



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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.** The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. Children of every age are welcome or if needed, a nursery is available. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE *For Me to Live is Jesus* Pachelbel

INTROIT

God is my Strong Salvation Austin Lovelace

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation my light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* Hymnal 401

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Even Here

Mark A. Miller

*At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep,
where the daylight dims, where no one can reach,
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?*

*I have turned away, I have set my fate,
I have run too far, I repent too late,
can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?*

SERMON NOTES

*O to climb again where the eagle flies,
where its nest is set in the sunlit skies!
Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here?*

*O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face,
may I die in peace with a song of praise,
may the hand of God, may the voice of love
find me even here.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Disconsolate arr. Terre Johnson

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts; here tell your anguish.
Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.*

*Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."*

*Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.*

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. We give thanks for the birth of Casey King Cirulnick.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Glenda and Brian our Bishops, the clergy of our parish, Jane our seminarian and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Jessie Key, Susan Inglis, Fred Tyson, and Beverly Williams, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Saint Luke and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another,

and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Eucharist. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by dipping the edge of the wafer of bread in the wine. 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ave Verum Corpus

Elgar

*Ave, verum corpus
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
unda* fluxit (et)* sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body
born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed
with water* and blood,
Be for us a foretaste**
In the test of death.*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Musical notation for the Presentation Acclamation with lyrics: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

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.*

SANCTUS et BENEDICTUS

Willan

S114

Musical notation for Sanctus et Benedictus with lyrics: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bles - sed - - is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

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,

Officiant and People

O*ur 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

Willan

S158

Musical notation for Fraction Anthem with lyrics: O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. world, grant us thy 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

O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughn Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is! Blessed is the man that trusteth in him. -Psalm 34:8

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 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus! Hymnal 495

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Lamb of God, Pure and Holy Pachelbel

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, 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 Nicrosi - Treasurer



PLEDGE ONLINE

Announcements

Stewardship Update as of March 8, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 495;

2022 Pledges received - \$3,358,441;

We are at 90% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million

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.

Lenten Study Opportunity with the Rev. David Hall: Lent is a journey of the mind, heart, and spirit from the ashes of humanity to the cross and beyond--to the empty tomb. In this study, the Rev. David Hall will guide us through a collection of Lenten reflections and meditations with the goal of getting to know Jesus in fresh new ways that encourage a stronger faith and a spirited engagement with the world around us. Study meets Tuesdays at 11:45 am in the Founders Room, beginning March 8. Feel free to bring a lunch. All are welcome! Purchase the lenten devotional, Getting to Know Jesus Again, prior to the first meeting!

No child should be without an Easter Basket on Easter morning. With food shortages and rising prices, this will be a reality for many of the families who rely on Andy's Pantry for food every 2 weeks. Saint Luke's is partnering with St. Mary's to provide 100 baskets! Contributing to this cause is super easy! An Amazon Wish list has been created to order the items for these baskets, which will be going to children ages 2-12 in need. Please visit www.saint-lukes.com/updates for more information about how to contribute.

It has been TWO YEARS since we last hosted homeless families in our church through Family Promise. Family Promise (FP) is a coalition of 14-16 churches and synagogues that houses homeless families on a rotating basis of one week time periods. Please considering joining us as a volunteer in any capacity, there are a variety of options available. More information can be found on our website under updates.

Whether you are a brand-new visitor or have been attending for a while, come find your place at Saint Luke's by attending Discovery Class! This 3-week course will meet March 13, March 20, and April 3. In this class you will find out more about who we are at Saint Luke's, our mission, our beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church, and how you can become more involved. This is a great opportunity to interact with the clergy and staff in a casual environment. We will also discuss the membership and confirmation process in preparation for Confirmation on Sunday, May 15. Meets at 10 am during the Fellowship hour in room 224 (upstairs).

During Lent, 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.