



SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

3736 Montrose Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35213

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023 ✦ 8:00 AM Rite I

Enter quietly in prayer as we prepare our hearts for worship.

Welcome! Our service begins in the BCP on page 323. 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.

HYMN

Immortal, Invisible

Hymnal 423

BCP 323

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

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

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

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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 your-

self 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.

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 Matthew

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Richmond R. Webster

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 righ-
teousness, but in thy manifold and great mer-
cies. 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: * Charles Henry*

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

Praise to the Living God!

Hymnal 372

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Soloist: Charles Henry

*Charles F. Henry is the Choral Director and AP Music Theory
Instructor at Thompson High School after having previous-
ly taught at Pinson Valley, Spain Park, and Mountain Brook
High School. He is also the Founder and Artistic Director of
Iron City Singers, a community choir based in Birmingham.
Charles began singing with the St. Luke's choir in the Summer
of 2021 after graduating with a Master of Music in Choral
Conducting from the University of Georgia where he studied
with Dr. Daniel Bara and Dr. JD Burnett. Charles is also a
cum laude graduate of the University of Alabama at Birming-
ham with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal/Choral Music Education.*

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 Rippy, *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



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.

PLEDGE ONLINE

Announcements

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.

Give via Text (205) 576-4100

Text the amount you would like to give to (205) 576-4100.