

The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

The Feast of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



January 16, 2022
9:15 am Holy Eucharist



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We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. You are welcome here. Our congregation comes from near and far and represents a wide range of histories, traditions, ethnicities, and racial, social, and religious backgrounds. We practice our faith through worship and service to the community. It is our hope and prayer that at St. Luke's you encounter a caring congregation committed to the ministry of Christ.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Voluntary

In Quiet Mood

Florence Beatrice Smith Price

Hymn in Procession *(sung by all, standing)*

Hymnal 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In light in - ac -
ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
An - cient of Days, Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

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

Song of Praise

People of God, gather together

Earth and all stars

Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - geth - er, come, let us sing on this
glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad praise to the mak - er
come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray. Come let us join in the
hea - ven - ly dance, prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Exodus 3:7-12

Mac Holladay

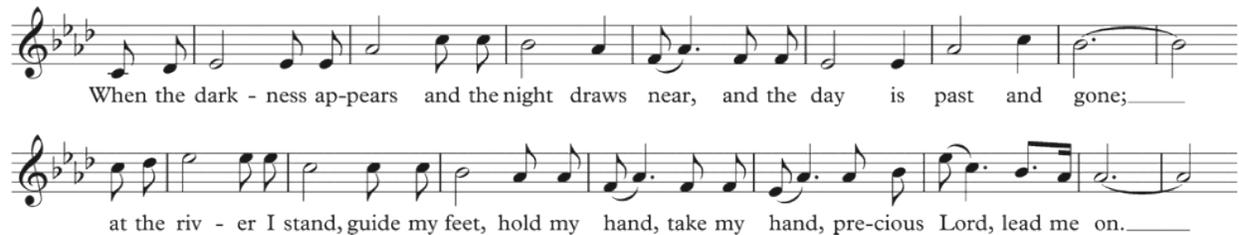
Then God said, "I have seen how my people who are slaves in Egypt are hurting. They cry themselves to sleep at night because their masters are mean to them and beat them, and give them no rest. Their cries make my heart hurt. I have a plan to get them out of Egypt and to show them their own place to live, a good place that is full of good things. I know what awful things are going on in Egypt. You are part of my plan. You are going to go to Pharaoh and march the people out of Egypt right under the nose of Pharaoh." But Moses said to God, "Me? Are you kidding? You want to send me? Why would you think I could do this?" "Don't worry, Moses," said God. "I will be with you the whole time. And when you and all the people get out of Egypt, then you can bring them here to this mountain and worship me."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence

Precious Lord, take my hand



When the dark - ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone; _____
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on. _____

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-36

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Everyone, listen to me. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Be good to people who hate you. If they throw curses at you, throw blessings back. Pray for them. If they punch you in the face, don't punch back, but shame them by offering your other cheek to hit. Give your coat to someone who asks, and food to beggars. Treat people the way you would want them to treat you and you can't go wrong. I know it's hard. If it were easy, everyone would do it. If you love only people who are good to you, what would be special about that? That's simple. "Love your enemies, do good, give from your heart and expect nothing in return." That's how God works. Follow God's example.

The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

A period of silence is kept.

The Rev. Winnie Varghese

Affirmation of Faith *(said by all)*

**We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.**

**We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.**

**We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.**

**We believe in God's resurrection-created world,
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.**

**We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in three,**

We believe in God.

Prayers of the People

Leader Let us join together in prayer either out loud or silently.
Let us pray for the Church—for our bishops, priests, deacons, and all who follow Jesus.
We say, "God, inspire us to be your Church."

People **God, inspire us to be your Church.**

Leader Let us pray for our country—for the president, our governor, and our mayor—and all who lead in our communities.
We say, "God, guide our leaders."

People **God, guide our leaders.**

Leader Let us pray for our community—for our families, our neighbors, our city.
We say, "God, bless and protect our community."

People **God, bless and protect our community.**

Leader Let us pray for people or situations that concern or worry us. What worries can we share with God?

Pause

People We say, "Help us, God, we trust in you."
Help us, God, we trust in you.

Leader Let us now say thank you to God for all the good things that happen in our lives. Are there any special things that we are grateful for?

Pause

People We say, "Thank you, God!"
Thank you, God!

Leader And finally let us gather all our prayers into one: Gracious God, accept the prayers of your people: the things we pray for out loud and the things we pray for in our hearts. We pray in Jesus' name.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *(All stand)*

Leader Peace be in your thinking and in your hearts.

All **Peace with all creation.**

Leader The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

At the Presentation (*sung by all, standing*)

“Through north and south and east and west”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Through north and south and east and west May God's im-mor-tal name be
blessed: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Till
ev - 'ry-where be-neath the sun, God's reign be-gins; God's will is
done: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is 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 God our Creator.

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

Presider continues

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for everything that you have given us: this beautiful world, our families and friends, our gifts and abilities. In the ocean of your steadfast love, you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and harm the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe with saints and angels, we proclaim your glory saying:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Picardy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider continues

God of faith: you created the whole universe and you love each and every one of us, your children. In the fullness of time you sent your son Jesus to share our fragile humanity. Jesus came and cared for the lonely and the sick, the poor and the people who were left out. And he taught us how to love one another the way you love us. When Jesus died and rose to new life, he opened the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

We learned from Jesus to put you first, O God, to love you, and to listen for your Word to us. Jesus followed your Word and went to the cross, showing us that God's love could overcome even death and bring new life.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider continues

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts fill this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies with your powerful love that can make all things new. Join us together as one people that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Eternal Majesty, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*said by all*)

BCP, p. 364

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

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are.

People May we become what we receive.

