



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

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

Priere à Notre Dame

Léon Böellmann

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

HYMN

The First Nowell

Hymnal 109

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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among

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the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Glenda, our Bishop, the clergy of our parish, and Jane, our seminarian.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, all who govern and hold authority; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially for Betsy Brown, Charles Machemehl, Scott Parker, and Fred Tyson; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above ye heav'nly host;
 praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
 Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of pow'r and
 might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 -san-na in the high-est. Bless'd is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;*

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

King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on earth he
 stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture, in the Bo-dy
 and the Blood he will give to all the faith-
 -ful his own self for heav'n-ly food.

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 MUSIC

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 *As With Gladness, Men of Old* Hymnal 119

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress

Anonymous

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: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. William Boyles, *Associate 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 2022

Reed Avant - Children & Family Ministry
Ann Johnson - Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place
Bill Pitts - Jr. Warden, Finance
Krislin Smith - Pastoral Care & Communication
Wayne Trucks - Sr. Warden, Worship & Facility Management

Class of 2023

David Kimberlin - COVID-19
Allyson Mouron - Jr. Warden, Worship & Events
Susan Silverstein - New Members & Adult Education
Beth Wilder - Outreach & Communication
Turner Williams - Finance & SOAR

Class of 2024

Kevin Collins
Sara Ford
Gerald Gillespy
Anna Manasco
George Wilbanks

Appointed Members

Derick Belden - Clerk
William Nicrosi - Treasurer

Announcements



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of December 30, 2021

Number of Pledges: 440

2022 Pledges received - \$3,070,251.40

We have reached 82% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.

As the year-end draws near, please take note of the Year End Giving Guidelines available on our website at www.saint-lukes.com/giving.

Contributions to Saint Luke's Episcopal Church are tax deductible as allowed by law. IRS rules recognize a contribution on the day of delivery. For contributions to be deductible for 2021, they must meet one of the following criteria:

- By Mail: Postmarked on or before December 31, 2021.
- Hand-Delivery: Received in the Finance office by noon, December 31, 2021. Any gifts dropped off after the office is closed will be treated as 2022 gifts.

Beginning now, and through February, we are collecting coats and jackets for the families who use the Grace/Woodlawn food pantry. Please bring any used (clean and in good condition) coats and jackets to the closet in Graham Hall. As you enter Graham Hall from the Commons, the closet is located on the left side of the entrance. Please place coats in the designated boxes. All sizes of coats will be appreciated, both children's and adults. Thank you!

St. Andy's Pantry is a ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, feeding about 300 people at each food distribution. Volunteers are needed to stock the pantry, check in guests, and hand out bags. To volunteer, visit our website for the sign-up genius form.

Saint Luke's Claypool Scholarship Board and Selection committee is requesting applications for the 2022- 2023 school year. Visit our website for more information- saint-lukes.com/claypool-scholarship-board-now-accepting-applications/.

The St. Luke's Foundation

Building the future of mission and ministry!

With the end of 2021 right around the corner, there are charitable gift options which may be especially helpful in your year-end tax planning.

1. Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) from IRAs. If you are 70½ or older, you can distribute up to \$100,000 per year from traditional IRAs to Saint Luke's and The St. Luke's Foundation. It will be excluded from your federal taxable income and count for your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year.

2. Gifts of appreciated securities. If you own long term securities with significant capital gains, use these to make an end-of-year gift to the Church and Foundation. You can claim an income tax deduction for the stock's fair market value and avoid capital gains tax.

With both of these strategies, you are helping the build the future of Saint Luke's. For more information, contact the Rev. David Hall at (205) 802-6203 or dhall@saint-lukes.com.

Wednesday night curb-side pickup resumes Wednesday, January 5. To receive our weekly menus, email kitchen@saint-lukes.com to be added to our distribution list.

Fellowship groups resume January 9 with a discussion class led by the Rector at 10 am in Graham Hall. All adult groups will meet together on this day. New Creation returns as well for children 3k – 3rd grade on 1/9. We return to full programming during the fellowship hour on Sunday, January 23.

Guest Organist, Cody Lawyer

"Cody Lawyer is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, he began his music career in elementary school with the Chattanooga Boys Choir. He studied music vigorously throughout schooling and took on the organ in high school. Shortly after, he became the assistant organist at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul where he gained his love for sacred music. Moving to Birmingham to pursue further he studied organ with Dr. Fred Teardo at Samford University. He has worked for Saint Mary's on the Highlands, Independent Presbyterian, and Hueytown United Methodist Church. Cody is a member of Saint Luke's and works at Bottega Restaurant and currently lives in Vance, Alabama, with his fiancé Jerod Sharp."