



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road  
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021 ✦ 11:00 AM

*Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.*

*Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome. Please see an usher for assistance.*

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### THE GREAT PROCESSION

Prelude *Two Settings on "Adoro te Devote"* Charles Callahan

INTROIT *All that hath life and breath* Rene Clausen

HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling* Hymnal 657

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Lord, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**  
Lord, have mercy

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**O** God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who

calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Eric Nelson  
Claire Copeland, flute; Luke Turner, cello; Jamie Mc-  
Lemore, piano

*Please stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John  
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Veni creator spiritus* Taize

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and

*unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE *All kneel.* BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Howard Williams Cater, Jr.

*Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Pat Baldwin, Maria Campbell, Jerry Corvin, Emily Elliott, Ran Evans, Francis Hagan, Dorie and Pat King, Nancy Thompson, Fifi Twitty, and Fred Tyson. We give thanks for the birth of Cary Gilbreth Beck, III.

*Silence*

CONFESSION BCP 360

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you*

*in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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

## GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

#### The Examination

**The Rector:** Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of the Church?

**Stephen Leaders:** *We believe they are.*

**The Rector:** You have been called to the work of a Stephen Minister in this congregation. Will you faithfully execute the duties of your ministry?

**Candidates:** *I will.*

#### The Commissioning

**Stephen Leaders:** We present to you **Susan Alison, Pam Baugh, Ruth Bean, Leigh Collins, Audrey Mash, Gene McCall, Lisa Schuck, Greg Schuck, Romney Velazquez, and Kathy Zicarelli** for the ministry of a Stephen Minister in this congregation.

The Antiphon (congregation in unison)

*You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen.*

**The Rector:** Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:

**People:** *Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Let us pray. (Silence)

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

**The Rector:** I commission you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, as Stephen Ministers in this Parish and give each of you this certificate signifying the completion of your training and your admission to this ministry. May God bless and prosper your service. *Amen.*

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*I will not leave thee comfortless* Everett Titcomb

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.*

#### SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS

Hurd

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharist Prayer*

*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

*Celebrant and People*

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

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

*Officiant and People*

**O***ur 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 for-  
give 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 Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

#### 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.

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Lamb of God Most Holy* Christiansen

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM *O taste and see*

Ralph

Vaughan Williams  
*Savannah Bracewell, solo*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Officiant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

*Please feel free to share your joys or concerns with a member of the Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Porter at 205-802-6207 or sporter@saint-lukes.com. Copies of the prayer list are on the table in the Communication Stations and in the weekly church emails.*

**CLERGY AND STAFF:** Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. David Hall, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Corey Jones, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Maurice L. Goldsmith, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Stephen McWhorter, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Mark LaGory, *Deacon*; The Rev. Katy Smith, *Deacon*; Mr. Shaun Pezant, *Artist in Residence*; Dr. Philip Copeland, *Choral Director*; Mr. Jamie McLemore, *Organist*.

**VESTRY:** Class of 2021- Rebecca Eubanks- SLDS; Trippe Gray- Facility Management, Norman Jetmundsen- Sr. Warden, Norman Tynes- Adult Education, and Stewardship; Scarlett Simmons- Jr. Warden and Youth Ministry.

Class of 2022 – Reed Avant- Children and Family Ministry; Ann Johnson- Founders Place, MACE, and Outreach; Bill Pitts- Finance; Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care and Communications; Wayne Trucks- Jr. Warden, Worship and Facility Management; Class of 2023 - David Kimberlin, Allyson Mouron, Susan Silverstein, Beth Wilder, Turner Williams. Rich Webster- Rector.

Appointed Members\*\* - William Nicrosi- Treasurer, Kevin Collins, Clerk, Molly Sheffield Davis- Junior Vestryperson. Vestry Meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to the members of Saint Luke's unless in Executive Session.



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