



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022 ✦ 8:00 AM Rite I

Enter quietly in prayer 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 in all services. A nursery is available for children ages 3K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

HYMN

O Praise Ye the Lord! Hymnal 432

BCP 323

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Celebrant then says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to

know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6

Isaw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand for the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to John

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Corey Jones

THE NICENE CREED BCP 326

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.

THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE BCP 328

THE CONFESSION BCP 331

All stand. The Celebrant says:

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

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the cup to guide it), or by dipping the wafer of bread. If you are not receiving the wine, you may fold your hands across your chest. For those choosing to receive neither the bread nor 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING BCP 340

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

... evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Soloist: * Tabitha Van Meter

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN

We Know That Christ Was Raised Hymnal 296

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: *Let us go forth in the name of Christ!*

Alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

Soloist: Tabitha Van Meter

Tabitha Van Meter is a mezzo-soprano from Birmingham, AL. She studied music education at Birmingham-Southern College, where she graduated in 2012. She currently teaches elementary music and is actively involved in state music education organizations. Tabitha has been a member of the St. Luke's choir for 11 years.

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

Vestry meetings are held the last Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to members of Saint Luke's unless in Executive Session.

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

Interested in receiving our weekly E-News Dialogue? Email kclinton@saint-lukes.com.

Announcements

The final EYC meeting of the year is this evening at 6 p.m. See you there!

The Travelers Sunday school class will continue to meet during the summer months and you are invited to join them for fellowship and guest teachers. All ages welcome. The Travelers meet in the Founders Room at 10 a.m. Contact Pat King (cell: 205-266-6593) for more information.

New Creation has concluded for the summer. During the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services, children's Sunday school will continue. Children leave the with cross and return to the service before communion. As always, nursery is available during all services for children ages 4k and under.

Please join us for breakfast as we celebrate the Ministry of the Ushers in our parish Sunday, May 22nd, 10 am in the Multi-Purpose room, Room 212. Bring a friend! Our parish is growing and we need more ushers! Contact Phyllis Hall, phall@shookandfletcher.com .

Toiletries for Grace Woodlawn: Do you return from vacation and business travel with small shampoo bottles, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and soaps, etc.? Instead of discarding these items, please bring them to the church and place in the designated area in the collection closet near Claypool Commons. Grace Woodlawn distributes these items to those who are served by their food pantry, many of whom are homeless.

Summer is coming! Saint Luke's Day School is looking for summer camp teachers! Six camper- filled summer sessions! Fun SLDS group! Nice summer hours (Monday-Thursday, 8:30 – 1:15). Adorable campers (8 weeks old – 7 years old). Can't work all sessions? Don't let that stop you! June Sessions: 13-16, 20-23, 27-30; July Sessions: 11-14, 18-21, 25-28. Interested? Questions? kmurphree@saint-lukes.com.

The fabulous 70-plusers of Saint Luke's and their spouses are invited to an evening of fine dining with the Rector on Thursday, May 26 at the church. The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and dinner to follow at 6 p.m. Attendance is \$15 per person, please bring cash or check the night of the event. RSVP by Friday, May 20 to 205.871.3583 or ssierke@saint-lukes.com

Mark your calendars for a VBS Work Day on Friday, June 3 from 9 am to 4 pm. We will decorate the halls of the church in preparation for the week. This will be a fun fellowship opportunity! Childcare and lunch provided. We would love to know if you plan to attend, please email kclinton@saint-lukes.com. VBS Volunteers are still needed; all you need is a smiling face! Any morning that you serve, you may utilize our VBS childcare for younger children (ages 3 & under) who are not enrolled in the main program. Email bowenby@saint-lukes.com for more information.

Take me out to the ball game!! SL Young Professionals want you to join them at Regions Field to watch a ball game versus the Rocket City Trash Pandas on May 19th at 7:05pm. We plan to meet near the Stadium Ticket Office at 6:30 p.m. You will purchase your own tickets and the group will sit together. Let John Rutherford know you are coming, johnrutherford1992@gmail.com.

Interested in helping in the Saint Luke's Kitchen? Opportunities to help include Sunday morning breakfast, Wednesday night supper, and one monthly lunch each for ECW and Searchers. If you are interested in joining the fun and helping with this important ministry, contact Julie Carmichael: jcarmichael6458@gmail.com.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of May 10, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 524;

2022 Pledges received - \$3,488,821;

We are at 93% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.