



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 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 *Cantabile* Cesar Franck

INTROIT Exerpt from *The Strife is O'er*

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's Triumph won:  
O let the song of praise be sung: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
Amen.*

*Following the Procession, children 3K – 3rd Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

HYMN *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* Hymnal 449

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

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

*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, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON Ephesians 3:14-21

**I**n bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus* Craig Courtney

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.  
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.  
Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, give me Jesus*

*Please stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

John 6:1-21

**J**esus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following

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him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

ANTHEM

*All things bright and beautiful* arr. John Ferguson  
*Barbara Harrington, flute*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colors,  
he made their tiny wings. [Refrain]*

*The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. [Refrain]*

*The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]*

*God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]*

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.

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, especially Ann Bunn.  
*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 Jim Ganser, Francis Hagan, Jane Hodges, Lulie Hodges, and Jessie Key.

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

When the Morning Stars Together arr. John Ferguson

When the morning stars together  
their creator's glory sang,  
and the angel host all shouted  
till with joy the heavens rang,  
then your wisdom and your greatness  
their exultant music told,  
all the beauty and the splendor  
which your mighty works unfold.

When in synagogue and temple  
voices raised the psalmists' songs,  
offering the adoration  
which alone to you belongs,  
when the singers and the cymbals  
with the trumpet made accord,  
glory filled the house of worship,  
and all knew your presence, Lord.

Voice and instrument, in union  
through the ages, spoke thy praise.  
Plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems  
told your faithful, gracious ways.  
Choir, orchestra and organ  
each an offering brought,  
while, inspired by your own Spirit,  
poet and composer wrought.

Lord, we bring our gift of music;  
touch our lips and fire our hearts,  
teach our minds and train our senses,  
fit us for this sacred art.

Then with skill and consecration  
we would serve you, Lord, and give  
all our powers to glorify you,  
and in serving fully live.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;  
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove 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 Richard Proulx S125

*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

**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.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God

S157

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

In remembrance of Me

Buryl Red

Barbara Harrington, flute

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God's own will is done

*In remembrance of me heal the sick  
In remembrance of me feed the poor  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your brother in, let him in*

*Take eat and be comforted  
Drink and remember too  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you, shed for you*

*In remembrance of me search for truth  
In remembrance of me always love  
In remembrance of me don't look above  
But in your heart, in your heart  
Look in your heart for God*

*Do this in remembrance of Me  
Do this in remembrance of Me  
In remembrance of Me*

#### 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 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee* Hymnal 635

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune* C.S. Lang

*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. Dr. 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

Kevin Collins- Clerk

William Nicrosi- Treasurer

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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

We are partnering with GASP and New Beginnings Church to help provide food to our neighbors in North Birmingham. We need 50 bags of food brought to Saint Luke's the week of July 25-29 and left in the bins under the porte cochere. We could also use a few folks to help us load and deliver the bags on July 30 at 10:00. Sign up on our website under Updates or contact Kim Kimberlin.

Welcome home friends! We hope you will join us for fun and fellowship on Sunday, August 15 as we celebrate the return of Fall programming!

Complimentary breakfast will be served from 9 am to 11 in Claypool Commons (donuts and coffee will be available for early birds beginning at 7:30 am). Lunch begins at noon in the parking lot. This is an all-day event with activities before and after each worship service.

Face painting, bounce houses, and carnival games begin at 10 am near the Pavilion.