

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

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A Christmas Festival of Lessons and Music

Services: Sun. 7:30 & 10:30 a.m.- Holy Eucharist, Nursery available

Wed. 11:00 a.m. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Fri 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Staff:

Pastor: The Rev. Norman Bray

Parish Secretary: Diane Shiver

Organist/Choirmaster: Debbie Bauer

Ministers: All the members of the Parish

Our Mission: *At St. Luke's, we are all proclaimers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Our Lord through worship and fellowship, working to bring about the Kingdom of God through our ministries and our lives.*

*The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Right Reverend Philip M. Duncan, II, Bishop*

Prelude Variations on *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius

Hymn 102 Once in Royal David's City *Irby*

A Bidding Prayer

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

God declares in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

—Genesis 3:8–15

Carol of the Bells

arr. Cathy Moglebust

St. Luke's Handbell Ringers

The Second Lesson

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

—Genesis 22:15–18

Hymn 56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain

The Third Lesson

The Peace that Christ will bring is foretold.

—Isaiah 11:1–9

Hymn 81

Lo, How a Rose

Es ist ein Ros

The Fourth Lesson

The Prophet Micah foresees the glory of little Bethlehem.

—Micah 5:2–4

Hymn 79

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

The Fifth Lesson

The Angel Gabriel visits the Virgin Mary.

—Luke 1:26–33, 38

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

arr. Kevin McChesney

St. Luke's Handbell Ringers

The Sixth Lesson

Matthew tells of Christ's holy birth.

—Matthew 1:18–25

Hymn 115

What Child is This

Greensleeves

The Seventh Lesson

The shepherds go to the manger.

—Luke 2:8–16

Hymn 96

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

The Eighth Lesson

The visit of the Wise Men.

—Matthew 2:1–5, 7–11

Hymn 128

We Three Kings

Three Kings of Orient

The Ninth Lesson

(Congregation, please stand for lesson and carol.)

St. John unfolds the Great Mystery of the Incarnation.

—John 1:1–14

Hymn 83

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
Refrain

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?
Refrain

The Collects for Christmas

Please kneel

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Hymn 111

Silent Night, Holy Night

Stille nacht

The Benediction

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 87

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Postlude

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach

Readers

Doug Simmons
Christine Simmons
Steve Umholtz
Hap Dunaway
Jessica Hasty
Deborah Mitchell
Anne Mathis
Frances Stone
Eileen Bray

Acolytes- Emilyanne Mathis, Ash Lanier
Crucifer- Hap Dunaway