



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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

Blessed

OPENING SONG

All Sing

The Summons

A-168



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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

All Sing

Abide With Me

vs 1-3

A-23

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SEQUENCE HYMN

All Sing

Abide With Me

v. 4

A-23

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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 Glenda our Bishop, the clergy of our parish, Jane our seminarian and for 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 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 Hall Thompson Jr. and Rachel Love.
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, Jessie Key, Fred Tyson, and Dick Womack.

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

TEXT TO GIVE (205) 576-4100



OFFERTORY SONG

Choir

The Cloud's Veil

This hymn about God's comforting presence was written by Liam Lawton. He was honoured by the chaplains of the US military for his song, which entered the post-9/11 consciousness and whose lyrics were subsequently included on a prayer card carried by US troops in Afghanistan, comforting that: "Even though the rain hides the stars, even though the mist swirls the hills, even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side."

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 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 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

Choir

There Can Be No Greater Love

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

The Old Rugged Cross A-166

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Rebecca S. 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*

VESTRY

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*

Class of 2021

Rebecca Eubanks, Communication and SLDS
Trippe Gray, Facility Management
Norman Jetmundsen, Sr. Warden
Norman Tynes, Adult Education
Scarlett Simmons, Jr. Warden and Youth Ministry

Class of 2022

Reed Avant, Children and Family Ministry
Ann Johnson, Founders Place/MACE/Outreach
Bill Pitts, Finance
Krislin Smith, Pastoral Care and Communications
Wayne Trucks, Jr. Warden/Worship/Facility Management

Class of 2023

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

Appointed Members

William Nicrosi, Treasurer
Kevin Collins, Clerk

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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