



**E U C H A R I S T**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021  
AT 6:30 PM**

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Atlanta, Georgia**



December 1st is World AIDS Day, held to unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS and remember those who have died. It originated at the 1988 World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs for AIDS Prevention. Since then, every year United Nations agencies, governments, and civil society join together to campaign around specific themes related to AIDS.



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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.

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# THE ENTRANCE RITE

## Voluntary

Lullaby

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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

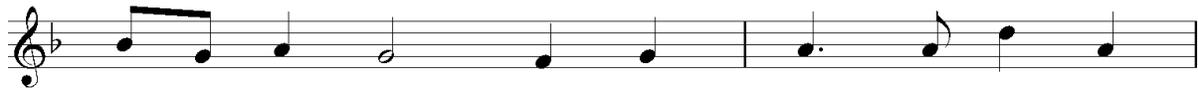
Hymnal 665 "All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

Descant: Kevin Clarke



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
\*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

### **The Opening Acclamation**

Elizabeth: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
**People:** **And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.**  
Horace: We have come this far by faith!  
**People:** **Faith in Hope.**  
Elizabeth: Faith in Healing.  
**People:** **Faith in One Another.**  
Horace: Faith in Something larger than ourselves.  
**People:** **Faith in Medical Miracles.**  
Elizabeth: Faith in Love.  
**People:** **Faith in Life.**  
Horace: Faith in Tomorrow.  
Elizabeth: As we gather together tonight, let us know that we do so in the presence of those who have gone before us, those who are living life today to its fullest, and those who shall carry the torch into tomorrow.  
Horace: So as we gather tonight to remember, let us also remember to live!  
Elizabeth and Horace: May we be blessed by one another and by all that we hold to be sacred.  
**People:** **Amen.**

### **A Call to Gather** *(the Celebrant continues)*

Welcome to this place of remembrance and hope. Eternal God, we praise you for who you are and for the wonderful diversity in this world you have created. We thank you for the gift of life and for the bounties that you have provided so that we may enjoy that gift. We know that the bounties are not shared equally by all. We recognize that HIV remains one of the most critical areas needing intervention today. As the epidemic rages on and threatens to become much worse, we would ask for your guidance to world leaders so that they ensure that the epidemic is brought to an end.

In this season of Advent we celebrate the coming of your son, Jesus Christ and his saving grace. But we remind ourselves that Christ came, not just for a few of us, but for all of your children, especially the outcast, the poor, the weak, the diseased, the marginalized. In this time of HIV and AIDS, we know that the marginalized are especially vulnerable. We know that rejection by society increases their risk. We know that stigma stops them from seeking help, from getting tested, and from receiving treatment. We gather tonight for a time of reflection and prayer for ourselves, for all those close to us who are living with HIV/AIDS, and for those who have died of AIDS-related causes. These beloved ones are with us in spirit tonight. Remembering them reminds us that we are all people living and dying in a world of prejudice, of fear, of death and disease, of life and healing.

While this liturgy's title only mentions AIDS, we are in the midst of the COVID pandemic, and while COVID and HIV/AIDS are very different, they are both pandemics and they affect us all, living and dying. In the past two years we have again been reminded of how communal health is intersectional. We are called to respond with love and compassion in the face of stigma and ignorance.

Our beloved friends carry or have carried in their bodies these debilitating diseases. Each has surely felt anger and pain, hope and fear, support and loneliness, love and isolation. Almighty God, you call us to respond to COVID, AIDS, and all pandemics with love, tears, rage, compassion, and hope. Our gathering tonight of prayer, song, and scripture grants us space to hear your Spirit inviting us into lamentation, grief, thanksgiving, and hope. Let us quiet ourselves, take a breath of solidarity, align our breath with the breath of all creation and remember.

*Silence is held.*

**The Collect for the Day** (*the Celebrant continues*)

Let us pray.

God of all compassion, Comfort your family members who live with HIV. Spread over us all your quilt of mercy, love and peace. Open our eyes to your presence reflected in their faces. Open our ears to your truth echoing in their hearts. Give us the strength to weep with the grieving, to walk with the lonely, to stand with the depressed. May our love mirror your love for those who live in fear, who live under stress and who suffer rejection. Comforting, healing God grant rest to those who have died and hope to all who live with HIV.

