

# St. Luke's Holy Communion

First Sunday in  
Advent





# Welcome and Good Morning!

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

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# The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: CP #89

O come o come Emanuel






## *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*

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

# The Proclamation of the Word

*First Reading:*

Isaiah 2:1-5







## Psalm 122 - *Laetatus sum*

I was glad when they said to me, \* **"Let us go to the house of the Lord."**


Now our feet are standing \* **within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city \* **that is at unity with itself.**

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \* **the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgement, \* **the thrones of the house of David.**






Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \* **"May  
they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls \* **and quietness  
within your towers.**

For my brethren and companions' sake, \* **I  
pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
**I will seek to do you good."**



**Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.**

*Second Reading:*

Romans 13:11-14





Gradual Hymn: CP#88  
Come thou long  
Expected Jesus





*The Gospel* Matthew 24:36-44

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#532  
What a Friend  
We Have in Jesus





## *Prayer over the Gifts*

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## *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 the One 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*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**



## *The Communion*

The gifts of God  
for the Children of God.

**Thanks be to God.**









## *Prayer After Communion*

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.



## *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.  
Amen.

Closing Hymn:  
CP#98  
Hark the Glad  
Sound! The  
Saviour Comes!

