

# First Sunday of Advent



*November 29, 2020 10:00am*



**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

Somers, New York



# WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

*Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you find this service of prayer and music a way to deepen your relationship with God and each other. There will be a Rite I service at 8:30am and Rite II at 10:00am.*

*This service bulletin is the complete service of Rite II Holy Eucharist, printed for your ease and taken from our 1979 Book of Common Prayer. If you need assistance with following the service, please ask someone near you. We will be happy to guide you.*

*In general, it is our tradition to stand for prayer and to sit for readings. Sometimes, you'll see people do different things. If you are new among us, please feel free to participate as you are able and in the way that you are comfortable.*

*We welcome children to participate in the service as much as they are able. Likewise, they are welcome to color, make some noise, and pray in whatever fashion they see fit.*

*Bathrooms are located through the door by the Baptismal Font, to the right of the altar, and down a few steps on your left.*

*The parish contact information is on the last page of this bulletin. Please call for updated services and church information or you may visit our website [www.slcsomers.org](http://www.slcsomers.org). Father Mike is our Priest-in-Charge and is available by appointment during office hours.*

*We hope you feel welcome, and will choose to visit us again, or consider becoming part of our church family one day.*

*Blessings of God's love, peace and hope.*

*St. Luke's Church*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: *Rite Two*

## OPENING HYMN: Rejoice! rejoice, believers

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

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People* ***Amen.***

## SONG OF PRAISE *All stand and say*

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* ***Amen.***

## THE LESSONS *The people sit.*

*Reader* A Reading from **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

Reader Let us recite responsively by half verse: **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

1 Reader Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
People ***shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.***

2 Reader In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
People ***stir up your strength and come to help us.***

3 Reader Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
People ***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. s***

4 Reader O Lord God of hosts, \*  
People ***how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?***

5 Reader You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
People ***you have given them bowls of tears to drink.***

6 Reader You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
People ***and our enemies laugh us to scorn.***

7 Reader Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
People ***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

16 Reader Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
People ***the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.***

17 Reader And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
People ***give us life, that we may call upon your Name.***

18 Reader Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
People ***show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.***

Reader A Reading from **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel** *All stand*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 13:24-37**

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**THE SERMON** The Rev'd. Michael Watson

**THE NICENE CREED** *All stand and say*

*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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. FORM IV** *Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**



## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*The Priest stands and says*

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

## THE PEACE *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining social distancing and appropriate safe spacing.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*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 a Proper Preface is said by Celebrant*

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:

*All stand and say*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*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,

*All stand and say*

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

*Celebrant* 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 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*All stand and say*

***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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]***

*All stand and say*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:***

***have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:***

***have mercy on us***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:***

***grant us peace***

*Celebrant* 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.

*The priest delivers the Sacrament to the people and says*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

*Response* ***Amen.***

*During the ministration of Communion,*

**COMMUNION SOLO: My Lord, what a morning** *trad. spiritual*

*After Communion*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYEER

*All stand and say*

***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.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CLOSING HYMN: The King shall come when morning dawns**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Priest will bless and dismisses people with the words*

*Priest*      **Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*People*      ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***



## READINGS FOR DECEMBER 6

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

# Friendly Reminder

**DECEMBER 10** Last day of the Cardinal McCloskey's  
Holiday Gift Drive

**WEDNESDAY** evening's Discovery Hour continues and is  
featuring "Love is the Way" Bishop Michael Curry. Join  
our zoom at 7pm.

Food Pantry is accepting donations for the Christmas  
drive.

December 24 services will be at 4:30pm & 10:00pm

December 25 service will be at 10:00am

December 26 service will be at 10:00am???????

December 27 service will be at 10:00am

TO ALL OUR  
AMAZING  
VOLUNTEERS  
THIS WEEK.

*Thank you!*

WE APPRECIATE  
ALL THAT YOU DO  
FOR ST. LUKE'S.



***DECEMBER  
BIRTHDAYS***

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Carol Schepis 12/1,  
Libby Bristow 12/6  
Declan Talleur 12/9,  
Sherry Arita 12/10,  
Dennis Disanto 12/13,  
Michael Di Martino 12/15,  
Nick Constantino 12/19,  
Patricia Larson 12/22,  
Richard Mogg 12/22,  
James Kessel 12/23,  
Meta Walter 12/24,  
Kenneth Bond 12/25,  
Marion Comins 12/28,  
Regina Davenport 12/29

***DECEMBER  
ANNIVERSARIES***

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Mike and Debbie Basile 12/07  
Peter and Janet Howard 12/20

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