



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022 ✦ 8:00 AM Rite I

Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Children of every age are welcome in all worship services. A nursery is available for children ages 3 years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing Hymnal 537

BCP 323

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant then says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the

Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON
The Reverend Corey Jones

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

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.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE BCP 328

THE CONFESSION BCP 331

All stand. The Celebrant says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 340

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues
... evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord.*

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

...And now, as our Savior Christ hath
taught us, we are bold to say

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table,
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righ-
teousness, but in thy manifold and great mer-
cies. We are not worthy so much as to gather
up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art
the same Lord whose property is always to
have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus
Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may
evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Soloist: * Melanie Williams*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most
heartily thank thee for that thou dost
feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the
spiritual food of the most precious Body and
Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and
goodness towards us; and that we are very
members incorporate in the mystical body of
thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful
people; and are also heirs, through hope, of
thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly
beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist

*us with thy grace, that we may continue in
that holy fellowship, and do all such good
works as thou hast prepared for us to walk
in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom
with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor
and glory, world without end. Amen.*

THE BLESSING

HYMN

O Christ, the Word Incarnate Hymnal 632

THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
People: Thanks be to God!*

Soloist: Melanie Williams

*Melanie Williams has her doctorate in vocal performance
and serves as professor of voice at the University of Mon-
tevallo where she teaches classes in vocal pedagogy and pri-
vate voice. She has sung with the St. Luke's choir for the
past four years. She and husband, Mark, have two children,
Anna Katherine and John Mark.*

CLERGY AND STAFF: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop
of Alabama*; The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior, *Assisting Bishop*;
The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. William
R. Boyles, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. David Hall, *Asso-
ciate Rector*; The Rev. Corey Jones, *Associate Rector*; The
Rev. Rebecca Debow, *Priest Affiliate*; The Rev. Dr. Maur-
rice 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 Manage-
ment

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

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

Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and and in thanksgiving for the marriage of

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Benjamin McLarty

and in loving memory of

Charlotte Edwards Thorogood and Lee Lefkovits Dawkins.

Announcements

Thank you for your support and understanding as we prayerfully prioritize in-person worship during this sharp rise in COVID cases. We are grateful for you. We will postpone our return to full Sunday programming and indoor worship until Sunday, February 6. This includes New Creation and Fellowship Groups. Some exceptions to this may apply, and you will receive communication accordingly. We will offer Children's Sunday school during worship services beginning Sunday, January 23. Until February 6, we will continue to worship outdoors for our larger services at 9 am and 11 am. This is intended to be a joyful opportunity to worship, dress casually (and warmly) and bring your dogs if you like! As always, if you have any questions about worship options during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

We are delighted to invite all women to the first ECW meeting of the new year. We welcome the Neillie Butler of Mariee Ami as our speaker! Join us on Friday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. in Graham Hall. We are sorry that we are unable to provide childcare during ECW. Cost of lunch is \$10. Bring a friend!

Outreach Opportunity: We will shower the residents of St. Martin's in the Pines and Episcopal Place with Valentine cards again this year. We need close to 400 cards this time, we will keep it simple by leaving the outside of the envelope blank (Feel free to sign your first name if you wish) Due FEB 6, 2022. There is a bin outside of the Claypool Commons entrance to drop off!

Registration for Saint Luke's Day School is underway. Find more information on the Saint Luke's website under Ministries/Day school. We will begin summer camp registration in February. Forms can be found on the Saint Luke's website. Questions? Kmurphree@saint-lukes.com.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of January 18, 2022:

Number of Pledges: 462

2022 Pledges received - \$3,174,941

We have reached 85% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.

Now 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!

Our next Newcomer's Gathering is Sunday, March 6 at 10am during the Fellowship hour. Join us, hear from clergy and staff, and learn more about what we believe makes Saint Luke's special! Please RSVP to Kate Clinton, kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

Volunteers are needed in the Saint Luke's Kitchen! For more information, contact Julie Carmichael, jcarmichael6458@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars for the following events coming up in Saint Luke's Children's Ministry:

- 1/26: Mid-week Bible club returns for 3rd - 6th graders from 3 to 4:30 pm.
- 2/6: Parent Meeting for Sacramental Retreat (3rd graders will participate), in Founders Room following the 11 am worship service.
- 2/11: Mother Son Bowling Event at Vestavia Bowl from 6 to 7:30 pm.
- Save the date for VBS: June 6 through June 9

Join us as we study God's word together in one of the upcoming Bible studies, listed below. There are several options, including different days and times to accommodate all schedules. More information is available on the Saint Luke's website.

Pondering Scripture – A Study of Exodus; Mondays, 9:30am, Tilson Room. We gather to gain a deeper understanding of scripture with teaching, discussion, and prayer. Currently, we are studying Matthew's Gospel. Open to all ages, and newcomers are welcome at any time. Led by Sandy Porter. Begins Monday, January 10. Questions? Contact Sandy Porter at sporter@saint-lukes.com.

Pondering Scripture – Encouraging Words in Discouraging Times; A Look at the Book of Isaiah. Wednesdays, 1:30pm, Tilson Room. We gather to gain a deeper understanding of scripture with teaching, discussion, and prayer. This year we will take a look at some of the words of Isaiah the prophet. Open to all ages, and newcomers are welcome at any time. Led by Sandy Porter. Begins Wednesday, January 5. Questions? Contact Sandy Porter at sporter@saint-lukes.com.

The Rector's Men's and Women's Bible Studies: This semester in the Rev. Richmond R. Webster's lecture-based Bible study, we will explore the teachings of Jesus through the eyes of Mark's Gospel. Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. (Men's Bible Study & Breakfast) Resumes January 12. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. (Women's Bible Study- Youth Commons) Resumes January 13.

Coffee with David Hall: 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, fellowship, and the opportunity to solve the problems of the world. Resumes January 24. For more information, email the Rev. David Hall at dhall@saint-lukes.com.

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. Beginning Sunday, January 9. Open to all ages 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.

The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament. This book study is open to all women on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Tilson Room. Patty Gilbert is the leader. Contact Patty for more information! 205-821-4424 Pattyggilbert@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Authentically, Uniquely You. Join us on Wednesday mornings, 9-10:30am, in the Tilson Room for our next ladies bible study using Joyce Meyer's book: Authentically, Uniquely You. Women of all ages are encouraged to join, as each season of life gives perspective, encouragement and comfort. Psalm 139: 16-19 "One of the best gifts you can give yourself is to accept yourself and believe that God created you with His own hand in your mother's womb. All His works are wonderful – and that includes you." We look forward to learning alongside you! The study will begin January 19th. Please contact Jennifer Coltharp or Stacie Tubbs to sign up or for more information jbfranklin26@gmail.com.