



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2021

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Children of every age are welcome in all worship services. A nursery is available for children ages 3 years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE Meditation on "Slane" Eric Thiman

INTROIT *All that hath life and breath* Rene Clausen

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord!
Shout to the Lord, Allelujah! Allelujah, Praise Him! Allelujah!*

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

HYMN *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* Hymnal 460
verses 1-4

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Be thou my vision

Chilcott

*Savannah Bracewell, soloist**

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Be thou in me dwelling and I with thee one*

*Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great heart, of my own heart, what ever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord

Sevier

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
At the river, Lord, I stand,
Guide my feet and hold my hand:
Take my hand, Lord, lead me home.*

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster



1 Kings 1:1-53

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, especially James Leonard Cox and Clarke Houston Gillespy.

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, Jerry Corvin, Ran Evans, Jim Ganser, Francis Hagan, Jane Hodges, and Valencia May.

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

Sanctus

Durufle

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts.
pleni sunt coeli Heaven and earth
et terra gloria tua. are full of your glory,
Hosanna in excelsis! Hosannah in the highest.
Benedictus, qui venit Blessed is he who comes
in nomine Domini. in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in excelsis! Hosannah in the highest.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

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

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

S158

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

When I survey the wondrous cross

Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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 *God of grace and God of glory* Hymnal 594

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *God of Grace* Paul Manz

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.

*Soloist: Savannah Bracewell

Savannah Bracewell is a recent graduate of Samford University where she recently received a Master of Music degree in vocal performance. Since 2018, she has been singing with St. Luke's and writes that she is "grateful for the wonderful friends and the community she has found through St. Luke's Church." In Birmingham, she has also been involved with Opera Birmingham and Birmingham Music Club. Recently, Savannah returned to her hometown of Sharpsburg, Georgia where she plans to spend time with family and continue singing.

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, *Associate Rector*; 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 & SOAR

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!"

Interested in receiving our weekly E-News Dialogue? Email kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

Announcements

Today is a very busy, full day. Find a schedule below that details all that is happening around Saint Luke's. We hope you will join us for some or all activities that best suit you and your family's schedule.

11:00 am: Worship in the Nave
12:00 pm: Parish Lunch is served in the Pavilion
1:00 pm: Youth Vestry Retreat in the Youth Commons
4:00 pm: Club 56 Kick-off for 5 & 6 graders
5:00 pm: Worship in the Nave
6:00: EYC in the Pavilion - All YOUTH are invited!

As we head into the fall season at Saint Luke's, the Sunday School hour will become a time of community known as Fellowship Groups. We believe God created us to live in relationship with others. Sharing life through community can create meaningful relationships that aren't always easy to find. Join us Sundays in the fall during the Sunday School hour at 10am. Please visit our website to register! Fellowship groups begin August 22.

Beginning August 22, during the adult fellowship hour, children 3k - 6th grade will attend New Creation, a high-energy fellowship time for children with Sunday school-like curriculum. Children will participate in a variety of stations including lessons and games. Drop-off and pick-up of children ages 3k - 3rd grade will occur in the Maloof entrance. 4th - 6th graders will report to Youth Rooms A&B.

Are you someone that is energetic, patient, and has a love for children and for teaching children? Saint Luke's Day School is currently looking for teachers to fill preschool teaching positions in the Older Toddlers and 2K classes. Hours are Monday - Friday 8:30-1:15. Come join our SLDS family. Email kmurphree@saint-lukes.com for more information.

If you are looking for an Olympic level volunteer experience, join us at Founders Place! This life-giving ministry is filled with grace, joy, love, and laughter. If you are truly looking to "make a difference", sign up for this volunteer training and catch the Founders Place spirit! For more details, please contact Susanna Whitsett at 205.802.6218 or swhitsett@saint-lukes.com.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

- Sunday, August 22: Hot Breakfast returns from 7:30 am to 8:50 am in Graham Hall. Preorder breakfast at www.saint-lukes.com/. Continental breakfast available in Claypool Commons from 9am - 11am.
- Sunday, August 22: Acolyte Training
- Saturday, August 28: Created by God- 7th graders
- Sunday, August 29: In God's Image- 8th & 9th grades

Learn a skill, gain a community! Join us for Bridge class! Fridays 9:30-12:00. August 20-December 8. Cost: \$10 per person (for the whole class!). Register by August 16. To register, please contact Jane Harrison, jharrison60318@charter.net.