



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THE WORD

Morning Prayer with Communion

January 23, 2022 ✠ 9:00AM

The congregation's responses are in bold.

Children of every age are welcome.

PRELUDE

God So Loved

All Sing

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OPENING SONG

House Of The Lord

All Sing

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OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 76

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

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

BCP 80

Lord, open our lips.

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

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. Alleluia.

VENITE

BCP 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.***

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

***and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. ****

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.***

GOSPEL SONG

Let There Be Light

All Sing

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THE SECOND LESSON

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 Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Corey Jones

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OFFERTORY SONG

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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

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.*

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 Alonzo de Idiaquez, Jessie Key, Scott Parker, and Fred Tyson. We pray for those who have died, especially Frank K. Bynum, Mark Steven Dowd, Elise Faircloth Blackwell, and Virginia Dixon.

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

Worthy

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

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

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.



PLEDGE ONLINE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Save the date for VBS: June 6 through June 9

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. If you have any questions about worship options during this time, do not hesitate to contact us.

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*
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The Rev. Katy Smith, *Deacon*
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VESTRY

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*

Class of 2022

Reed Avant, Children & Family Ministry
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Bill Pitts, Jr. Warden & Finance
Krislin Smith, Pastoral Care & Communications
Wayne Trucks, Sr. Warden, Worship, & Facility Management

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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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