

# The Twelve Days of Christmas

December 24 – January 6



**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
(Anglican Communion)



# The Holy Eucharist



## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### Entrance Hymn

*See Insert*

### Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant greets the People with these words*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant prays*

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

*On Christmas Eve, see the Insert*

*Said on Christmas Day and Sundays at 8:30*

**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.**



On Sundays at 10:30, and the Epiphany this hymn version is sung instead.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Words: Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis*  
Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541); harm. Hieronymus Praetorius (1560?–1629)

**The Collect of the Day**

*See Insert*

## HEARING THE WORD OF GOD AND GIVING OUR RESPONSE

*All are seated for the reading of the first two lessons and the psalm.*

*The Readings, Psalm, and hymns are listed in the Scripture Insert*

### **First Reading**

*See Insert*

*The reading concludes as follows*

The word of the Lord

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Psalm**

*See Insert*

### **Second Reading**

*See Insert*

*The reading concludes as follows*

The word of the Lord

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

*See Insert*

### **The Gospel**

*See Insert*

*The Gospel is introduced with these words*

*Reader*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to N.

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

*And concluded as follows*

*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **The Sermon**

## 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.

## The Prayers of the People

*The Celebrant introduces the prayers as follows*

As we join with the angels, shepherds, and the whole creation to joyfully celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ into all times and places.

*The Intercessor offers these petitions on behalf of the people*

By the birth of the Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For George, our bishop; Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; Benedict the Sixteenth, Bishop of Rome; Bartholomew the First, Patriarch of Constantinople; for the leaders of other Christian communities through the world; for Dirk, Joan, and Lisa, our priests; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For all who believe and put their trust in the incarnate Son of God.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, and for peace and justice.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For the conversion of the whole human race to our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For the sick and the dying among us; especially \_\_\_\_\_; for all who face this season in loneliness, fear, or anxiety; and for all who care for them, that God, whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross, might bless them with the gift of peace.

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

For those who have gone before us in faith, especially those in whose memory flowers adorn this holy place, that they may behold with joy the blessed hope we celebrate:

*People*      **Amen. God is with us.**

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary: Luke, our patron; and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

*People*      **To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with an appropriate Collect.*

## **The Confession & Absolution**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior 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. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**



We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.

You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

### Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



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.

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*Then the Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life,  
and to be glorified by you

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with Mary, the Mother of Christ;  
Luke the Evangelist, our holy patron,  
and all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed by 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.**

## Anthem at the Breaking the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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## The Holy Communion

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*      Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All Christians of any age who are baptized with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are invited to come to the altar to share with us in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.*

*Those who do not wish to receive may come to the altar to receive a blessing. If you wish a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest to indicate you desire a blessing.*

## Post-Communion Hymn

*See Insert*

## GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

### The Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People join in saying this prayer*

**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 Christmas Blessing

*The Celebrant blessed the people with this three-part blessing*

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Then the people are dismissed with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Processional Hymn

*See Insert*







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