



# SAINT LUKE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Birmingham, Alabama

## THE WORD

Morning Prayer with Communion

February 5, 2023 ☩ 9:00 AM

*The congregation's responses are in bold.*

*Children of every age are welcome.*

### GATHERING SONG

#### I Speak Jesus

*All Sing*

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**Children 4K - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade are invited to follow  
the Crucifer to Sunday School.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand.*

#### Let There Be Light

*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 LESSON

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

## THE GOSPEL SONG

### Surely The Presence

*All Sing*

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## THE SECOND LESSON      **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 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



## OFFERTORY SONG

**Psalm 23 (I Am Not Alone)**

*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

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.*

## 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 Frank Alverson, Bill Cabaniss, Margaret Newton, Rogenia Troup, and Tommy Tyson. We Pray for those who have died, especially Patricia Lou Knapp Armstrong.

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

### Jesus At The Center

*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.*

## PROCESSIONAL SONG (*Reprise*)

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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](mailto: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 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

## VOCALISTS & MUSICIANS

Catherine Anthony, *Soprano*; Todd Coder, *Baritone & Harmonica*;  
Sims Crawford, *Electric Guitar*; Julia Jackson, *Soprano*;  
Evan Pezant, *Worship Team Leader, Tenor & Acoustic Guitar*;  
Shaun Pezant, *Music Director & Piano*; Krislin Smith, *Alto*;  
James "PJ" Spraggins, *Drums*; Michael Thaxton, *Bass & Electric  
Guitar*; 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*;  
Shaun Pezant, *Technical Director & Visual Media Programmer*;  
Johnny Tyson, *Visual Media Operator*.

## CLERGY & STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, *Bishop of Alabama*; The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, *Assisting Bishop*; The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*; The Rev. David A. Hall, *Senior Associate Rector*; The Rev. Corey M. 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

The Rev. Richmond R. Webster, *Rector*

### 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. Vestry Person*



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