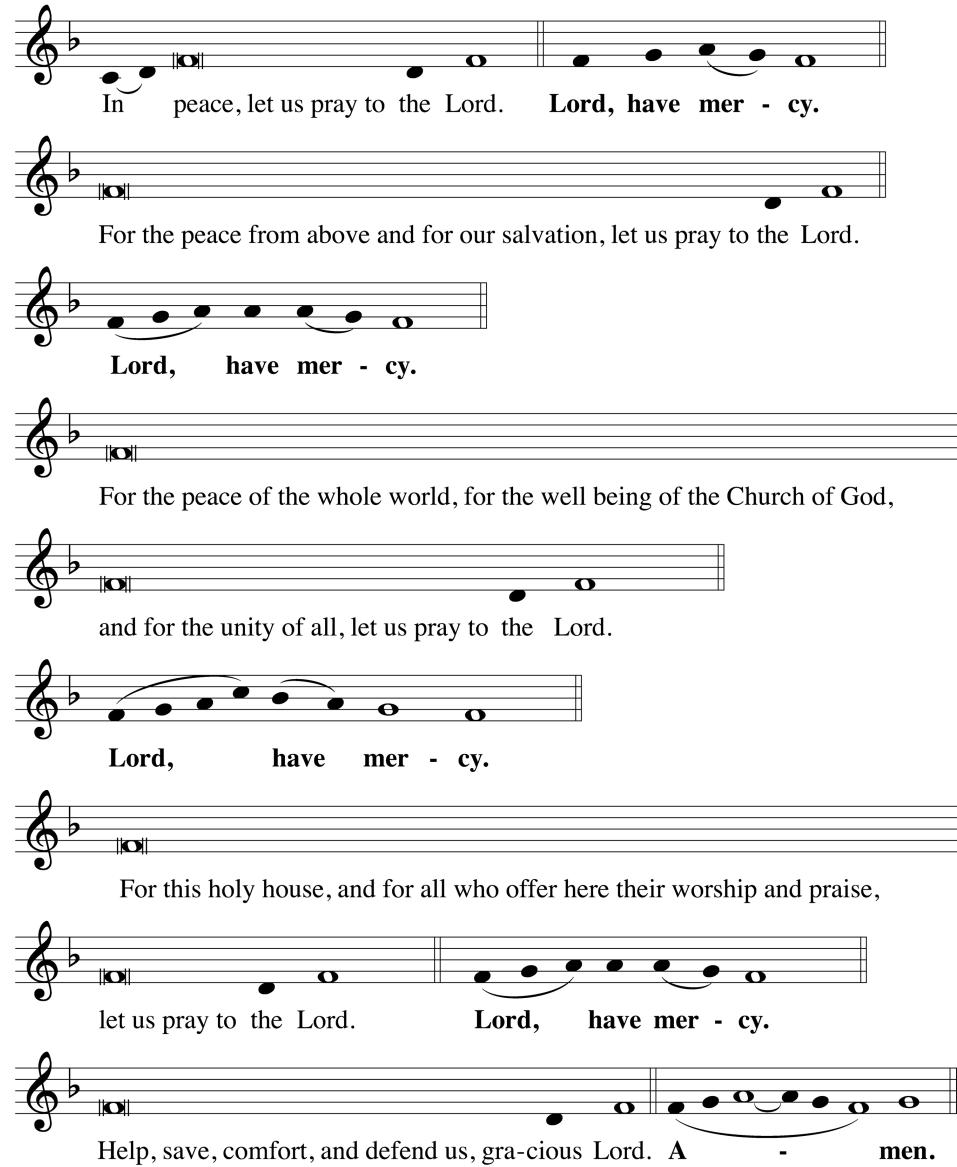
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Litany



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

Hymn of Praise



Assisting Minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Let us pray...

Amen.

