

Feast of the Reign of Christ

November 22, 2020



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St. Luke's Episcopal Church
515 Second Street | Woodland, California

Shared Home Communion

We come to the Lord's Table on this great feast day to celebrate the "already and not yet" reign of Christ. On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we set our "eyes on the prize" before settling into a new year with all of the silent, shadowy waiting of our Advent season.

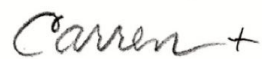
This leaflet will guide you through the service, either live on Zoom, or recorded on stlukeswoodland.org. You're welcome to stand and sit as usual, but it's not necessary, and no rubrics about posture are published here.

If you have consecrated bread at home (received yesterday from the church), keep it nearby. If you don't have Communion bread, you may pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion (page #) instead. If you do have Communion bread, please remember to bring back the small jar (pyx) so we can sterilize and reuse it at Christmas. You can safely leave it in the basket on the church's covered porch.

We are using the same liturgical practices and some new equipment to make this service easier to hear. We'll continue improving our technical approaches, to make services easier for the whole community to participate. Please plan to make online worship with St. Luke's a part of your Christmas. Watch for more information in our weekly email updates.

As we share this Holy Eucharist, I pray that we are drawn closer and renewed in our community, in God's love, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and Christ's eternal reign.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carren" followed by a small cross or plus sign.

Holy Eucharist | Order of Service

Ringings of the Bells

Organ Prelude

Elevation #1, Dom Paul Benoit

Welcome & Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise, Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-
our prayer at - tend; come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy
in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more; thy sov-ereign ma - jes - ty may we in

at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector The Word of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

- ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- ³ For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Celtic Alleluia, Walker / O'Carroll



Speak, Lord, your servant is list'ning.
Speak your words of wisdom,
for the words you speak
are everlasting life. **Refrain**

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
Through God's Son: Jesus Christ. **Refrain**

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeler The Gospel of our savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly

I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Song of Praise (conclusion)



The Word of the Lord is alive.
The Word of the Lord is active.
It can judge our thoughts,
Bring us closer to the Father. **Refrain**

Homily

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

Nicene Creed

All 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People

Form I, BCP, adapted

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray, saying
"Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor For the peace and loving-kindness of God, and for the freedom of
our souls, let us pray,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the welfare of the Church, all clergy and lay people, let us pray,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the leaders of communities and nations and all who live in them,
let us pray,
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it,
let us pray,
All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor For the all who grieve, are lonely, sick, or suffering, for the poor and
the oppressed, the unemployed and the hopeless, for prisoners and
captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray
All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died, let us pray
All **Lord have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of blessed Luke and all the saints, let us
commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our
God.
All **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence.

Intercessor What prayer is on your heart today?

*All are invited to offer their own intercessions silently or aloud,
and/or posted in the Zoom chat box.*

Presider God of love, ruler of all: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pledge in-gathering & Blessing

Presider God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Presider O God, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God of us all, so we may be united in one holy bond of truth and peace, one heart, and soul, and one mind: showing through our pledges of time and treasure that we are yoked together as a community, steadfast in our mission to serve you and your creation, as the people of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Woodland, seeking Christ's reign with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

At the Offertory

Offerings of prayer and/or money are welcome at this or any time.

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Offertory Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with blessed Luke,
and all Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

All **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.**

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with blessed Luke and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

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

All **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

Presider This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

All **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who have consecrated bread now share it, saying:

**The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
Amen.**

*Those who do not have consecrated bread may say the following
Prayer for Spiritual Communion*

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Final Blessing

Presider Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore. **Amen**

Closing Hymn

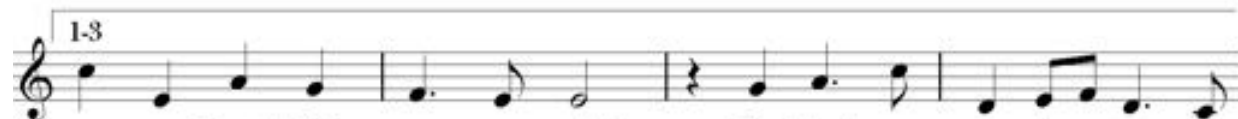
Rejoice, the Lord is King



1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore! Mor -
 2 The Lord the Sa - vior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and



tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove. Lift
 keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.



up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a - gain I say, re -



joyce! up your heart! lift up your voice! Re-joyce! a -



gain I say, re - joyce!

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary I in F, Anon. (18th Century)

All are welcome!

Grab a cup of coffee and stay online in the Zoom session for
“coffee hour” conversation immediately following worship.

Let’s catch up and prepare for this Thanksgiving week by sharing
our gratitude. *What are you grateful for?*

Get Involved

Here are a few of the upcoming opportunities at St. Luke's. Get our weekly updates for all the latest information: sign-up at our website, or contact our Church Administrator at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com

Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group

4th Tuesdays, 11/24, 6:15-7:30 pm

Becoming Beloved Community Now video series begins this month: watch a section of these newly released videos together, then spend time in discussion. New participants are always welcome, email leannherig@gmail.com for an introduction and Zoom link.

"The Way of Love" (Forward Movement)

Wednesdays, 7 pm, via Zoom

A weekly gathering for a short reading, reflection, and prayer. Books can be purchased in paperback online. Drop-in as your schedule allows. Email margaretwisehart@yahoo.com for information and Zoom link.

St. Luke's Queer Alliance

Thursdays, 6:30 pm via Zoom

St. Luke's welcomes sisters, brothers and non-binary queers in search of a faith community that supports everyone's unique path on the spiritual journey. We offer a home where diversity isn't silenced but celebrated, where belonging grows from the soil of respect, love, inclusion, commitment and joy. For more information, email Metamairic@gmail.com.

Conflict Resolution & Communication Training

Tuesdays, 12/1 & 12/8, 3-5pm, via Zoom

There's never been a better time for us all to get better at resolving conflicts through communication. Yolo Conflict Resolution Center will lead this learning opportunity, brought to us through St. Luke's Resource Navigators. Training is free, but space is limited so registration is required. For more information email lfvetter@sbcglobal.net.



St. Luke's provides a welcoming sanctuary for all people, takes faithful risks to foster community and proclaim God's love through our words, deeds and relationships.

- Provide a welcoming sanctuary for all.
- Prioritize being and staying in relationship.
- Nurture the next generation.
- Weave God into the fabric of our daily lives.
- Engage the world around us.
- Speak truth in love.
- Honor our legacy and traditions.
- Take faithful risks (courage to evolve).

At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, or political affiliations, you are welcome here.

*With Christ and in Christ,
We Welcome, Celebrate, Collaborate and Grow*



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St. Luke's is steadfast in its commitment to full-inclusion for queer folk in God's Church while Integrity USA works through its uncertain future as a non-profit organization.