

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

**Officiant Rev Chris McCann** **January 29, 2023**

**Opening Hymn** *Come sing, ye choirs exult* #235

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** Inserted

*(Please sit for the readings)*

**First Reading** *Book of Micah [6:1-8]*

**Psalm** 15

**Second Reading** *First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [1:18-31]*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Alleluia*

**The Holy Gospel** *Matthew [5:1-12]*

**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** *Fairest Lord Jesus* #383

**Prayer Over The Gifts**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.  
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

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

**The Great Thanksgiving**

## Sanctus

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

BCP p. 366

*(Please stand)*Closing Hymn *In the cross of Christ I glory*

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Chalice Bearer: Andy Blackley

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## Today's Readings      The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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## Collects

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading

*Book of Micah [6:1-8]*

Hear what the Lord says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? *The Word of the Lord.*

## Psalm

15

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?  
2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.  
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.  
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## Second Reading

*First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians [1:18–31]*

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful,

not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” *The Word of the Lord.*

## Gospel

*Matthew [5:1–12]*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

## 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:

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 **Feb 18, 2023**. Volunteer sign-up online [www.stlukechardon.org](http://www.stlukechardon.org), in food pantry info.