God of life, help us to find the cure now and help us to build a world in which no one dies alone and where everyone lives accepted, wanted and loved. We pray in your holy name. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39**

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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## The Sequence Hymn

“God weeps with us who weep and mourn”

Moshier

1. God weeps with us who weep and mourn; God's tears flow down with ours, and  
2. Through tears and sorrow, God, we share a sense of your vast grief: the  
3. And yet because, like us, you weep, we trust you will receive and  
God's own heart is bruised and worn from all the heavy hours of watching while the  
weight of bearing every prayer for healing and relief, the burden of our  
in your tender heart will keep the ones for whom we grieve, while with your tears our  
soul's bright fire burned lower day by day, and pulse and breath and  
questions why, the doubts that they engage, and as our friends and  
hearts will taste the deep, dear core of things from which both life and  
love's desire dimmed down to ash and clay.  
loved ones die, our hopelessness and rage.  
death are graced by love's renewing springs.

## The Holy Gospel: John 11:17-44

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

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

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent

me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Horace L. Griffin

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of Hope

All of us are affected by HIV and AIDS.

At this time of Advent Hope,

As we prepare for the coming of your Son into this world

We give thanks for signs of hope.

For growing understanding

For medical advances

For changing attitudes and behaviour

For greater awareness and concern in your church.

**Lord hear us, Lord Graciously hear us.**

God of Unity

Bind us together with strong ties of love

That all churches will be places where everyone can find acceptance,

May our churches provide a welcome for all affected by HIV and AIDS.

May they be places where care is given and received,

Especially for affected children and youth,

Where stories are told and heard,

Where fear is overcome by love,

Where you are to be found.

**Lord hear us, Lord Graciously hear us.**

God of Promise

The end of AIDS is in sight!

Give us courage to run the race set before us.

We look to you in prayer and in action

For a day when all will have access to education and information

For a day when all who need it can get affordable and good quality treatment

For a day when all are affirmed, included and given care and support

Let us shed our cynicism, and hesitance to act

May we surprise you, as you surprise us!

**Lord hear us, Lord Graciously hear us.**

*Karen Plater, Presbyterian World Service and Development (Canada). Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance, Worship resources for World AIDS Day 2014. <http://www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hiv aids/ world-aidsday/index.html>*

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people:*

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## At the Offertory

Anthem

Richard DeLong (1951-1994)

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am of thy great love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

—Charlotte Elliott

## Presentation Hymn

The Hymnal 31 "Most holy God, the Lord of heaven"

Dunedin



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the  
2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its  
3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly  
4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the  
5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the  
2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious  
3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed  
4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and  
5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:  
2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.  
3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.  
4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.  
5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

## Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

## Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)*

Hymnal S-127 "Holy, holy, holy Lord"

Calvin Hampton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,  
*Celebrant and People*

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

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

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**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.**

**Fraction**

*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.**

**The Invitation**

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.

**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, *We will remember them*

John Madden (b. 1956)

We will remember them. At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning, we will remember them.  
They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them. We will remember them.

—Laurence Binyon

Hymnal 582 "O holy city seen of John"

*Sancta Civitas*



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,  
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain  
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood  
4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,  
in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,  
too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,  
lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!  
and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"  
and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.  
yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

F Bb Am7 Dm F Bb F

1 Heal-ing riv - er of the Spi - rit, bathe the wounds that liv - ing brings.  
 2 Well-spring of the heal-ing Spi - rit, stream that flows to bring re - lease,  
 3 Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels of your pow'r.

