



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

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.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

Prelude *Song of Peace* Jean Langlais

INTROIT Exerpt from *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Sing, ye heavens; and, earth, reply.
Now sing, "Alleluia! Alleluia!"*

HYMN *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates* Hymnal 436

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

arr. Ron Turner

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.*

*Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.*

SERMON NOTES

*I will arise and go to Jesus!
He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How firm a foundation

Trenney

*How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flames shall not hurt thee. I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!*

THE SERMON The Reverend Stephen McWhorter

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 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.

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 Glenda, our Bishop, the clergy of our parish, Jane, our seminarian, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, and 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.
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 Leanne Barnes, Maria Campbell, Jim Ganser,
Francis Hagan, Jane Hodges, and Fifi Twitty.

We give thanks for the birth of Candace June Cobb, Caroline
Marie Whitehead, and Margaret Cecily Nations.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Concertato on O God, Beyond All Praising arr. Proulx

*O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!*

*Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here be low;
praise him above ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

S124

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 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus Lamb of God

S164

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 ANTHEM

Laudate Dominum

Mozart

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in
aeternum.*

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the
Lord endures forever.*

*Gloria Patri et Filio
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and forever,
and for generations of generations.
Amen.*

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

HYMN *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound* Hymnal 671

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Celebration

Charles Callahan

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. Rebecca Debow, *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*.

THE VESTRY

Vestry meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to members of Saint Luke's unless in Executive Session.

Rector- The Rev. Richmond R. Webster
Sr. Warden- Norman Jetmundsen '21
Jr. Warden- Scarlett Simmons '21
Jr. Warden- Wayne Trucks '22

Class of 2021

Rebecca Eubanks- Communications & SLDS
Trippe Gray- Facility Management
Norman Jetmundsen- Sr. Warden

Scarlett Simmons- Jr. Warden & Youth Ministry
Norman Tynes- Adult Education & Stewardship

Class of 2022

Reed Avant- Children & Family Ministry
Ann Johnson- Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place
Bill Pitts- Finance
Krislin Smith- Pastoral Care & Communication
Wayne Trucks- Worship & Facility Management

Class of 2023

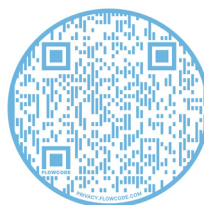
David Kimberlin- COVID-19
Allyson Mouron- Worship & Events
Susan Silverstein- New Members & Adult Education
Beth Wilder- Outreach & Communication
Turner Williams- Finance

Appointed Members

Molly Sheffield Davis- Junior Vestryperson
Kevin Collins- Clerk
William Nicrosi- Treasurer

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1. Text the amount you would like to give to (205) 576-4100.



2. If you are a first time, text-giving donor you will be prompted to visit a secure link. The message should appear like below. "You're almost done! Finish your gift to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church with this link."

3. Once you click the registration link, you can enter your credit card information.

4. At this point, your donation will process.

Please note that Msg & Data rates may apply with your phone carrier.

5. You will see a confirmation text showing your donation and registration were successful. The following message should appear: "Your giving was successful. Thank you!"

Announcements

Care Partners Support Group, for caregivers of loved ones with dementia, invites you to an open meeting and conversation with Christy Baynes, President and Lead Geriatric Care Manager of LifeCare for Seniors, Inc. Christy is a wealth of information and considered an expert in geriatric care and dementia. Join us in person or via Zoom. Tuesday, July 13, 10:15am upstairs at Saint Luke's (Room 220B). For more details or Zoom link, please contact Susan Logan susanlogan65@gmail.com.



Youth and Children's Ministries are looking for interns! Please contact us (info@saint-lukes.com) if you know a fantastic individual who you believe might be a perfect fit!

Saint Luke's Kitchen is on summer break during the month of July. Wednesday meals will return in August. Interested in receiving our weekly menus via email? Contact kitchen@saint-lukes.com to be added to our email list. View the menu via our website under the "Updates" page weekly.

Jericho Road is on summer break until August, but this is a wonderful time to catch up on past episodes. Listen via our Saint Luke's Podcast. You can catch all past episodes by searching Saint Luke's Episcopal Church.

Saint Luke's Bridge Group invites you to join them for fellowship and bridge game weekly on Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm in room 214. All are welcome - members, non-members, all ages, etc. We hope to see you there. One important note: attendees must know how to play bridge, the group does not teach!