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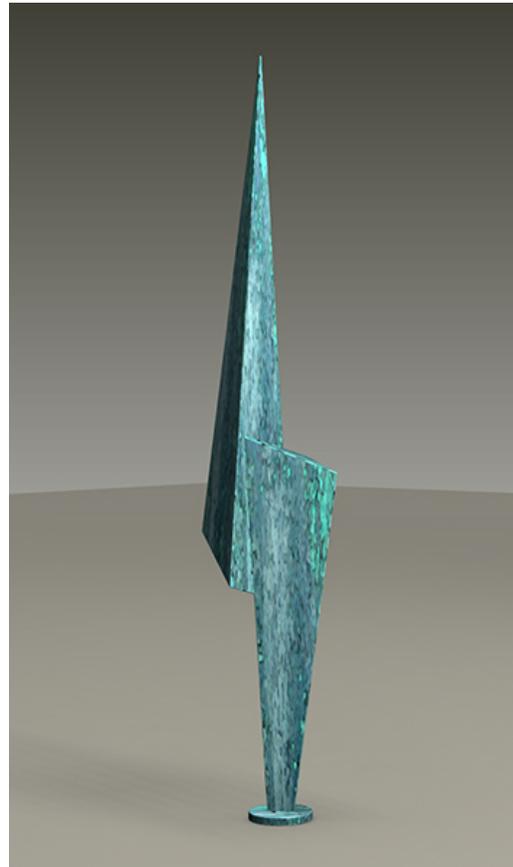
# St. Luke's Weekly Magazine

December 29, 2019

Please take this home with you today.

*Love God....Think for Yourself!*

David Orth - **Descent**  
Bronze sculpture  
Episcopal Church in the Visual Arts,  
2019 Exhibit -  
Worship the Lord in the Beauty of  
Holiness



**Artist Statement:** This sculpture, titled 'Descent,' is something about the Incarnation – and by analogy the inner conflict and realignment this event implies for us as a community, as individuals. It is a partial expression, not whole, not well defined – experimental. But hopefully it is direct – as far as it goes.

For some reason I cannot say, I am sometimes driven to get down to some sense of immediate essence – perhaps a tone or quality of movement more than a recognizable image. And, while my forms often congeal out of brief, involuntary moments I would call worship, they often involve some hard element of rude awakening. How can that be beauty – or holiness? I will appeal to Rilke in this case.

“For beauty is nothing but the beginning of terror which we are barely able to endure, and it amazes us so, because it serenely disdains to destroy us. Every angel is terrible.”

**Bio:** American sculptor working in several genres - residential furniture, public sculpture, alternative liturgical, and funerary objects. Works broadly with functional, sculptural, and ceremonial objectives. Orth works primarily in wood, steel, and bronze. James A. Mangum, author of the Dos Cruces Trilogy has called Orth's work “Amazing, overwhelming, musical. Rock and roll, the blues, arias.” Designer Sandy Hill says the work has “wonderful, mess-with-your-mind appeal.”

**TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!**

All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!

If you need pastoral support or know someone that does, please call Fr. Charles+, at 435-901-2131. Remember, Charles+ still can't read minds so he will not know unless you tell him. Calls will be kept confidential.

**In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?**  
 St. Luke's Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.



**THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S**

**Sunday - December 29th**

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel  
 9:00 AM Choir Practice  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church  
 10:30 AM Children's Church School

**Wednesday - January 1st**



**Friday - January 3rd**

10:00 AM Centering Prayer

**Sunday - January 5th**

Normal Sunday Schedule

***WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:***

	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Altar</b>	Janet van Hartesvelt	
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Ann Deyo	Jeffrey Loudin
	Mary McEntire	Susanne Burkett
<b>Reader</b>	Lou Giacoma	Robyn Ramsey
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Jane Hamilton
<b>Vestry Person of the Day</b>		Linda Dugins
<b>Tellers</b>	Julie Fiscus, Maribel Cedillo	
<b>Ministry Minute - Vestry - Jr. Warden</b>		Linda Dugins

**Our Staff is There for You!**

**Please do not hesitate to contact us.**

A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR.....**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially **for the clergy and people of St. John's Church in Logan.** And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the **Church of Rwanda.**

**OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:**

Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

**THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:**

**Robert++++** (husband of Iris Thompson), **Jennifer++++** (Strachan), **Randy & Dave++++**(brothers of Beckie Raemer), **Jane++++** (friend of Leslie Wood) **Julie+++** (niece of Don Wood) **Urs++++** (brother in law of Stacey Reko) **Gabrielle++** (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), **Fred++++** (brother in law of Linda Sears) **Derrell++++** (Reeves), **Melissa & Mike+++** (daughter and son-in-law of the Jennings) **Beckie++++** (Raemer) **Von++** (friend of Derrell & Teddi Reeves)

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**

- ✠ Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
- ✠ For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
- ✠ For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.....**

**PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....**

Our **Mission Team Leaders** and thier families.