WORD

Sit First Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

The reading concludes: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Anthem: "Christmas Hymn" Hugo Jungst

While by my sheep, I watched at night
Glad tidings brought an angel bright,

*Refrain: How great my joy
Praise we the Lord in Heav'n on earth*

There shall be born, so he did say
In Bethlehem a child today. *Refrain*

There shall he lie, in manger mean
Who shall redeem the world from sin. *Refrain*

Lord evermore to me be nigh,
Then shall my heart. Be fill'd with joy. *Refrain*

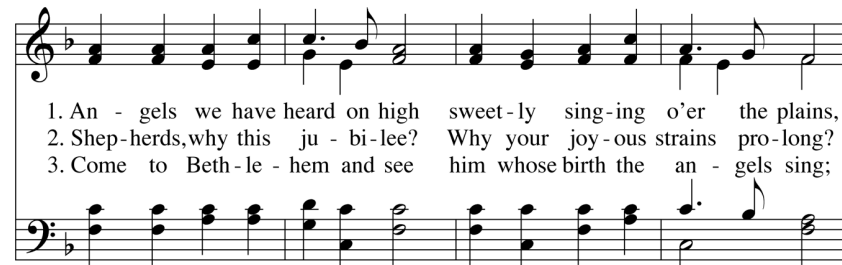
Second Reading Titus 2:11-14

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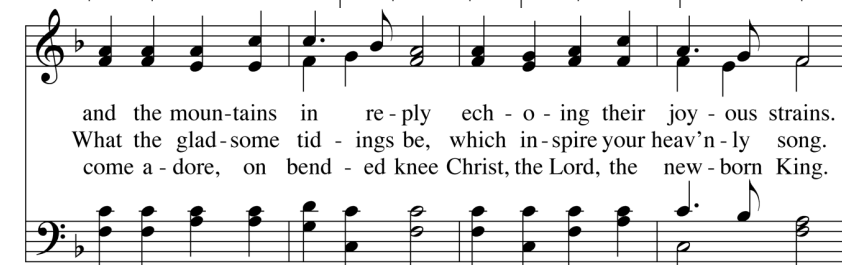


Stand HOLY GOSPEL

Please turn to face the cross as the procession moves to the center of the church. As the procession moves, the congregation sings stanzas 1 and 2:



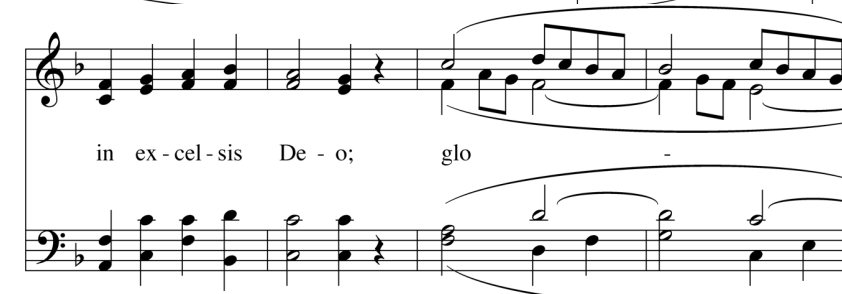
1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
come a - dore, on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

+ SAINT LUKE 2:1-20 +

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

As the procession returns, all join in singing stanza 3 of "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Sit Sermon

Stand Hymn of the Day

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary and became truly 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
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 Intercession

After each petition the congregation sings:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing of the Peace will be done in place and without contact. A nod toward the neighbor, a bow of the head, a wave or other signs of mutual spiritual respect can be used.

MEAL

Sit Gathering of the Gifts
Anthem: "Sussex Carol"

Offering for the Congregation
arr. David Wilcox

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.
On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring:
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful king's birth.

Then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad?
then why should we on earth be sad, since our redeemer made us glad,
when from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place.
When sin departs before his face, then life and health come in its place.
Angels rejoice with us and sing, all for to see the newborn king.

All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and good will. Amen."



Stand Presentation of the Gifts

Hymn

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See, a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom-ised from e - ter - nal years.
Hail, thou ev-er bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!
Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!

Refrain - All in harmony

Hail, thou ev-er bless-ed morn! Hail, re-demp-tion's hap-py dawn!
Sing through all Je - ru - sa-lem: Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

You are indeed holy...
... in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God,...
... the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray...
... with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers...
...as victorious Lord of all.



☐ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the



Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al-



might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Sit

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to communion at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

Anthem "O Magnum Mysterium"

Don Mead

O magnum mysterium,
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
iacentem in praesepe!
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
meruerunt portare
Dominum Iesum Christum.