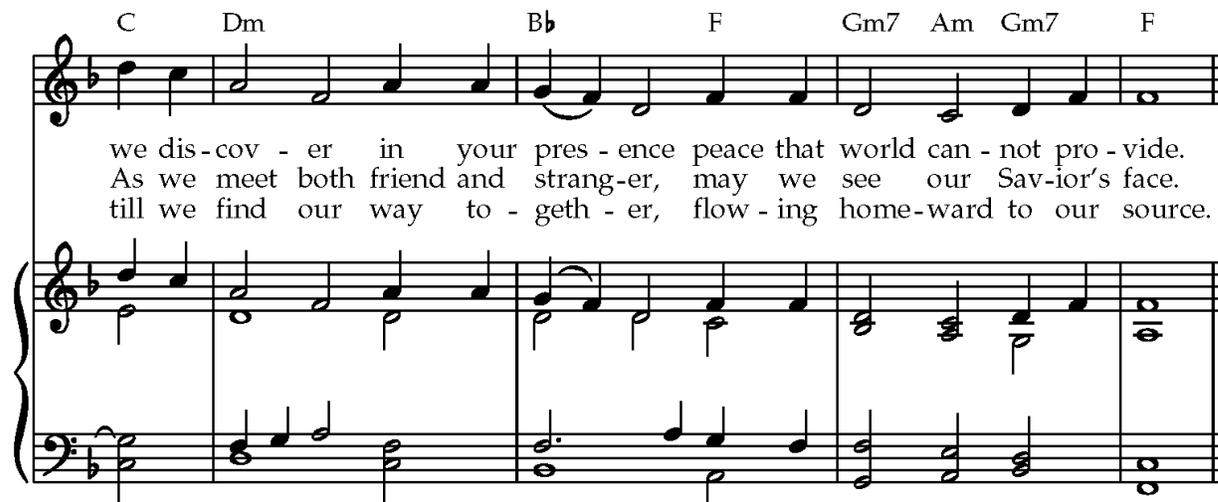
F Bb Am7 Dm F Bb F

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad-ness deep be - neath your sa - cred springs.  
 as we gain our selves, our sens-es, may our lives re - flect your peace.  
 All the world is torn by con-flict; wars are rag - ing at this hour.

F C Dm C Dm Bb maj7

Wea - ry from the rest - less search-ing that has lured us from your side,  
 Grate-ful for the flood that heals us, may your church en - act your grace.  
 Sav - ing Spi - rit, move a - mong us; guide our wind - ing hu - man course,

C Dm Bb F Gm7 Am Gm7 F



we dis-cov - er in your pres - ence peace that world can - not pro - vide.  
As we meet both friend and strang-er, may we see our Sav-ior's face.  
till we find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home-ward to our source.

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### Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, In the midst of fear and suffering, we pray that all those who are affected by HIV and AIDS would experience your merciful love through their loved ones and through people around them. We pray that all the children who are affected by HIV will never be abandoned or marginalized but instead they will be loved and cared for no matter what condition of health they are in. We pray for the resilience and strength in the hearts of those who are responding to HIV, so that will never give up hope. We pray for the healing of our human family on earth from brokenness, sadness and separation due to HIV and all kinds of sicknesses. We pray for faith in our heart, knowing that You are always present with us, especially in our brothers and sisters who are living with HIV or AIDS today. Amen.**

*Prayer prepared by Fr. John Toai, MI Order of St Camillus,  
Ministers of the Sick, Vietnam*

### 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.  
The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this  
world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

# Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*; 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymal*, 1906, alt.

## Dismissal

Deacon:

Go out into the world and take with you the hope of God our creator. Alleluia.

People:

**That one day we will have a world with zero-new HIV infections, zero AIDS-related deaths and zero stigma and discrimination - a people restored to fullness of health and being. Alleluia.**

## Voluntary

*The Last Song*

Elton John; transcribed for organ by Matthew Brown

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### LUNCHTIME LIVE! *An Advent Series*

Throughout the Advent season, join us each Friday at 12 p.m. for an informal 30-minute concert featuring exciting performances by Atlanta musicians. A boxed lunch will be available following each performance in Budd Hall. You may reserve lunch using the online form (which we prefer) or call the church office. If you'd like a box lunch, please let us know by 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the concert. The concerts will also be streamed live online.



December 3, 12 p.m.  
GSU Guitar Studio  
*Students of*  
*Professor Luther Enloe*

December 10, 12 p.m.  
Portia Shuler Hawkins,  
pianist

December 17, 12 p.m.  
Atlanta Jazz Trio

### 45th Annual MESSIAH SING ALONG

Join St. Luke's this Sunday at 7 p.m. for this holiday tradition - and bring some peanut butter! The performance will feature members of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Herbert Buffington, St. Luke's Associate organist and artist-in-residence. Soloists include Adelaide Boedecker, soprano; Gabrielle Beteag, mezzo-soprano; Sam Hagan, tenor; and Calvin Griffin, bass. This year St. Luke's is partnering with the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a plastic jar of peanut butter as their admission to the concert. Music scores will be available for purchase for \$15. A reception will follow the performance in Budd Hall.

