

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: Christ be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people;
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

*Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light!

*Shine in Your church
gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us Your living voice.

Christ, be our light . . .

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light . . .

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making Your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light . . .

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Luke 2.30-32

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children's ministry

Commissioning of Children's Ministry leaders

Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Hymn: Refiner's fire

Purify my heart,
let me be as gold and precious silver;
purify my heart,
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
is to be holy,*

set apart for You, Lord;

I choose to be holy,

set apart for You, my Master,

ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
cleans me from within and make me holy;
purify my heart,
cleans me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire . . .

Brian Doerksen

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Gospel reading: Luke 2:22-40

The Sermon

Music for reflection:

The Ministry of Prayer

We pray for the church and the world.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of sin

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to
the nations.

A pause for reflection

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to
him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Greeting of peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: Angel voices ever singing

Angel voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee,
and confess Thee Lord of might.

Yes, we know that Thou rejoices
o'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for Thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for Thy pleasure all combine.

In Thy house, great God, we offer
of Thine own to Thee;
and for Thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessed Trinity;
of the best that Thou hast given,
earth and heaven render Thee.

Francis Pott

Thanksgiving for offered gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that you anointed him...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God...

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

Most loving God,
you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.

The Blessing of Candles

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with
you.

And also with you

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the
universe.

You make our darkness to be light.

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us –
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the
Father's glory;*

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

***Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with
grace and mercy;***

*send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be
light!*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness –
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine.....

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story –
shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine.....

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Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with
radiance and scatter the darkness from your path.
Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes
and warm your heart. Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to
guide your feet into the way of peace. Amen.

and the blessing...

Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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