**For those having Birthdays this week:**

**David** Fiscus on Tuesday; **Carol** Skony on Wednesday and **Ralph** Fiscus on Saturday.



If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.

# The Scriptures

Christmas 1a - December 29, 2019

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** On this first Sunday following Christmas Day, we pray for the faith and wisdom to see the Sacred in the face of each and every person we meet and in all of God's creation; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

## FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:

Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 61st chapter of the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; **for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up**, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. **For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest**, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. **The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory**; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. **You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.** Here ends the reading.

## FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS:

Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. **Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.** But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. **And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"** So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Here ends the reading.

## FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS: John 1:1-18

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light,

but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES:

Priest: Now my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, "The greatest commandments are these."

**People: You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.**

*[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]*

## Please Save The Date for Tuesday, January 21!

St Luke's will be cooking and serving dinner at the Christian Center. It's always a fun event to join together and feed the many seasonal employees that descend upon PC during the ski season. Details to follow.....

Linda Dugins  
ldugins@gmail.com

***NOTE: The 7:45 am Chapel service moves to the Church on Silver Springs starting NEXT SUNDAY. Please spread the word. Happy Holidays!!!***

## Info You Can Use

### ANNUAL ST. LUKE'S EVALUATION:

It's that time of year. We will collect your thoughts, feedback and good ideas from now until January 1st. The survey has these 7 questions. It should take no more than 5 to 10 minutes to complete. To fill it out, put this web address in your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/PMZW7HG>

### TWO ADDITIONAL VESTRY NOMINEES ARE NEEDED:

If you are a member of St. Luke's and you have not yet served on the Vestry (or if it's been a long time since you served), will you please volunteer to be nominated. Terms are for 3 years duration. To volunteer or for more information call Charles+ 435-901-2131.

### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. [www.stlukesparkcity.org](http://www.stlukesparkcity.org). There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke's Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

### AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP

**FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP:** Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. For more info please call Nancy Conrow, [nancy.conrow@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.conrow@gmail.com) or 435-640-0556.

### SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION!

To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food & Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery's nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your fresh values card related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program.

### CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?

Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: [pastor@stlukespc.org](mailto:pastor@stlukespc.org) or 435-901-2131.

### CENTERING PRAYER:

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

St. Luke's Church Choir is looking for new members! A love of singing is the only requirement, although the ability to read music would be helpful. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, you'll be most welcome! We meet to practice at 9am each Sunday, plus Thursdays at 6pm if you can make it. If you are interested, please see Manuel after the service, or email him at [pianospecialists@gmail.com](mailto:pianospecialists@gmail.com).

### ST. LUKE'S CARE GUILD:

If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Katherine at [katherinemartz@comcast.net](mailto:katherinemartz@comcast.net) or Harriet, [harrietmstephens@gmail.com](mailto:harrietmstephens@gmail.com), (435) 655-1888.

### WOMEN'S GATHERING:

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Bring an appetizer and a drink to share.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:

The women's Wednesday night bible study will be using "Advent: The Weary World Rejoices" by Lifeway Women for our advent study. We will meet in the library from 6:30 to 7:45 on January 8. **We will not meet December 25th or January 1st due to the holidays.** For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at [Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu). All are welcome.

### CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:

Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! **PCHS senior, John Reko**, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

### ROAD HOME - MEN'S RESOURCE CENTER:

3380 South 1000 West, South Salt Lake, UT, 84119  
No food to prepare, meals are provided. Responsibility is to serve the food (cafeteria style.) Any individual, group of friends or organizations can sign up for a time slot. Call me with any questions. **Teresa McMillan, 678-575-3781.**

### PLEASE JOIN ONE OF THE ST. LUKE'S DINNER GROUPS (a.k.a. *Shepherding Groups*)

There are numerous dinner groups at St. Luke's that meet a few times each year for conversation and friendship building. If you would like to participate in one of our parish's dinner groups, please contact Beckie in the Church Office at 435-649-4900 Ext. 12 or at [beckie@stlukespc.org](mailto:beckie@stlukespc.org) All are welcome!

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