



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 9, 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

We Three Kings of Orient Are Hymnal 128

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

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

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy onlybegotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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 Matthew

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

THE SERMON
The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

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 merc-
ies. 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: * Zoë Willis*

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Hymnal 616

THE DISMISSAL

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

*Are you receiving our emails? If not and would like
to, please email kclinton@saint-lukes.com and sign
up for our weekly news.*

*Prayer Team. If you have a prayer request please
contact Sandy Porter at 205-802-6207 or sporter@saint-lukes.com. The prayer list is available in the
weekly church emails.*

Soloist: Zoë Willis

*Zoë Willis is a Birmingham native. She holds her bachelor's
degree in piano performance from the University of Alabama at
Birmingham where she now works as a collaborative pianist and
teaching assistant. She has sung at St. Luke's for three years.*

CLERGY AND STAFF: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bish-
op of Alabama*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*;
The Rev. William Boyles, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. Da-
vid 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 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.

Announcements

We are delighted for the return of outdoor worship in the Pavilion for 9 am and 11 am worship services on January 16. The heaters are prepped, the coffee will be hot, and we hope your family (dogs are welcome too) will be there to worship with us! Programming for youth and children (EYC, New Creation) returns January 23.

Priority Registration began for returning Saint Luke's Day School families and church members on Wednesday, January 5, 2021. Registration will open to the community on January 18. We will begin summer camp registration in February. Forms can be found on the Saint Luke's website. Questions? Kmurphree@saint-lukes.com.

Searchers Lunch & Learn invites you to a time of fellowship and learning on January 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 am. "A New Year & A New You" will be presented by Diane Guthrie, Leslie Edmondson, and Kathy Miller of Volunteer Services Ascension Saint Vincent's Hospital. To manage risk of COVID exposure, lunch will not be available this month and attendees are requested to wear a mask when not social distancing. Please join us! RSVP to Rhett Thagard, twtrj@bellsouth.net.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of January 5, 2022:

Number of Pledges: 450

2022 Pledges received - \$3,101,852

We have reached 83% 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!

The Bible This Week is on Holiday break and will return Wednesday, January 12.

Coffee with David returns Monday, January 24!

Learn a skill, gain a community! Winter Bridge class begins Friday, January 7 at 10 AM in Room 214 at Saint Luke's. Saint Luke's offers this ministry to our members and our community at-large.

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

Upcoming Bible Study Opportunities

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 signup or for more information, leah.rice@icloud.com.

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. This year we will study the Book of Exodus. Open to all ages, and newcomers are welcome at any time. Led by Sandy Porter. Begins Monday, January 10.

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 Faithful, the Bible Study Book of the Heroes of the Old.

This study is open to all women 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, Pattygilbert@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!