# St. Luke's Episcopal Church The First Sunday of Advent 28 November 2021 № 10:00 A.M.

# Holy Eucharist

The Reverend Michael L Delk, Celebrant & Preacher

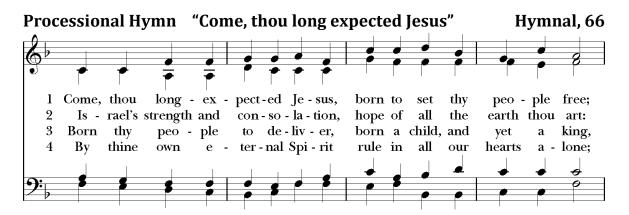
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#### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** 

"Sleepers, wake!"

J. S. Bach





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

# **The Opening Acclamation**

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

# **The Collect for Purity**

The Kyrie

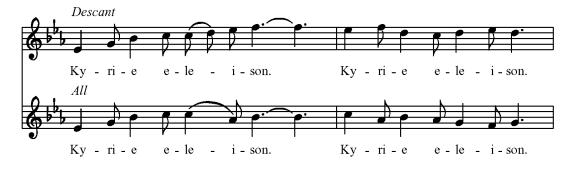
# "Missa Conditor alme siderum"

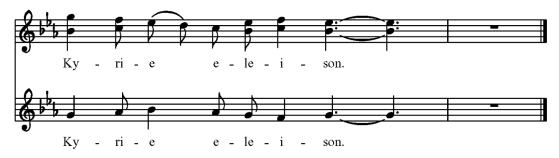
**Frank Boles** 











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### The Salutation & Collect of the Day

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in 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 days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 Plainsong

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- <sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- <sup>3</sup> Show me your ways, O LORD, \* and teach me your paths.
- <sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- <sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.
- <sup>6</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- <sup>7</sup> Gracious and upright is the LORD; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

#### The Second Lesson

The Sequence

#### I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Hymnal, 64

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

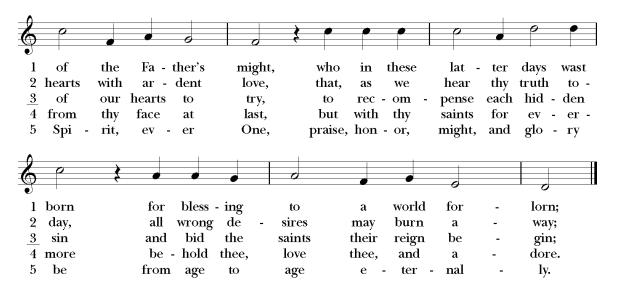
People Thanks be to God.

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"O heavenly Word, eternal Light"

<sup>\*</sup> He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \* to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



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#### The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

#### The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

# People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that

day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

After the reading, the Celebrant says
The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Nicene Creed

Said by all, standing

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 Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For Joe our President, Andy our Governor, and Neil & Greg our Mayors, and for this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Terry, our Bishop, for Michael, Anne, Art, and Jim, our clergy and all bishops and other ministers:

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For Al, Amy, Barbara, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Calvin, Carol, Christy, Dan, Danny, Darla, David, Debbie, Diana, Dorothy, Dot, Doug, EJ, Gene, Helga, Herb, Hugh, Ira, Janice, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Joan, Joe, John, Kathy, Ken, Kirk, Lee, Lisette, Lorraine, Lynn, Mark, Martha, MaryBeth, Maureen, McDonald, Monica, Nelson, Nick, Nina (Nine-ah), Phillip, Sharon, Steve, Sue, Susie, Terry, Tim, Ursula, Velda, Veronica, Walt; for the men and women of our armed forces, especially Alex, Casey, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Trey.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

# **Prayers for Healing**

# **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Sentence** 

**Offertory Anthem** 

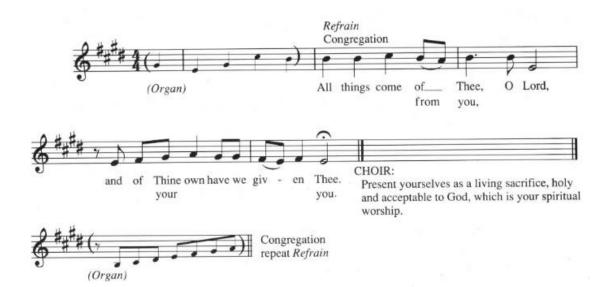
"Sound the trumpet"

