



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

10:00 am ✠ Rite II

Please enter quietly as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 355. The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and The Hymnal 1982 are found in the pew racks. The congregation's responses are in bold. Children of every age are welcome in all services. A nursery is available for children ages 4K years and younger. Hearing aids are available. See an usher for assistance.

THE GREAT PROCESSION

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now Flor Peeters

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 427
BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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 mag-
nify 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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for,
as you always resist the proud who confide in their
own strength, so you never forsake those who make their
boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia
our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the
church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember
you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward
the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we
may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of
the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.
For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal
to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old
man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am
appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was
useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you
and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back
to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be
of service to me in your place during my imprisonment
for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your
consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary
and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he
was separated from you for a while, so that you might
have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than
a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much
more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you
consider me your partner, welcome him as you would
welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes
you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writ-
ing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing
about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother,
let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my
heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing
to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Day By Day

*Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray.
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

-Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Carlton Young

*Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Hall

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

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, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Marshall Foster, Betty Jordan, Sheila Shugerman, Jimmy Tracy, Tommy Tyson, and Rebecca Williams.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the birth of Elizabeth Miller Tynes.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially George Herschel Law Sr. and Betty Carol Huske Gilbert, 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.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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

Come Labor On

John Ferguson

Come, labor on.

*Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."*

Come, labor on.

*Claim the high calling angels cannot share--
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.*

Come, labor on.

*Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.*

Come, labor on.

*No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun.
"Well done! Well done!"*

PRESENTATION ACCLAMATION *All stand to sing*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;
praise him, all crea - tures 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 Proulx S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est. 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 Willan S158

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a -
way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us.
world, grant us
thy 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

In Remembrance of Me

Buryl Red

*In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time
When God's own will is done*

*In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door
And let your brother in, let him in*

*Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood
Shed for you, shed for you*

*In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart
Look in your heart for God*

*Do this in remembrance of Me
Do this in remembrance of Me
In remembrance of Me*

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 *Immortal Invisible* Hymnal 423

THE DISMISSAL BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE *Let Us Sing Praise to God Our Lord* Healey Willan

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.

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

Jackson, MS is amidst a water crisis, and the Mayor's office expects large numbers of people will come to Birmingham in the coming days. Requests are for bottled water, cleaning supplies and paper products to be delivered to Boutwell auditorium next Tuesday (9/6), Wednesday (9/7), and Thursday (9/8) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are now accepting nominations for the upcoming Vestry class of 2023, and we are asking for your prayerful ideas of who might enjoy this important ministry. Vestry members must be active adult members, and we welcome all interests and skill sets! Nominations can be sent via e-mail to seniorwarden@saint-lukes.com, and nomination forms will be available at the church. We will close nominations on September 23.

Saint Luke's is seeking a Family & Children's Minister in a part time role. Please help us spread the word! Visit www.saint-lukes.com for more information.

Beginning Sunday, September 11, Saint Luke's is in the Crestline Park neighborhood every Sunday at 4 p.m. for worship. Our hope is that this service is another opportunity to build community in our city and take the Gospel beyond our steeple. We hope you will join us, in your backyard, at the yellow church across from Saws! Dress casual and bring a friend. Interested in learning more? Contact info@saint-lukes.com and we will put you in touch with the right person!

Grace and Truth: A discipleship class for women in their 20s and 30s. We will study scripture, pray and build friendships. Along the way we will have fun exploring some practical domestic skills (think a little cooking, a little flower arranging, a little home decorating)! We will meet weekly (or bi-weekly...), but you may drop in as your schedule permits as there is nothing to prepare ahead of time. For more information, please join Morgan Cook on Sunday, September 11 at 10 a.m. in Room 214.



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update as of August 31, 2022:
Number of Pledges – 534;
2022 Pledges received - \$3,529,871;
We are at 94% of our 2022 Goal of \$3.7 million.