### ATLANTA BOY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Music at St. Luke's welcomes the Atlanta Boy Choir in concert on Sunday, December 12, at 7 p.m. Under the direction of Dr. Robert Henry, the choir will offer seasonal favorites in a Service of Lessons and Carols. Doors open at 6 p.m. St.

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Make a contribution to the Flower Guild for the church's Christmas arrangements in memory of or thanksgiving for the special people in your life. Use the QR code to go online to make and pay for your dedications. Or, if you prefer, you can pick up a form from the Reception Desk or tract racks. There is a box on the Reception Desk where you can submit your form and check, or you can mail it to the church. Dedications received by **noon on Tuesday, December 14** will be acknowledged in the Christmas Eve worship booklets.



### THE ADVENT OUTREACH TREE

Make a donation to our Outreach ministries, in honor of family and friends, and receive an ornament to give to them explaining the use of your gift in their honor. Gifts of cash support the ministry and work of Crossroads, the Training and Counseling Center (TACC), The Ansley School, and Church of the Common Ground.

### COAT DRIVE

The Daughters of the King invite you to join them collecting gently-used coats to donate to Crossroads. There are a lot of people on the streets without warm clothing and Crossroads is in a position to distribute the coats to those in need. You can bring your donations on Sundays in December and leave them in the Narthex or Reception Area.

Celebrate  
at St. Luke's

Christmas Eve  
The Feast of the Nativity  
2 pm | 4 pm | 8 pm | 11 pm

Christmas Day  
10 am

SUN  
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12



St. Nicholas Visits St. Luke's  
from 4-5:30 pm

*Don't forget to leave your shoes by the door.*

While the kids are visiting with the bishop,  
parents are invited for wine and cheese.



Youth Group heads  
out at 11:30 am to  
gather gifts for  
Emmaus House  
in this really fun  
tradition.



## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

SAVE THE DATE for the second annual Lenten book study with Ebenezer Baptist Church! Last year's study of *Caste* was so successful that we decided to continue this shared ministry for another year. This time, we'll be reading *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. The book critiques the zero-sum economic paradigm that asserts that progress for some inevitably comes at the expense of others and offers a vision of solidarity across race that benefits everyone.

Our gatherings will be held via Zoom on eight consecutive Wednesday evenings during and after Lent, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., beginning on March 9 and ending on April 22 (including the Wednesday of Holy Week). Each session will begin with a brief segment of music and a homily, followed by brief opening remarks from either, our rector, the Rev. Winnie Varghese, or the Rev. John Vaughn, senior pastor at Ebenezer. The remainder of our time will be spent in small discussion groups, which are the major part of the evening and the heart of the ministry. Registration will begin in January, with participants asked to read the assigned part each week and attend all eight sessions.

For more information, contact: Emilee Walker-Cornetta (ewalkercornetta@gmail.com) or Janelle Hiroshige (janelle.hiroshige@gmail.com)

## NOMINATIONS FOR VESTRY SOUGHT

The Vestry Nominating Committee is putting together a slate of four nominees to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022. Richard Lee, as immediate past senior warden, is the committee chair. Members of the committee include Caroline Fooshee, Bobby Mays, John Earles and Melba Hughes. If you would like to discuss the nominating process, including suggesting a candidate for consideration by the committee, please speak to Richard or any member of the committee **prior to December 15**. Per the By-Laws, to be a Vestry member a candidate must be:

- A "member of the parish" as defined in the By-Laws
- A "communicant in good standing" (per the By-Laws) who is not less than eighteen years old
- A member of the Episcopal Church, either by confirmation or by reception
- A regular attendee of services in the year preceding the election (virtual attendance counts!)
- Known by the treasurer to have made and maintained a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding the election

*There's more information about the many opportunities to become involved:  
StLukesAtlanta.org*

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