Communion

The communion table at St. Luke's is open to all believers, regardless of faith background. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you do not wish to receive the bread, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to offer a blessing.

Music During Communion

Anthem, *This little light of mine*

Traditional Spiritual; arr. William Bradley Roberts

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

LEVAS 138 "Lord, I want to be a Christian"

Traditional Spiritual

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart, In my heart;—
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;—
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;—
4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;—
5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;—

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CONCLUDING RITE

Postcommunion Prayer (*said by all*)

Loving God,
In this holy meal,
You have reminded us that we are all your children,
Members of your Great Family.
As we leave this place,
Keep us safe,
Grant us strength and courage,
And inspire us to share your love with the world.
Amen.

The Blessing

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that we will live deeply in our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people and the earth, so that we will work for justice, equity and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer, so that we will reach out our hands to comfort them and change their pain to joy.

And may God bless us with the foolishness to think that we can make a difference in our world, so that we will do the things which others say cannot be done. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

 (*sung by all*)

God be in my head

Philip Wilby

God be in my head, and in my un-der-stand-ing;

God be in my eyes, and in my look-ing; God be in my mouth, and

in my speak-ing; God be in my heart, and in my think-ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de-part-ing.

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in E-flat major

David N. Johnson

— ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES —

Formation Today

Hope in Economic Security
10:15 a.m. | streaming online



Hope Wollensack, executive director of the The Old Fourth Ward Economic Security Task Force, will talk about hope in a way that disrupts some of the usual ways that word is understood. She will be speaking from the context of her work in the Old Fourth Ward. Ms. Wollensack is the executive director of the The Old Fourth Ward Economic Security Task Force which strives to bring greater economic supports for residents of one of Atlanta's most historic and rapidly gentrifying neighborhoods. Ms. Wollensack has authored reports examining historic roots and ongoing policies that perpetuate inequality.

Lectio Divina with the Gospel of Thomas
10:15 a.m. | on Zoom



Lectio divina is a powerful means of reading sacred text for spiritual growth. Join Sophia Brothers-Peterman and others in the gentle, non-threatening practice of group lectio divina with the Gospel of Thomas. We will meet the third Sunday of every month, working our way through this collection of 114 sayings, called logia, said to be the words of Jesus written down by Thomas, the Twin. Come as you are able.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Sunday School for children up to 4th grade will meet on Zoom this morning at 10:15. Please use the QR code to join the gathering. The Rev. Horace Griffin will talk to the kids about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All are welcome!



Virtual Coffee Hour for Youth
Grab you coffee and join us at 12:30 on Zoom. We will reflect on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we continue to look at the book of Ruth from a “contextual” perspective. Use the QR code to join the Zoom gathering on Wednesdays at noon.



THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 11:15 AM

Worship Service with Communion
10 AM

Remember just one service on Annual Meeting Sunday. We worship together and then handle our “business” together. We will vote on Vestry candidates and talk about our future!

LAUNCH OF EBENEZER-ST. LUKE'S FORUM

**The unfinished business of Civil Rights:
Human Rights**

February 6 at 1 p.m. at St. Luke's
The Rev. Lisa Sharon Harper,
Founder and Executive Director,
Freedom Road



Continuing our partnership with Ebenezer Baptist Church, together we will offer a speaker series inviting local and national leaders to catalyze people of faith to deepen our spiritual journeys and expand the impact of our actions as faith-based people and communities on each other and our world. Our goal is for all who attend to have a stronger commitment to deepen their faith and increase their external impact. Use the QR code above to find out more online.



MUSIC 
at
ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Save the Date: Sunday, March 6

4:15 p.m. Organ Recital by Ahreum Han
Director of Music, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX
Music by Cook, Bach, Berveiller, Vierne, and Liszt
Concert Sponsor: Ann and Brian Kimsey

5 p.m. Choral Evensong for Lent
The Adult Choir sings music by Gjeilo, Byrd,
Noble, and Howells

In person and streaming live online.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



In January for Ascensa Health

Ascensa Health at St. Jude's Recovery Center was established in 1962 by a partnership of downtown Atlanta business leaders, judges, and inner-city churches to address the problem of chronic alcoholic court offenders. Since then, the organization has grown to include eight facilities in metro Atlanta. Its services are rooted in the belief that addiction is a disease and that treatment must focus on the whole person. Its evidence-based approach addresses substance abuse as well as mental and physical health. The organization operates with a balanced budget and is debt free.

St. Luke's is collecting hygiene kit items for Ascensa:

Soap	Body Wash
Deodorant	Sanitary Napkins
Floss	Shampoo
Tooth Brush	Conditioner
Tooth Paste	Razors
Socks	

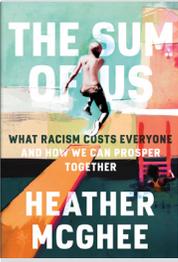
You may place your donations in the baskets located in the Narthex (foyer) and Reception Area.

Learn and Act with FAN (Faith and Advocacy Network)

PREVIEW THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

All are invited to the Faith & Advocacy Network (FAN) Zoom meeting on **Sunday, Jan. 23 at 12:30 PM** for a preview of the Georgia legislative session. Learn about ways we can get involved to improve Georgia laws as they are being enacted. A couple of our state representatives will join us. Scan the QR Code for the Zoom link.





LENTEN BOOK STUDY

SAVE THE DATE for the second annual Lenten book study with our neighbors at Ebenezer Baptist Church! We'll be reading *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee.. Our gatherings will be held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 6- 7:30 p.m. beginning on March 9. Registration will begin in January. For more information, contact St. Luke's interns Emilee Walker-Cornetta (ewalkercornetta@gmail.com) or Janelle Hiroshige (janelle.hiroshige@gmail.com).

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