



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM

May 9, 2021

Please enter quietly 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.

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty 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.

The Collect of the Day

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood.

And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Hall

THE NICENE CREED *All stand.* BCP 358

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

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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 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Glenda our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our published prayer list, especially Pat Baldwin, Ran Evans, Francis Hagan, Dorie and Pat King, Nancy Thompson, Fifi Twitty, and Fred Tyson

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*

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

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.

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.

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

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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