



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 27, 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 *Berceuse* *Louis Vierne*

INTROIT

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation *Henry Purcell*

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

HYMN *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Hymnal 618

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, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

O, Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair Arr. Robert Scholz

O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the Church may share, which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh th'incarnate Lord holds converse high, and from the cloud the Holy One bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array Christ deigns to manifest today what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.

And faithful hearts are raised on high by this great vision's mystery, for which in joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord

Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand lead me on, let me stand

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night lead me on to the light

Take my hand, Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near

When my life is almost gone

At the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand:

Take my hand, Lord, lead me home.

THE SERMON The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

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 Teresa Callahan, Rob Dickinson, 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, especially James E. Harmon Sr., that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

We give thanks for the birth of Henry William Tyson and James Thomas Cooper.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten arr. Paul Wohlgenuth

*Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
evermore and evermore.*

*Oh, that birth forever blessed when the virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race,
and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
evermore and evermore.*

*O ye heights of heav'n adore him, angel hosts his praises sing,
pow'rs, dominions bow before him and extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent, ev'ry voice in concert ring
evermore and evermore.*

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

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.*

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal 335

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 427

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

*Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* David Johnson

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 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, MACÉ, & 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 Nicrosi - Treasurer

Announcements



PLEDGE ONLINE

**Stewardship Update as of February 22, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 482;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,311,141;
We are at 88% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million**

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Join us for worship and the imposition of ashes at 6:30 am, 12 noon, and 6:30 pm* in the Nave. Masks are available and encouraged.

The labyrinth will be open and available all day beginning at 7 am. Together as a parish, we will read this Lenten devotional: Getting to Know Jesus (Again). This devotional is available for purchase online. Purchase on Amazon or Church Publishing. In addition, Forward Day by Day devotionals will be available at the church for pickup.

Youth are invited to receive ashes at 7 am in the Youth Commons on Ash Wednesday. Chick fil a breakfast to follow!

The Rite of Reconciliation will be available by appointment between 2pm and 4 pm. Please email clergy@saint-lukes.com to schedule a time. *Childcare available.

Mid-week Bible Clubs for 3 – 6 graders will NOT meet this Wednesday, 3/2 due to Ash Wednesday services.

The ECW will gather on Friday, March 4 at 11:30 am. We will celebrate faith, friendship, and fun with floral and entertaining Extraordinaires Mary Cox Brown and Ragan Cain. Join us for lunch, conversation, and fellowship. Sign up on our website under "Updates." Your purchase of lunch reserves your seat.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2, help us collect protein bars for Sawyerville! Staff working at Sawyerville this summer will need up to 1500 protein bars; help us support them by donating. Some examples include Zone, Kind, Luna, or Cliff bars. Please leave them in the package or box. We will collect protein bars throughout Lent. You may drop off donations in the bins outside of the Maloof and Claypool Commons entrances.

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!

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.

New to Saint Luke's? 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.

The 2nd Grade Bible Presentation will be Sunday, March 13 at the 11am church service. Please contact Betsy Owenby, bowenby@saint-lukes.com, to register your child.

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.

Do you have a family member living with Alzheimer's, Vascular Dementia, Frontotemporal 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).