



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 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 *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J.S. Bach

INTROIT Excerpt 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!"*

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

HYMN *Joyful, joyful we adore thee* Hymnal 376

CHILDREN'S SONG *Sanctuary* (All sing last verse)
3K-3rd Graders of New Creation

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you*

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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than

we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

A Hymn to God the Father

John Ness Beck

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, For I have more.*

SERMON NOTES

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, For I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Jesus Loves Me

Nelson

*Jesus loves me this I know
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me, He will stay
Close beside me, all the way.
If I love Him when I die,
He will take me home on high.*

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster



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 Jackson Gibbs Hitchcock and James Thomas Stroud Jr.
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 Donna Beauchamp, Jim Ganser, Charles Mache-
mehl, 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

How shall I sing that Majesty

J.R. Daniels

*How shall I sing that Majesty. Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I?*

*Thy brightness unto them appears, While I Thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold Thy face.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With all my fire and light;
Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.*

*Enlighten with faith's light my heart, In flame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and take my part With that celestial choir.
They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun There alleluias be.*

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

S124

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

Behold the Lamb of God

Willan

*Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.
He was wounded for our transgressions.
He was bruised for our iniquities.
Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

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

*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 *Now thank we all our God* Hymnal 397

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *Processional* William Mathias

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

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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

Pet Blessing is Wednesday, October 6! One of our favorite days of the year is here! From 4:00 to 6 pm we invite your pets to (drive by) and be blessed! Not picking up supper? No worries; swing by anyway!

We are two weeks away from Afterschool Bible Studies and Fellowship for 3rd-6th graders at Saint Luke's! Beginning WEDNESDAY, October 6th, fellowship, activities, and Bible Club will be offered for all 3rd-6th graders from 3:00 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 twjtjr@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 beginning this Sunday, October 3rd. It is open to all ages, and will begin at 6 pm in Rm 214. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. 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, Saint 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>.