



SAINT LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

11:00 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

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

PRELUDE

Meditation

Gilbert Martin

INTROIT

Cry Out and Shout

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Cry out! And shout! Ye people of God!

The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

WELCOME SCOUT TROOPS 86 GREEN AND BLUE

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

Hymnal 423

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 magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Congregation Sings

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-9

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd John Ness Beck

*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently shall lead those that are with young.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

God Be In My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head, And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, And in my looking;
God be in my mouth, And in my speaking;
God be in my heart, And in my thinking;
God be at mine end, And at my departing.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

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 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Glenda and Brian our Bishops, the clergy and staff of our parish, Jane our seminarian and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Kay our Governor and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Frank Alverson, Bill Cabaniss, Margaret Newton, Rogenia Troup, and Tommy Tyson.

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Patricia Lou Knapp Armstrong.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

CONFESSION

BCP 360

Minister and People

*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.*

THE ABSOLUTION

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

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 B

BCP 367

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

Powell

S129

The Celebrant continues

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

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

Whoever Comes to Me

Clarke

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

*Ave, verum corpus
 natum de Maria Virgine,
 Vere passum immolatum
 in Cruce pro homine,
 Cujus latus perforatum
 unda fluxit (et) sanguine,
 Esto nobis praegustatum
 in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 Who truly suffered, sacrificed
 on the Cross for man,
 Whose pierced side overflowed
 with water and blood,
 Be for us a foretaste
 In the test of death.*

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

Praise to the Living God!

HYMNAL 372

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

POSTLUDE

Festal Voluntary

Charles Callahan

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 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. David Hall, *Senior Associate Rector*; The Rev. Corey Jones, *Associate Rector*; The Rev. William R. Boyles, *Associate Rector*; Dr. Jordan Rippey, *Associate Minister*; Ms. Julia Sanford, *Associate Minister*; 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 Affiliate*; The Rev. Katy Smith, *Deacon Affiliate*; 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 2023

David Kimberlin
Allyson Mouron - Sr. Warden
Susan Silverstein - Jr. Warden
Beth Wilder
Turner Williams

Class of 2024

Kevin Collins
Sara Ford
Gerald Gillespy - Jr. Warden
Anna Manasco

Class of 2025

Susan Alison
Derick Belden
Morgan Cook
Tom Garrett
Bob Methvin

Appointed Members

Jeff Hansen, Clerk
William Nicrosi, Treasurer
John Rutherford, Jr. Vestryperson

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Announcements



PLEDGE ONLINE

Stewardship Update As of January 31, 2023:

Number of Pledges – 482;
2023 Pledges received - \$3,498,116;
We have reached 91% of our 2023 Goal of \$3.8 million.

Please join us Thursday evening, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. for a presentation from Rich's good friend and Israeli guide, Edan Geva. Edan will be in Birmingham to share new photos and insights from the land of the Bible. Edan will also teach the Rector's Bible studies next week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, February 8 and 9. All are welcome. Questions? Contact Johnailla Wright, jwright@saint-lukes.com.

Parents of 5 and 6 graders, do you have a child who enjoys camping and outdoor adventures? Do you want them to develop self-confidence, ethics, personal responsibility, and leadership, while serving their community and having fun with friends? Join the Scouts! Saint Luke's sponsors two troops, one for boys and one for girls. We would love for you to join us! For more information, call or email Will French (boys troop), 205.960.0015 or Katy Anderson (girls troop), 205.276.9094.

Are you new to Saint Luke's? Have you visited for many months and would like to learn more about our church? Please join us for a Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, February 26 following the 11 a.m. worship service. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know clergy and staff, learn more about Saint Luke's, and ask questions! RSVP to Johnailla Wright, jwright@saint-lukes.com.

Discovery Classes begin March 5 at 3 p.m. Childcare is available by request. This series is preparation for Confirmation, however confirmation is not an end requirement of the class. Taught by the Rev. Richmond R. Webster, you will find out more about who we are at Saint Luke's, our mission, our beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church, and how you can become more involved. We will also discuss the membership and confirmation process. Whether you are a brand new visitor, or a regular attender we invite you to participate! RSVP to jwright@saint-lukes.com.

We invite you to Mid-Week Eucharist in the Nave each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

Save the Date for VBS, June 5 - 8 at Saint Luke's!

Worship at Saint Luke's in Crestline Park returns on February 5th and we are excited to see you all! We have been hard at work over the past few weeks cleaning and dreaming of ways to worship together. Be on the lookout for fellowship opportunities and some special events once the weather turns warm. See you soon at Crestline Park!

Beginning Feb. 5 in the Sunday School hour: A Gospel Hope: Loving Your Neighbor As Yourself Class. Co-leaders Mark LaGory and Kammie Kasten, meet in room 214. The Gospel is good news for all persons. It offers not only hope for the disenfranchised, but a model for responsible everyday living. In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to show by word and example this good news, loving our neighbors as ourselves, yet our history has fallen short of this for many disenfranchised groups. What are we to do about that? In this class, based on the more comprehensive material from the Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground, we will discuss that history. Interested? Contact Mark at mlagory@charter.net. All perspectives are invited to this class.

Let's shower the residents of The Episcopal Place and St. Martin's in the Pines with Valentine cards again this year. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for all ages! Please leave the cards in envelopes in the pink bin outside Claypool Commons by Sunday, Feb 12th. Each sign up slot is for 10 cards.

Third Grade Sacramental Retreat Begins February 26. Open to all third graders. Email kclinton@saint-lukes.com to register.

Fourth Grade Teaching Eucharist Begins February 26. Open to all fourth graders. Email kclinton@saint-lukes.com to register.

Searchers Lunch and Learn on Monday, February 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Graham Hall. RSVP to Rhett Thagard twjtjr@bellsouth.net or 205.902.5700.

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity that truly makes a difference? Catch the Founders Place spirit and see for yourself the JOY and DEEP FULFILLMENT in volunteering in this Christ-centered program. Volunteer a little or a lot - the commitment is flexible. Please contact Susanna Whitsett or Susie Caffey at foundersplace@saint-lukes.com or 205.802.6218.

We are delighted to invite all women to the first ECW meeting of 2023. We welcome Camilla Moss as our speaker! Camilla will share her story of faith, family, and trusting God's plan. Camilla is a mother of three and an artist with a beautiful story of the Lord's provision. Bring a friend! Join us on Friday, February 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Graham Hall. We regret we are unable to provide childcare for ECW. Purchase of lunch reserves your seat. Register at www.saint-lukes.com.