



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

THE WORD

Morning Prayer with Communion

August 7, 2022 ✠ 9:00 AM

The congregation's responses are in bold.

Children of every age are welcome.

PRELUDE

What A Beautiful Name

All Sing

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OPENING SONG

Crowns

All Sing

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THE INVITATORY

Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

VENITE

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; **

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

*For the Lord is a great God, **

and a great King above all gods.

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **

and the heights of the hills are his also.

*The sea is his, for he made it, **

*and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture

*and the sheep of his hand. **

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Surely The Presence

All Sing

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Text To Give (205) 576-4100



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

OFFERTORY SONG

Same God

All Sing

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THE APOSTLES’ CREED

All stand

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONFESSION of SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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.

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. *We praise your Name for ever.*

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. *Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. *For we put our trust in you.*

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

MORNING COLLECTS

We pray this day for all those in any need of you, for any who are alone or sick or sad. We pray for those living in fear, or frustration. We pray for healing and peace. We pray for those on our published prayer list, especially Marshall Foster, Alonso Maddox, Tommy Tyson, and Betty Wagstaff. We pray for those who have died, especially Ralph Albert Appfel Sr., and Margaret Meadows Denson. We give thanks for the birth of James Edward Rich II.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who

in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

Is Is Well

All Sing

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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

The priest may bless the people.

CLOSING SONG

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THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

If you have a prayer request please contact Sandy Porter at 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.

Stewardship Update as of August 2, 2022

Number of Pledges - 530;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,513,421;
We have reached 94% of our
2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.



VOCALISTS & MUSICIANS

Catherine Anthony, *Soprano*;
Todd Coder, *Baritone & Harmonica*;
Sims Crawford, *Electric Guitar*;
Julia Jackson, *Soprano*;
Henry Panion, *Keyboards*;
Evan Pezant, *Worship Team Leader, Tenor & Acoustic Guitar*;
Shaun Pezant, *Music Director & Piano*;
Krislin Smith, *Alto*;
James "PJ" Spraggins, *Drums*;
Dwight Williams, *Tenor & Electric Bass*.

Youth Team

Emily Dean, *Piano*;
Lillian Pelekis, *Vocalist*;
Margaret Pelekis, *Vocalist*.

Production Team

Carleton Ambrose, *Visual Media Operator*;
Michael Panepento, *Sound Engineer*;
Henry Panion, *Sound Tech & Engineer*;
Shaun Pezant, *Technical Director & Visual Media Programmer*;
Johnny Tyson, *Visual Media Operator*.

CLERGY & STAFF

Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*;
Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, *Assisting Bishop*;
The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*;
The Rev. William Boyles, *Associate Rector*;
The Rev. David Hall, *Associate Rector*;
The Rev. Corey Jones, *Associate Rector*;
The Rev. Rebecca S. 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*

VESTRY

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*

Class of 2022

Reed Avant, *Children & Family Ministry*;
Ann Johnson, *Outreach, MACE, & Founders Place*;
Bill Pitts, Jr. *Warden & Finance*;
Krislin Smith, *Pastoral Care & Communications*;
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 & Founders Place*;
Sara Ford, *Finance*;
Gerald Gillespy, *Worship & Facility Management*;
Anna Manasco, *Youth*;
George Wilbanks, *Finance*

Appointed Members

Derick Belden, *Clerk*;
William Nicrosi, *Treasurer*

