

# St. Luke's Holy Communion

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy





### Welcome and Good Morning!

The Holy Eucharist, **Book of Alternative Services**(Eucharistic Prayer 2)

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# Lighting of the Advent Candles





# The Gathering of the Community

The kingdom of God is at hand: O come, let us worship.

Opening Hymn: CP #140

It came upon a Midnight Clear



### The Grace

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

And also with you.



Almighty God, To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.



### Gloria

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



## Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.





### The Collect of the Day

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



# The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-10





# Psalm 146:4-9 Lauda, anima mea

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;



The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

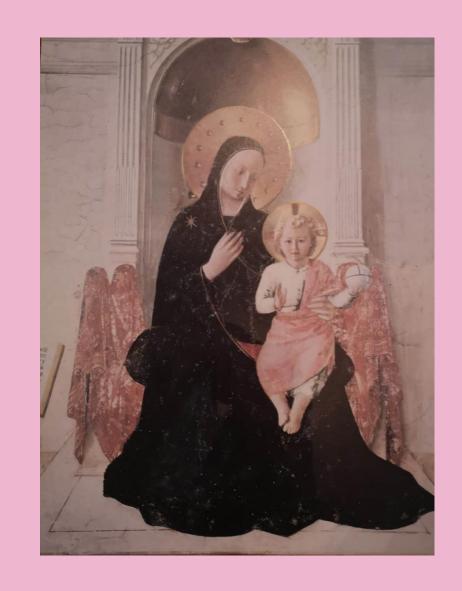


Second Reading: James 5:7-10





Gradual Hymn:
CP #525
The Church's
One Foundation





# The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



# The Sermon





# The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.



He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People





### Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.



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 neighbours 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.



#### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

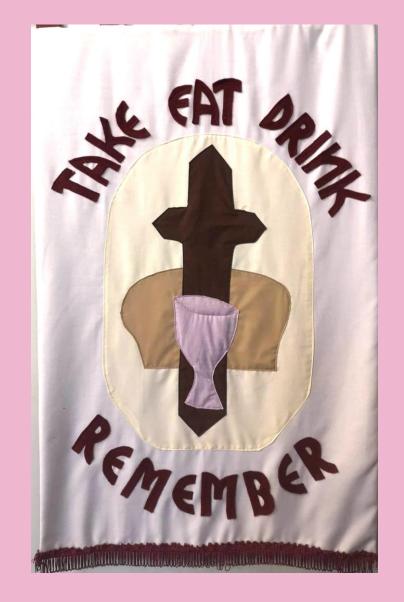




### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn: CP #531
On Eagles Wings





## Prayer over the Gifts

God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.



We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.



In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering,

to bring release to those who place their hope in you;

and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.



Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

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.



Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."



Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,

filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth,

that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.



All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and for ever. Amen.



#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



# The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.



### The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.





### Prayer After Communion

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.



### Doxology

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen



### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.





Closing Hymn: CP #425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

