

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

All Saints Day

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 352030

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor



The Worship & Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, November 06, 2022 – 10:00am

THE PRELUDE.....Music Ministry

THE 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.*

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

Minister: Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful. Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

People: Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

Minister: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds. Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand; To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

Together: To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron; To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

THE HYMN....."Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art Holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THE INVOCATION.....Rev. Xavier Beasley

THE PRAYER RESPONSE....."Hallelu, Hallelujah"

*Hallelu, Hallelujah,
O Lord we praise Your Name
All the glory, all the praise
O Lord we praise Your Name.*

THE SCRIPTURE READING.....Sister Kionna Hooks

Luke 6:20-31(NRSV)

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep." "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

THE 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.*

THE 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.

THE 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.*

THE LITANY.....Sister Tanya Morris

"Our Prophetic Calling" by Dr. Roderick Dwayne Belin

THE PASTOR'S WORDS & GREETINGS TO VISITORS

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

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

THE MESSAGE.....**REV. DR. RONALD D. STERLING**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as Savior

COMMUNION HYMN.....**"There Is A Fountain"**

*There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains*

THE 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.

THE COMMUNION ELEVATION.....**"As the Deer are"**
Anna Laura Page

THE FIRST COLLECT

THE SECOND COLLECT

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE ELEMENTS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE 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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BENEDICTION.....Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling

POSTLUDE.....O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING
by Gustay Holst