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see the
newborn Lord,
lying in a manger!
Blessed is the virgin whose womb
was worthy to bear
the Lord, Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;
2. Flocks were slee-ping, shep-herds keep-ing vig-il till the morn-ing new



ox - en low-ing, lit - tle know-ing Christ the child is Lord of all.
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos-pel true.



Swift-ly wing-ing, an - gels sing-ing, bells are ring-ing, tid-ings bring-ing:
Thus re - joic-ing, free from sor-row, prais-es voic-ing, greet the mor-row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

SENDING

Stand Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Carol

Away in a Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus, look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en to live with you there.

Prayer for Peace

Benediction



Sit

Hymn of the Holy Night

Stanza 1 - All, in German

Stanza 3 - All, in unison

Stanza 2 - All, in harmony

Stanza 4 - All, in harmony

During the singing of the hymn, members of the congregation are invited to light candles.
Please pass the light by tipping the unlighted candle to the flame of a neighbor's lighted candle.

1 Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht nur das
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight; glo - ries
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant

trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar. Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar;
vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts ... sing, al - le - lu - ia!
beams from your ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

schlaf in himm - lisch - er Ruh, schlaf in himm - lisch - er Ruh.
sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Stand Recession

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Steven Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
 Timothy Colón-Geistlinger, *Assisting Minister*
 Kim Jones, *Soprano*
 Leah Dexter, *Alto*
 Cornelius Johnson, *Tenor*
 David DuBois, *Bass*
 Don Mead, *Organist and Choir Director*

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 24, 2021



Introduction to the Day

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

Today

The celebration continues! The Savior of the World has been born for us. The great rift between heaven and earth is bridged by this tiny Child who enfolds both human and divine in his birth in our flesh. In the dark winter of sin and death we embrace and celebrate light and life in the Word made flesh who comes to us in mystery and humility to save fallen humanity. Our celebration of the Christmas cycle is in bold contradiction to the dwindling vitality in nature. Our worship setting joyfully proclaims an extraordinary beginning. Everywhere we look there is testimony to God's action in time to reverse the course of sin and death. In the midst of darkness we celebrate light; in the midst of emptiness, we enjoy abundance; and in the midst of death, we embrace life.

Thank You, Thank You!!!

... for the beautiful poinsettias with which you adorned the Chancel.

...to those who gave coats, hats, scarves, mittens and food for the Pantry.

...to the following people who helped decorate the church for Christmas, including: Lori Castro, Nathan Hatter, Adam Mead, Jonathan Mead, Janice Pohl, Saint Luke Academy children who so beautifully decorated the Christmas tree in the lobby, Nancy Stalder, and Linda Strohmayer.

...to the many people who did so many things and supported the work of the congregation over the Christmas holidays that it is difficult to single out, by name, all who were involved – the choirs and musicians, the fine congregation.

...and, above all, our thanks to God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ and all the blessings showered on us.

Christmas Holidays

The **church and school offices** will be closed from December 27 until January 3. The offices will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022. Though the church office will not formally be open, your calls may still be directed to the church office (773.472.3383, press 1304 to leave your message with Elisabeth Stampfl).

- *Sunday School* will not meet on January 2, 2022. Sunday School will resume on January 9, 2022.
- *Bible Class* will not meet Thursday, December 23 or December 30. Bible Class will resume on Thursday, January 6, 2022.
- *In-Person Bible Class* will not meet on Sunday, January 2, 2022. In-Person Bible Class will resume on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

All members are reminded that the books of the congregation will be officially closed December 31, 2021.

**A
star
at the
top of the
tree. Its light
shines towards
the heavens with
a radiant purity. This
light is a symbol of the
Christmas past, when the
light was a Savior, who had
come to break the shadow that
all evil had cast. Perhaps we will
not lose what the season's spirit is,
as long as we can see the light that is
His.
Amen.**

Christmas at Saint Luke



Christmas falls at the darkest point in our natural year. The light is dimmest and darkness consumes well over half the day. Cold death and icy wastelands are nature's images, yet our memories of this season are filled with light, warmth, flowers and abundance.

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