

We welcome you this morning!  
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

**Officiant Rev Chris McCann** **January 8, 2023**

**Opening Hymn** *O, Worship the Lord* Insert

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

**Collect for Purity** BCP p. 355

**Gloria** BCP p. 356

### Collect

*(Please sit for the readings)*

**First Reading** *Book of Isaiah [60:1-6]*

**Psalm** *72:1-7, 10-14*

**Second Reading** *Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [3:1-12]*

**Gradual Hymn** *We Three Kings* #128

**The Holy Gospel** *Matthew [2:1-12]*

**Sermon** Rev Chris McCann

**Nicene Creed** BCP p. 358

### Intercessions

Parish prayer requests.....

• I ask your prayers for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops, for The Rev Ann Jolly, Co-Adjutor Bishop elect and for the clergy of the diocese, for our own pastor, Fr Chris,....

• I ask your prayers for the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good .....

• I ask your prayers for the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we anticipate the Lord's appearing

• I ask your prayers for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and in every place where war is waged.

• I ask your prayers for all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger, Mark, Peggy, Karen, Jack, Marilyn ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• Of your charity I ask your prayers for the Faithful Departed:

**Confession** BCP. p. 360

### The Peace

**Offertory Hymn** *The people who in darkness walked* Hymn# 126

### Prayer Over The Gifts

*All things come of thee O Lord.  
and of thine own have we given thee.*

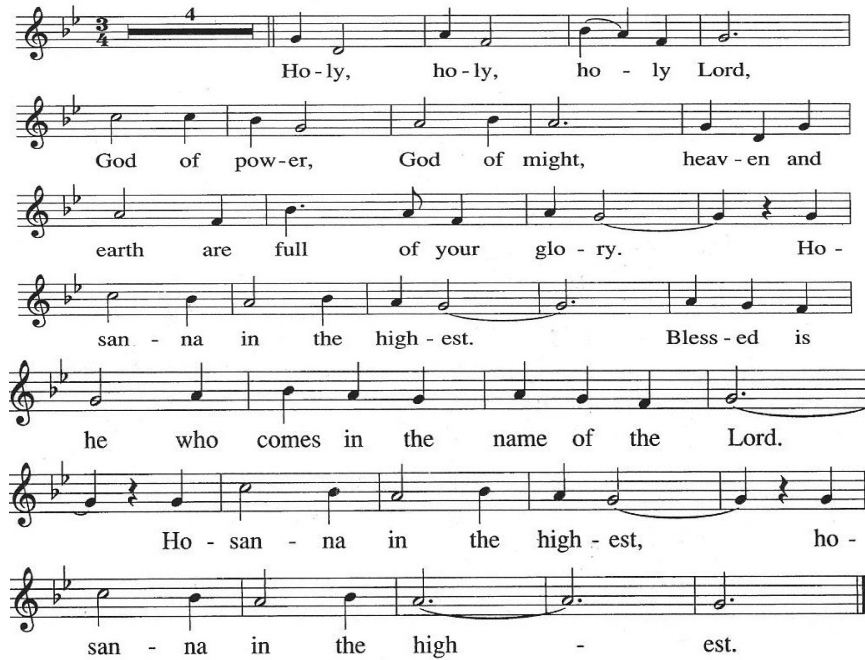
### The Great Thanksgiving

**Eucharistic Prayer** B BCP p 367

## Sanctus

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,  
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en 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, ho-  
san-na in the high-est.

## Lord's Prayer

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## Fraction Sentence

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

## Communion Hymn *Instrumental music*

*(Please kneel)*

## Prayer after Communion

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*(Please stand)*

## Closing Hymn *Brightest and best*

Insert

**Chalice Bearer:** Andy Blackley

**Lectors:** Doug Dolan & Debby Blackley

**Organist:** Jean Spangler

## Today's Readings

## The Epiphany

### Collects

### The Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

### Baptism of the Lord

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### First Reading

*Book of Isaiah [60:1-6]*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
*The Word of the Lord*

## Psalm

72:1-7, 10-14

1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.  
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown  
like showers that water the earth.  
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon  
be no more.  
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.  
11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.  
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in  
and the oppressed who has no helper.  
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.  
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

## Second Reading

*Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [3:1-12]*

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — assume that you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was

not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. *The Word of the Lord.*

## Gospel

*Matthew [2:1-12]*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had

stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

### **ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29**

This announcement serves as notice of the scheduled 2023 annual meeting of the parish of St Luke. The meeting will be held on January 29, 2023 and will be conducted following worship in the Nave of the parish church. The meeting will convene at 11:30 am. In advance of the meeting any group or individual intending to present a report to the annual meeting must prepare the submission and deliver to the secretary electronically by January 16, to be included in the mailing of materials related to the annual meeting.

Faithfully, Fr Chris McCann +

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS TO PARISH**

Dear friend, the parish of St Luke is currently engaging in two projects that will greatly enhance the worshiping life of the parish. The first is a complete renovation of the church organ coupled with the addition of the Robson Pipe Organ generously donated in 2022 by Mr George Barnum. The second project takes the form of an update and some additions to the frontals and hangings which hang seasonally on the Altar. Both projects are an excellent way to memorialize a loved one by way of contributing to the fabric of the church. If you would like to make a memorial donation to either project, you may do so by placing your gift in the collection plate any Sunday in 2023. Cheques should include a memo noting the project you desire to support, whether altar or organ. Envelopes found in the pews are a useful way to leave a note concerning who you wish to honor through your gift.

## **ST. LUKE COMMUNITY MEAL**

*'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in'* Matthew 25:35

Our Christian life is lived in community and being present with others. This is why St Luke Episcopal church invites you to join us for a delicious cooked Sunday dinner on the following dates:

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

These dinners are free and open to the public and begin at 11:30 am. You may find an opportunity to serve by signing up on the monthly roster found on the stair way bulletin board.

You are welcome to sit down with us for dinner or request a take home meal

**YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:15 AM.**

### **Tuesdays @ 10a St Luke Morning Prayer and study**

On Tuesday mornings this winter, please consider joining the rector for Morning Prayer, followed by a lectionary study of the coming Sunday's eucharistic lectionary readings. Bring a bible and your curiosity. Tea and coffee provided.

### **Metro Food Bank Project**

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Jan 21, 2023**. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.