



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

## THE WORD

Morning Prayer with Communion

December 5, 2021 ✠ 9:00AM

*The congregation's responses are in bold.*

*Children of every age are welcome.*

### PRELUDE

#### **Come to the Table**

*All Sing*

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*Children 3K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

### OPENING SONG

#### **In Christ Alone**

*All Sing*

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### OPENING SENTENCES

**BCP 75**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

### CONFESSION of SIN

**BCP 79**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

**BCP 80**

Lord, open our lips.

*People* ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

### THE SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

**Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the

Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL SONG

### How Deep the Father's Love For Us

*All Sing*

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## THE SECOND LESSON

**Luke 3:1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Richmond R. Webster**

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEXT TO GIVE (205) 576-4100



## Stewardship Update as of November 30, 2021

Number of Pledges – 389; 2022  
Pledges received - \$2,849,038;  
we have reached 76% of our  
2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.



PLEDGE ONLINE

## OFFERTORY SONG

### Reason to Praise

*All Sing*

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**BCP 96**

*All stand*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

**BCP 97**

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*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.*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### MORNING COLLECTS

BCP 98

We pray this day for all those in any need of you, for any who are alone or sick or sad. We pray for those living in fear, or frustration. We pray for healing and peace. We pray for those on our published prayer list, especially Betsy Brown, Barbara Eisenhart, Charles Machemehl, Scott Parker, Rogenia Troupe, and Fred Tyson. We give thanks for the birth of Reed Markham Muse.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

##### Praise Will Be My Song

*All Sing*

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#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

#### THE BLESSING

#### CLOSING SONG

##### The Way

*All Sing*

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#### THE DISMISSAL

BCP 102

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](mailto:sporter@saint-lukes.com). Copies of the prayer list are on the table in the Communication Stations and in the weekly church emails.*

