

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: We have come into His house

We have come into His house,
and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house,
and gathered in His name to worship Him.
We have come into His house,
and gathered in His name
to worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him.
So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him
and worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Him.

Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord,
worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Bruce Ballinger

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Advent Candle Liturgy

We gather in the season of Advent, waiting and watching for the One who comes not in splendour, but in humility. The God of the universe has changed addresses—leaving heaven's throne to dwell among us in a manger. This is grace: not earned, not expected, but freely given.

We light the candle of Hope, trusting that the God

who moved into our neighbourhood, who doesn't pretend to be one of us, but really is one of us, brings light to our darkest places.

The first candle is lit

Emmanuel, God with us, you chose a manger over a palace. Let your presence fill our longing hearts with hope.

Hymn: Deep in darkness

Deep in darkness we begin,
dark outside and deep within.
Now ignite a single flame,
shadows form, let light remain.

Andrew E Pratt (born 1948)

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God of hope, dwell among us. Set us upon the **foundations of your grace. Let your humble birth** remind us that no place is too lowly for your love to enter. Amen.

Confession of sin

We remember that the Lord Jesus died to take away our sins.

A moment of silence for reflection

Let us confess our sins
to the God who knows us through and through.

Holy God,
we have disobeyed your commandments,
we have resisted your call,
we have failed to live by your generous love.
We are sorry for all our sins,
and ask you to forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.

Your sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven.
Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Children's Song

Wide, wide as the ocean,
high as the heaven above,
deep, deep as the deepest sea
is my Saviour's love.

I, though so unworthy,
still am a child of His care,
for His word teaches me
that His love reaches me everywhere.

C Austin Miles

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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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice, come sing with me

Rejoice, rejoice, come sing with me:
"this is the house of God!"
The temple gates swing wide and free—
this is the house of God!
For ev'ry tribe and ev'ry race
this is the house of God!
God calls us to this holy place —
this is the house of God!

In market square and city street
we seek the peace of God.
Before the ruler's judgment seat
we seek the peace of God,
In joyful song and whispered prayer
we seek the peace of God.
God's city can be anywhere
we seek the peace of God.

*A paraphrase of Psalm 122
Adam M L Tice*

Second reading: Romans 13:9-14

Sermon and interactive intergenerational activity

The Ministry of Prayer

Including lighting candles of hope.

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: You're the word of God the father

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began.
ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.

All creation holds together

by the power of Your voice.
let the skies declare Your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice!

***You're the Author of creation;
You're the Lord of ev'ry man;
and Your cry of love rings out
across the lands.***

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.

With a prayer You fed the hungry;
with a word You calmed the sea;
yet how silently You suffered
that the guilty may go free!

You're the Author of creation....

With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting vict'ry from the grave,
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
interceding for Your own;
From each tribe and tongue and nation,
You are leading sinners home.

You're the Author of creation....

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

...and all your faithful people:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

...we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.

...we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

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

As our saviour Christ has taught us, we are
confident 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.

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:

so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, God
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,
the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbours and
strangers

with creative words

and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: The Spirit lives (walk in the light)

The Spirit lives to set us free,
walk, walk in the light;
He binds us all in unity,
walk, walk in the light.

*Walk in the light, walk in the light
walk in the light, walk in the light of the
Lord*

Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by His call,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light.....

We know His death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light;
He gave His Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light.....

The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.

Walk in the light

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Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes
in glory;
And the blessing... Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen