



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022 ✠ 5:00 PM

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

The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome.

Please see an usher for assistance.

PRELUDE

Choir

Spirit of God

OPENING SONG

All Sing

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) A-13



Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

Lord, have mercy

People **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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.**

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

All Sing

I Will Change Your Name **A-84**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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 to you, Lord Christ.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Corey Jones

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

BCP 388

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 and Brian our Bishops, the clergy of our parish, Jane our seminarian and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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, and all who govern and hold authority; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Alonzo de Idiaquez, Jessie Key, Scott Parker, and Fred Tyson; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Frank Kitchell Bynum, Mark Steven Dowd, Elise Faircloth Blackwell, and Virginia Dixon, that

your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE 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

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

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEXT TO GIVE (205) 576-4100



OFFERTORY SONG

Choir

Jesus, The Lord

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION

All stand and sing:

*O bless the gifts our hands have brought;
And bless the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Your hands.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. If you are not receiving the wine, you may fold your hands across your chest. For those choosing not to receive both the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please place your arms across your chest in reception of the blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

A-227

All Sing

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
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,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

A-226

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 HYMN

All sing

One Bread One Body A-128

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

The priest may bless the people.

CLOSING HYMN

All Sing

The Old Rugged Cross A-166

DISMISSAL

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. Copies of the prayer list are on the table in the Communication Stations and in the weekly church emails.

**Number of Pledges – 462;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,174,941;
We have reached 85% of our
2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.**



PLEDGE ONLINE

CLERGY & STAFF

Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*
Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, *Assisting Bishop*
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 S. 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*

VESTRY

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*

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

*Vestry meetings are held the last
Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.*



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