

**St. Luke's Epiphany Spiritual Communion (Visual Holy Eucharist)**  
**January 17, 2021, Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude**

Hymn 7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies hymntune: *Ratisbon*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

God of flowing Light

music by CCW Sparks, arr. Robert A. M. Ross, words by Mary Louise Bringle

*Refrain:* Guide us to the joy of your heart's romance.  
Lead as we join your lilting dance.

Hymn 812 WLP I the Lord of sea and sky Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain:*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

## **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.

*People* And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

## **A Song of Praise: Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah**

*Said together*

Arise, shine for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Holy One will rise,  
and the glory of God will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light,  
and rulers to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open;  
by day or by night they will never be shut.

They will call you the city of our God,  
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls Salvation,  
and all your portals Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Holy One will be your everlasting light,  
your God will be your glory.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty God, you gave our Savior Jesus Christ to be the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of heavenly glory, that Christ may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*

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## **The Lessons**

*The Old Testament is read*

### **A reading from I Samuel (3:1-20)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Here ends the reading.

*The Psalm is said by all*

### **Psalm 139:1-5,12-17**

- 1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
    you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places, \*  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
    "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing God's holy song \*  
    upon a foreign soil?
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*

- let my right hand forget its skill.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God; \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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*The Epistle is read*

**A Reading from I Corinthians (6:12-20)**

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Here ends the reading.

**The Gospel John 1:43-51**

*The Holy Gospel is read with this introduction and conclusion*

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of our Savior.  
*People*         Praise to you, O Christ.

### **Nicene Creed**

**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**

Intercessor: Holy God, your way brings light and life. Hear us and change us as we pray:  
make your ways known on earth; your saving health among all nations.

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth, and grant it clarity and purpose.  
Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Give us eyes to see your Light in our world, and give us words and actions to share your Light in  
our world. Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Guide our elected and appointed officials in the ways of justice, dignity and peace. Make your  
ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Protect and strengthen all who work in healthcare, all who are caregivers, and all who work for  
the common good. Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Build within us the ability and will to provide for the homeless, the hungry and those in need.  
Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

Heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, the  
oppressed and all in danger. Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

We commend to you all who have died, both those we know and those who are known to you  
alone. Make your ways known on earth,  
**your saving health among all nations.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only  
what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our ignorance  
cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*from the Church of England's Common Worship Resources (edited)*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*All* 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.

*Celebrant* God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

Arise, Shine

Ruth Cunningham

Arise, shine, for your light has come.  
And the glory of God has dawned upon you.

## **The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant* Do good, be rich in good works, generous and ready to share,  
thus store up for yourselves the treasures of a good foundation for the future,  
so that you may take hold of a life that really is life. *1 Tim 6:18-18 adapted*

*During this time of virtual worship, when we gather for communion it is a "spiritual communion."  
As Episcopalians, we believe when we desire communion but we are not able to partake because of extreme  
circumstances, that all the benefits of Communion are received even though the Sacrament is not consumed with  
our mouths. (BCP 457)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### *Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to our God.

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

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

*The Celebrant continues*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true, loving and everliving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all that you create stands as a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed

and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

### **A Time of Silent Reverence**

**Act of Reception, said by all**

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly all members of St. Luke's, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and resurrection, for the means of grace and hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

*(from St. Augustine's Prayerbook, permission by Forward Movement.)*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Live without fear.  
Your creator has made you holy,  
has always protected you,  
and loves you with a power and a presence  
that is stronger than death  
And the blessing of God our Creator,  
Christ our Redeemer,  
and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer  
be with you now and always. Amen.

*Enriching Our Worship*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

Hymn 497 stanza 1 How bright appears the Morning Star  
hymntune: Wie schön leuchtet

How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming,  
From afar; the host of heaven rejoices;  
O righteous Branch, O Jesse's Rod!  
Thou Son of Man and Son of God!  
We, too, will lift our voices;  
Jesus, Jesus! Holy holy, yet most lowly,  
Draw thou near us; great Emmanuel, come and hear us.