



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 13, 2021 ✠ 5:00 PM

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

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

PRELUDE

Choir

Never Give Up

Bambelela

OPENING SONG

All Sing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness A-50



Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

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.**

Lord, have mercy

People **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

The Kingdom of God A-217

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SONG

All Sing

With You, O Lord A-219

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III 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 Nancy Stewart Thompson.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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, Leo Bashinsky, Maria Campbell, Jerry Corvin, Francis Hagan, Fifi Twitty, Fred Tyson, and Ira West.

THE CONFESSION BCP 360

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

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

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY SONG

Choir

The Cloud's Veil

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION

All stand and sing:

***O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hands.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. If you are not receiving the wine, you may fold your hands across your chest. For those choosing not to receive both the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please place your arms across your chest in reception of the blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

SANCTUS

A-227

All Sing

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and
might. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power
and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the
highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the
highest.***

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,

***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 tres-
pass against us. And lead us not into temp-
tation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

A-226

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Sing

Taste and See

A-158

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

***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 priest may bless the people.

CLOSING HYMN

All Sing

Standing In The Need Of Prayer A-153

