



# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL **CHURCH**

## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

### January 31 and February 1, 2026

## The Season of Epiphany Following the Light



***Our Mission: To know Christ and to make Christ known.***

***Our Vision: To follow Christ's teaching in an atmosphere of  
love, joy, and healing.***

**All are welcome!**

***We are so glad you are here today to  
celebrate with us the day of the Lord!***

*Please respect those who seek time for quiet reflection before worship begins and while listening to the prelude. Guests, friends, and family, we would like to know you. Please fill out a Let's Get Acquainted card to introduce yourself to us. Let us know how the people of St Luke's can serve you and your family. Flyers about St. Luke's are available in the entry hall.*

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Indigenous peoples of this region. This includes the Yavapai people, specifically the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, as well as the Hualapai Tribe, whose historical and cultural ties to this territory are enduring. We honor the original stewards of this land, who have resided here, and their deep connection to the earth, the water, and all living things. We pledge to honor Indigenous sovereignty, listen to Indigenous voices, and work toward a more just and equitable future in partnership with Native peoples.

**Holy Eucharist**

**January 31 & February 1, 2026**

**The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Welcome**

**Chimes**

**Calls us to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn H398**

*I sing the almighty power of God*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur -vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery - where that I - could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## Acclamation

**Priest** Arise, shine, for our light has come.

**People** **And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

## Collect for Purity

**All** **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 S280

*Glory to God*

(spoken at 5:30pm, sung at 8:00am and 10:00am)

**All** **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you; we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## S 280

## Canticle 20

Glory to God

*Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Micah 6:1-8*

Lector A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will

the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 15**

Lector Let us say Psalm 15 together responsively by half verse.

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

## Second Reading

## *1 Corinthians 1:18-31*

**Lector** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Lector** The Word of the Lord.

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

# Sequence Hymn H440 vs 1-2

*Blessed Jesus at thy word*

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Bless-ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness  
 3 Gra-cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with in us.  
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

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## The Gospel

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew†

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn H440 v 3**

*Blessed Jesus at thy word*

**Homily**

Fr. Marc McDonald

## Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

*Priest* I bid you remember that it is only when we love one another that we can truly say:

*All* **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, Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

**People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

**People For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Leader Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**People** **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**People** **Who put their trust in you.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**All** **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.**

*Priest* 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.*

**Priest**      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**    **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **MISSION MOMENT**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **The Liturgy of Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**

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

**Offertory Anthem**              *Blest are They*              David Haas

**Presentation Hymn H-380 v.3**    *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*  
(spoken at 5:30pm, sung at 8:00am and 10:00am)

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

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Priest faces them and says*

**Priest** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Priest** Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

**Priest** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

**Priest and People**

**Sanctus S-129**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are      full of your glo - ry. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

*(The people stand or kneel then the Priest continues)*

Holy and gracious God: 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 the blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and everlasting 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 blessed St. Luke and 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 forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Fraction Anthem said at 5:30 pm, sung at 8 and 10 am*

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia!**

## Fraction Anthem S-154

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are as follows:

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

## Invitation

*Priest*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*The Table is ready and ALL are invited. So, come, you who have much faith and you Who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet God here. You are welcome to receive just the Body of Christ or to cross your arms in front of you to receive a blessing from the clergy. (Gluten-free option available, just let your server know.)*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:*

**The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

**The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.**

## Eucharist Hymn LEAVAS 38

## *The Old Rugged Cross*

### **The Old Rugged Cross**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #38*

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,  
2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;  
4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,  
3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross\_\_\_\_\_

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;,

old rug - ged cross,

I will cling to the cross,— the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown.

Words: George Bennard (1873-1960). Music: George Bennard.

## **SENDING FORTH TO SERVE**

### **EUCHARIST VISITOR COMMISSIONING**

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Priest* Let us pray

**All** **Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn H527**

*Singing songs of expectation*

# Singing songs of expectation

*The Hymnal 1982, #527*

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward  
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his  
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of  
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the  
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.  
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:  
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and  
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the  
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we  
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest  
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

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march to - geth - er step-ping fear - less through the night.  
look-ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
mighty Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

## Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

## Postlude