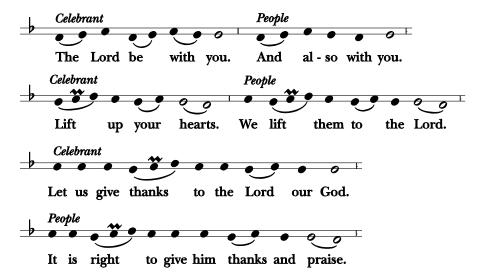
**Henry Purcell** 

**James Layton, Dylon Crain** 

Presentation Anthem "All things come of thee, O Lord"

**Jeffrey Smith** 





Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

# Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface

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:

#### Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel.

#### Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Luke and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.

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

# The Lord's Prayer

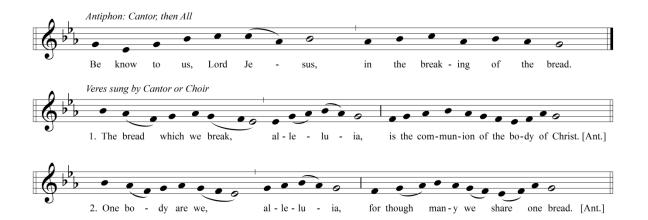
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

#### The Fraction Anthem "Missa Conditor alme siderum"

Frank Boles



# Hand sanitizer can be found in each pew and is recommended before and after receiving communion.

# Communion Anthem "Keep your lamps trimmed and burning"

arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, The time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, The time is drawing nigh.

African American spiritual

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

**Celebrant** In the name of God and of St. Luke's, we 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.

### The Blessing



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Feel free to quietly leave worship or remain in your pew to enjoy the Postlude. We are so grateful you have joined us today and look forward to gathering again very soon.

### The Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Sleepers, wake!" A. D. Miller

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# Christmas Eve/Day Service Times

#### Dec 24, 2021

5:00pm: Family Service with a Children's message

7:00pm: Traditional Service with a Sermon

10:00pm: Special music begins 10:30pm: Late Service with Holy Eucharist

#### Dec 25, 2021

10:00am: Christmas Day service with Holy Eucharist

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Here at St. Luke's, we welcome everyone to participate in everything freely, member or non-member. If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the visitor cards and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to become an official member of our parish family, please call our office, 245-8827, or speak with Father Michael.

#### **Christmas Memorials**

We continue our tradition of decorating the church for Christmas with memorial poinsettias and large wreaths, as well as memorializing loved ones through contributions for special Christmas music. Special envelopes are available at both Narthexes specifying your gift for either poinsettia, wreath, or music.

Please indicate if it is **in MEMORY of** or **in THANKSGIVING of** someone and <u>list their names</u> <u>clearly.</u> **The deadline to receive all memorials is Sunday, December 12.** 

**Poinsettia Memorials** – the cost for poinsettias is \$8.50 per plant.

<u>Wreath Memorials</u> – We will again be hanging large wreaths inside the church on the stone walls between the windows. The cost for each wreath is \$100. We hope parishioners will help subsidize this decorating effort by donating for a wreath, or part of one, in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving.

<u>Music Memorials</u> – Give to our wonderful music program as God plants in your heart. You may give throughout the year to the music program, but in order to get your memorial in print, the deadline is Sunday, December 12.

#### St. Luke's Music Series

St. Luke's Music Series is pleased to present the first organ recital of the Fall season on **Sunday, November 28 at 5:00 pm**. David Boeckh will present a program of advent music. Abbreviated Advent Lessons and Carols will follow, sung by St. Luke's Choir. This event will be in-person and livestreamed.

