



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! Hymnal 205

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

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we

hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

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."

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 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 be to thee, O Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Stephen McWhorter

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: * DeLee Benton

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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Hymnal 522

THE DISMISSAL

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Soloist: DeLee Benton

DeLee Michiko Benton is a member of the Opera Birmingham Studio at Samford University pursuing her Master's degree in Vocal Performance. Mrs. Benton hopes to someday teach voice and direct an opera program, utilizing her undergraduate studies in Music Education at the University level. Until then, she is content in her studies and loves to knit and craft. Her biggest joy in life is her husband, Justice, and their three adorable cats.

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.

Altar Flowers

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

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.

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.