



SAINT JOHN
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
708 15th Street North Birmingham, AL 35203
Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor

The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit Our Comforter, Humankind Our Family

Order of Worship and Celebration of Communion
Sunday, July 03, 2022 - 10:00am

PRELUDE.....Music Ministry

DOXOLOGY....."Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Pastor Ronald D. Sterling

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand, elsewhere, I would
rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Minister: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

People: They are planted in the house of the Lord, they flourish in the courts of
our God.

Minister: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where your
glory dwells.

People: But the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before
Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer.

People: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, sing praises!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."At the Cross"

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Refrain

At the cross, at the cross
Where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day.

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

INVOCATION.....Brother Bennie Hardin

Prayer inviting the power and presence of God to join and lead us in worship.

PRAYER RESPONSE....."We Are One"

*We are one, we are one.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

Luke 10:1-11 (NRSV)

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your

way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

PREFACE TO THE DECALOGUE

*From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise:
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, Through every land by every tongue.*

CONTEMPORARY DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but Me.

- You shall not make for yourself any idol.
- You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
- Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- Honor your father and your mother.
- You shall not commit murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not be a false witness.
- You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

PASTOR'S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY *(Tithes / Offerings / Gifts to be given after the benediction)*

SERMONIC SELECTION.....**Music Ministry**

MESSAGE.....**REV DR. RONALD D. STERLING, PASTOR**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

Communion

SOLICITATION

GENERAL CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST COLLECT

SECOND COLLECT

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ELEMENTS

PRAYER (*Lord's Prayer or extemporaneous prayer*)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A statement of what we as Christians believe.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day he arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

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THE BENEDICTION.....REV. DR. RONALD D. STERLING

Amen. Amen. Amen