



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 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 *Aria* Paul Manz

INTROIT *Cry Out and Shout* Nystedt

*Cry out and shout, ye people of God!
The Lord is strength and song.*

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

HYMN *O God, our help in ages past* Hymnal 680

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Terre Johnson

*Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!*

*Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

*Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Stay with Us Agil Hovland

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
 It soon is evening and night is falling.*

*Jesus Christ the world's true light!
 Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
 Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.
 Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
 Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your
 church with its glory.*

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
 It soon is evening and night is falling.*

THE SERMON The Reverend David Hall

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 Donna Hartmann Beauchamp, Robert "Robin" Ambrose Boylan Jr., Martha Jane Donaldson, Richard Waite Thompson, and Margaret Stillman White.
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 Charles Machemehl, Brook Morris, Lesly Simon, and Fred Tyson.

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

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.*

*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.*

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

Hurd

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The Celebrant continues

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 Sacred Feast

Willan

*O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory
of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled
with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given
unto us. Alleluia.*

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

W.A. 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

Sing Praise to God

Hymnal 408

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

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 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

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- Jr. Warden, 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

Give via Text (205) 576-4100

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!"

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

Announcements

As we move through the Stewardship Season, we prayerfully urge you to consider making a pledge for 2022. Every pledge counts. We hope to have all pledges turned in by October 31st, to prepare our finances and plan for the coming year. Over the next several weeks, you will notice signage around the church intended to be a helpful tool as you make

your pledge. This year, your Stewardship Chairs are Derick Belden (dbelden@thinkfred.com) and Norman Tynes (ntynes@harbertrealty.com). On Sundays, visit the Stewardship table in Claypool Commons. Stewardship Committee members will be present to answer any questions you may have as you reflect upon your giving to the church. To pledge online, visit our website, www.saint-lukes.com/giving/. Stewardship Update As of October 6, 2021: Number of Pledges - 90; 2022 Pledges received - \$1,077,749; 2022 Goal -- \$3.7 Million.

Afterschool Bible Studies and Fellowship for 3rd-6th graders has begun!!! Join us Wednesdays this fall for fellowship, activities, and Bible Club offered for all 3rd-6th graders from 3 to 4:30 pm! Questions? Contact bowenby@saint-lukes.com. Room assignments: 3rd graders - Room 227, 4th graders - Room 200B, 5th-6th graders - pavilion.

Searchers Lunch & Learn is a monthly gathering with lunch, fellowship, and learning on a variety of topics relating to community, advocacy, self-care, and spirituality. It is a wonderful way to connect to others at Saint Luke's! Please join us Monday, Oct 11 (10:30-NOON) for a program by The Rev. Mark Lagory in the Founders Room. Newcomers welcome at any time! Lunch is "on us" for first time attendees; all others are \$10 pp. Please make a reservation with Rhett Thagard twrtjr@bellwouth.net 205.902.5700 or Betty Bacskay 205-956-7296 jbacman@aol.com. Searchers Lunch & Learn is a program of SOAR Ministries for Mature Adults.

The Junior High LOCK-IN is happening Friday, October 15 - Saturday, October 16 from 7pm-7am. Contact youth@saint-lukes.com to sign up! Open to all 7th-9th graders. Friends are welcome!

Abide: An adult formation where we study scripture, liturgy, and cultivate our spiritual practices with Life in The Vine. For those who seek to take seriously Jesus' challenge "to change and become like children" (Matthew 18:3), this book serves as an invitation to the same joyful journey. A Bible study/adult formation open to all ages-and will begin at 6:00pm in Rm 214. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, and you can drop in any week- nothing to prepare ahead of time. Please contact Leah Rice to sign up or for more information, leah.rice@icloud.com.

STAIR is making plans to safely resume in-person tutoring in October! Volunteers are needed Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoons 3:30 - 4:45 at Norwood School. STAIR trains volunteer tutors to partner with a 1st or 2nd-grade student for an entire school year, assess their literacy needs, and help them improve reading skills. Keeping safety precautions in mind, St. Luke's STAIR volunteers are asked to be fully vaccinated. Masks will be worn at all times while in the building. For more information about the program and to become a tutor, please go to <https://www.stairbirmingham.org/tutor>.

Men! Do you have thoughts, opinions, ideas, and wisdom that the world does not yet appreciate? Are you now or someday hope to be a curmudgeon? **Then you will want to join David for coffee on Monday mornings at 8:00 am in the Founders Room.** There will be coffee and fellowship and the opportunity to solve the problems of the world. For more information, email the Rev. David Hall at dhall@saint-lukes.com.