



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022

11:00 am ✠ Rite II

Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome. Please see an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is Robert Hobby

INTROIT

The Glory of the Father Egil Hovland
*The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the father, full of grace and truth.*

HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymnal 423

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

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.**

The Celebrant says

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Children 3K – 3rd Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

Psalms 1 Mark Hayes

*Blessed are the ones who delight in the law of the Lord.
On God's law they meditate day and night.
They are like a tree, planted by the water,
Which yields its fruit in season whose leaf shall never wither,
And all they do shall prosper.*

*Blessed are the ones who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
For the delight in the law of the Lord.*

-Psalm 1:1-3

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 6:17-26

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and

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the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Soon Ah Will Be Done Arr. William Dawson

*Soon ah will be don' with the troubles of the world,
Goin' home to live with God.*

*I want to meet my mother . . .
No more weepin' and a wailin' . . .
I want to meet my Jesus . . .*

I'm goin' to live with God.

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Stephen McWhorter

THE NICENE CREED All stand. BCP 358

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.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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, and Jane, our seminarian.

Silence

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

Silence

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.

Silence

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION

BCP 360

Minister and People

*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 of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert Martin

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*

*See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS Proulx S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
-san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Officiant and People

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM Hurd S154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

HYMN *My God Thy Table Now Is Spread* Hymnal 321

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Officiant and People

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

HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymnal 493

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Triumphant March

Alfred Fedak

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.

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, *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

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 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- SLDS and Founders Place
Sara Ford- Finance
Gerald Gillespy-Worship and Facility Management
Anna Manasco- Youth
George Wilbanks- Finance

Appointed Members

Derick Belden - Clerk
William Nicosi - Treasurer



PLEDGE ONLINE

Announcements

Stewardship Update as of February 9, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 476;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,296,841;
We are at 87% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million

No EYC this evening! Saint Luke's Youth will be Super Bowling today, Sunday, 2/13 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Registration was required for this event to allow for transportation, but for a last minute request or for more information email youth@saint-lukes.com.

We are excited to announce VBS Registration is open! Embark on a journey to ancient Rome with us! Children will get to know Paul as we discover more about God's great love for us. VBS 2022 is Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 from 9am to 12pm! Children in grades 4k through 6 are invited to participate. A youth registration is available as well in the link below for any youth interested in volunteering. To sign up, visit our website or use the QR codes located in the communication stations throughout the church.

The Searchers want to see you on February 14 for lunch, fellowship, and a program by Carol Holzman and The Rev. Jennifer Riddle of St. Martin's in the Pines titled, "Home for the Whole Person". Lunch is our treat for newcomers and \$10 per person for current members. We love to welcome new people into this group! Please make a reservation with Rhett Thagard at twtjr@bellsouth.net or 205.902.5700.

Do you have a family member living with Alzheimer's, Vascular dementia, frontal lobe dementia or Lewy Body dementia? You might benefit from Care Partners! Care Partners is a support group that meets every Tuesday morning at 10:15 in room 220B. We provide a safe and confidential place to talk and learn how to love our person through this disease. We always have room for one more and you do not have to be a member of St. Luke's to attend! For more information on this group, please contact Betsy Smith (smith35213@gmail.com) or Janis Cole (janiscarole3@aol.com).

Founders Place provides connection, purpose, and meaning for people with memory loss. Come see for yourself what it means to catch the Founders Place spirit! Bring a friend and register for Founders Place Volunteer Training on Wednesday February 23 from 9 am to noon. Contact Susanna Whitsett swhitsett@saint-lukes.com or 205.802.6217 to register.

Bridge is Back! On Mondays, seasoned players gather for "unsupervised play". On Fridays, bridge instruction is led by the delightful and qualified instructor: Jeanne Wamack. The original purposes, defined more than a decade ago by four visionaries and validated by our rector, have reached fruition! JOIN US! Cost is \$10 per lesson attended. All vaccinated players are welcome.

With five scheduled Cursillo retreats at Camp McDowell already on the books, we know that 2022 is going to be the best year ever for our diocese. Want to learn more about this experience that promises renewal and true fellowship? Join us for an informational supper at the home of Anne & Steve Varner (2712 Overhill Road), March 3rd at 6:00 pm. Please reply to Anne@SpruceRenovations.com to reserve your spot. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

Created by God will be offered at Saint Luke's Saturday, March 5 from 12:00-5:00pm for current 6th graders. We see the value in these conversations and want to offer the space open the conversation between parents and child. There will be a mandatory Parent Informational Meeting in Youth Commons on Saturday, March 5 from 5:00-5:30pm at the conclusion of the class to review topics discussed. To learn more or register your child, contact youth@saint-lukes.com

We look forward to certain milestones with Saint Luke's children each year as they grow in age and faith. Many of these milestones are coming up this spring. More information, along with registration for each of the following events, can be found on our website under Updates. Contact Betsy Owenby at bowenby@saint-lukes.com with any questions or concerns.

Second Grade

On Sunday, March 13 at the 11am church service, all second graders will have the opportunity to be presented and receive a Bible from Saint Luke's.

Third Grade

The Sacramental Retreat consists of a commitment to three Sundays, March 6, 13, 20 from 10am to 12pm along with a presentation and re-commitment of their Baptismal Covenant on April 16 at the 6:30pm Easter Vigil. More details in registration link.

Fourth Grade

Children learn about the importance of the Eucharist to our worship through interactive, intentional activities. Also a three Sunday commitment on March 6, 13, 20 from 10-11am with a presentation at the 11 am church service on March 20.