David Boeckh is a master's student at Indiana University where he studies organ with Dr. Christopher Young with a minor in choral conducting. Originally from Seattle, David began playing the organ while his family was on sabbatical in Berlin, Germany. He continued his organ lessons with Mel Butler at Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle and in 2013 was accepted into the UW Academy, an early entrance program at the University of Washington, where he studied with

Carole Terry. David completed his undergraduate degree at Oberlin Conservatory as a student of James David Christie. David has participated in numerous summer organ academies and competitions in the US and Europe, including the North German Organ Academy in Bremen, Germany and the Haarlem International Organ Festival. He is the winner of the 2015 West Chester Organ Competition. A passionate church musician, David has served Episcopal congregations in Washington, Ohio, and Oregon, and in 2018 he was the Wilson Family Sacred Music Intern at the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Before coming to IU, David worked for two years as the organ scholar at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. He is currently the Organist-Choirmaster at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Indianapolis. David is also the Graduate Assistant for the IU Organ Department and serves as the sub-dean for the Bloomington Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

#### Wednesday AM Bible Study

The Wednesday morning 9:45 am bible study will be in person in the Lyman House (down the hill from the church). You can join this lay-led discussion of the core stories of our faith either in person or on Zoom every Wednesday at 9:45am. We are currently using The Path, a Bible Study published by Forward Movement, as a guide among other sources. It is not necessary to have a copy of The Path to participate. Just bring your Bible.

#### **Roots in our Liturgy**

We meet in person in the church OFFICE (the Lyman House) down the hill from the Dudley House. We will continue to broadcast on Zoom for those who do not or cannot come in person, to create a Hybrid class. For those meeting in person, please wear a mask

Our liturgy is rich with meaning, symbolism and history. Many parts of our liturgy are as old as Christianity itself. Have you ever wondered why we say and do the things we do during the Sunday morning church service? Have you wondered about the origins, reasons, and meanings of the components of our worship? For more information, email Dave Kirchinger at <a href="mailto:episcopaliandave@gmail.com">episcopaliandave@gmail.com</a>.

The link to the class is: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85144530030</a> / Meeting ID: 851 4453 0030 If prompted to enter a password, please enter our parish office phone number - 2458827

#### **Centering Prayer**

Centering Prayer has changed to every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Tuesday. Join us on **December 7 and 21 from 6 – 7pm** in the Lyman Office.

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

If you've had a birthday or anniversary over the past several weeks, or have one coming up in the weeks ahead, please let Dawn know, <a href="mailto:admin@stlukesanchorage.org">admin@stlukesanchorage.org</a>. Let her know your birthday, or the date of your wedding anniversary and how many years you've been married, and we will offer a blessing over you during our recorded worship.

#### LAY PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

Pastoral care is a ministry provided by volunteer parishioners to individuals needing home, hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation facility visitations. Arrangements can be made for communion and meals as requested. All information is confidential unless you give permission to share with others.

#### CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS.

Reminder, if you do go to the hospital, let the hospital know your church affiliation or try to have your caregiver do so. Our ministry is here for you in time of need so remember to call the church office at 245-8827 or e-mail at admin@stlukesanchorage.org

<u>VPOD</u>: Priscilla Bond / <u>Lay Readers</u>: Mason Rummel, Rick Rummel / POP: Lydia Lewis / <u>Ushers</u>: Doug Sanders, Larry Stettenbenz / <u>Audio</u>: Peter Finnis.

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given by Nelson & Janice Toebbe in loving memory of Herman & Jane Klippel Bickel and Edward, Louise Gensimore and Bruce Toebbe.

In our prayers for AI, Amy, Barbara, Beecher, Bethann, Beverly, Calvin, Carol, Christy, Dan, Danny, Darla, David, Debbie, Diana, Dorothy, Dot, Doug, EJ, Gene, Helga, Herb, Hugh, Ira, Janice, Jenni, Jerry, Jewell, Joan, Joe, John, Kathy, Ken, Kirk, Lee, Lisette, Lorraine, Lynn, Mark, Martha, MaryBeth, Maureen, McDonald, Monica, Nelson, Nick, Nina (Nine-ah), Phillip, Sharon, Steve, Sue, Susie, Terry, Tim, Ursula, Velda, Veronica, Walt; and our men and women serving in our armed forces and their families. We offer prayers of blessing and thanksgiving for all men and women serving in the armed services, especially these persons known to us: Alex, Casey, Griffin, Pat, Seth, Trey. We pray that they have safe journeys and know the loving concern of friends and family. May God watch over them and grant them strength and courage to face perils which beset them.

Readings: December 5: Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 16; Advent II Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.