



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus David Johnson

INTROIT

All That Hath Life and Breath René Clausen

*All that hath life and breath, praise ye the Lord!
Shout to the Lord, Allelujah! Allelujah, Praise Him! Allelujah!*

HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Hymnal 205

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people are seated.

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Arr. Mac Wilberg
Brian B. Viliunas, clarinet Lee Ann Ashworth, flute

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk thru the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head.*

SERMON NOTES

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

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 our intern, 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 Backskey, Robbie Baldwin, Nancy Ganser, Anne and Tom Garrett, Fred Tyson, Johnny 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 Olivia Marie Boyles.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Donald A.L. Dick, Serena Fitz Randolph Casey Vann, Bruce Edward Morton, Jack B. McNamee, and Richard Klein Bollinger, 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

Jubilate Deo Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen.

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION All stand to sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heav'nly 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-ven 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 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 Let All Mortal Flesh Holst

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

Glorious things of Thee Are Spoken Hymnal 522

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune David Johnson

If you have a prayer request, you may contact clergy at clergy@saint-lukes.com or 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Angela Percy Weathers

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

Announcements

Some local churches including Saint Luke's will join together and support a Family Fest event at Crestline Elementary today, May 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Family Fest will be an admission-free event that will feature inflatables, crafts and games for children and youth. Local Mountain Brook vendors, including Mountain Brook Creamery, Craft's and Post Office Pies, will also be available.

If you missed Adult Confirmation Class with The Rev. Rich Webster and you would like to be confirmed or received when the Bishop comes on May 15, you are in luck. The Rev. David Hall will lead a Zoom Crash Confirmation Class on Thursday, May 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Must be 21 or older to sign up. This is the only night the class will be offered. To register and for more information, email David at dhall@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 of people and of society.

Join the Searchers on Monday, May 9 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for lunch, fellowship, and a time of visioning and idea-sharing for our fall programming. WE WANT YOUR

INPUT!!! Lunch is our treat for newcomers and \$10 pp for current members. We love to welcome new people into this group! Meeting will take place in the Founders Room.

We're happy to welcome the newest member of the Saint Luke Family, Olivia Marie Boyles! She was born to William and Natalie Boyles this past week on April 27th, 2022. Baby and mother are doing well, and the family wants to thank all who have prayed for, and been a part of, this child's journey for a safe delivery. Also, thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the diaper and wipes drive. We can't wait for all of you to meet her soon!

Fellowship groups and New Creation have concluded for the summer. Some fellowship groups may continue to meet on their own; you will hear from your group leaders in that case. During the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services, children's Sunday school will continue. Children leave with the cross and return to the service before communion. As always, nursery is available during all services for children ages 4k and under.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of May 3, 2022:

Number of Pledges – 522;

2022 Pledges received - \$3,472,821;

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

9th Grade Confirmation is May 15! Please join us and support our newly confirmed members.

Take me out to the ball game!! SL Young Professionals want you to join them at Regions Field to watch a ball game! The Birmingham Barons will play 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.