



SAINT LUKE'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 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 in all services. A nursery is available for children ages 3K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.*

THE GREAT PROCESSION

*Children 4K-3rd Grade are invited to follow the Crucifer to Sunday School.*

PRELUDE

*Aria* Douglas Wagner

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

*All Creatures of Our God and King* Hymnal 400

*Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!*

***People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

*The Celebrant says*

**A**lmighty 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

**I**n the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM

*The Best of Rooms*

Randall Thompson

*Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes  
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms:  
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part  
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

ANTHEM

*I Feel the Winds of God Today* John Ness Beck

*I feel the winds of God today today my sail I lift  
Though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift  
If hope would light the water's crest and Christ my bark will use  
I'll seek the seas at His behest and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears  
Until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer brighter years  
If cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be  
Lord let me feel Your freshening breeze and I'll set back to sea.*

*If ever I forget Thy love or how that love was shown  
Lift high the blood-red flag above it bears Thy name alone  
Great Pilot of my onward way thou will not let me drift  
I feel the winds of God today today my sail I lift*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

THE NICENE CREED All stand. BCP 358

**W**e 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

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For Joseph our President, Kay our Governor, for this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Glenda and Brian, our Bishops; the clergy of our parish, Jane our seminarian, Julia and Jordan our interns, and all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Betty Bacskey, Robbie Baldwin, Fred Tyson, and Tommy Tyson.

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of Robert Ralston Huff.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Caroline Lowrey Sloss, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence may be kept.*

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

All stand. The Celebrant says:

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

We greet one another in the name of Christ.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*It Is Well with My Soul* arr. John Ness Beck

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh the joy of this glorious thought,  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more (yes!)  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul!

## PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures 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 A BCP 361

**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 Hurd S124

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.

*The Celebrant continues*

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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 S161

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

*I Come With Joy* Hymnal 304

## 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

*Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* Hymnal 535

## THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

**Deacon: Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia!  
People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux* Francois Couperin

If you have a prayer request, you may contact clergy at [clergy@saint-lukes.com](mailto:clergy@saint-lukes.com) or Sandy Porter 205-802-6207 or [sporter@saint-lukes.com](mailto: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

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of  
*Michael Shane Harless and  
Mary Katherine Kimberl Bushnell*  
and in loving memory of  
*John Hardy Harless and Sandra Potter Harless*

#### Announcements

**Saint Luke's staff and clergy are grateful for those of you who have signed up to be a part of this summer's VBS at Saint Luke's!** Vacation Bible School is an adored ministry by our parish and our sweet children. We could not do this without you! Reminder: we will have nursery childcare for children not quite old enough for VBS.

**There are three upcoming volunteer training options; please attend one of the three options below.** These will be short and concise, no more than 30 minutes!

Sunday, May 22 from 10:15 – 10:45am in Youth Commons (between the 9 and 11 services)

\*Childcare available in Youth Room A, next door to Youth Commons\*

Friday, June 3 from 9:30 – 10:00 am in Youth Commons

\*Childcare available in Graham Hall\*

Sunday, June 5 from 5 - 5:30pm in Youth Commons

\*childcare available in the nursery\*

**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](mailto:bowenby@saint-lukes.com) to sign up!

**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.

**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](mailto:kmurphree@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](mailto:kclinton@saint-lukes.com).



PLEDGE ONLINE

**Stewardship Update as of May 17, 2022:**

**Number of Pledges – 527;**

**2022 Pledges received - \$3,501,421;**

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