

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

SAINT JOHN AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

708 15th Street North || Birmingham, AL 35203

Rev. Dr. Ronald D. Sterling, Pastor



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 6, 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..*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Pastor Sterling

Minister: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

People: **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;**

Minister: For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

People: **When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.**

Minister: All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

Together: **They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.**
They will worship your Holy name.

THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION....."Holy, Holy, Holy"

Led by Sister Monica Irish

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 PRAYER.....Rev. Xavier A. Beasley

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

CHORAL RESPONSE....."I Surrender All"

*I surrender all,
I surrender all:
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.*

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS (NRSV).....Rev. Laurel J. Thornton

Luke 5:1-11 (NRSV)

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of

them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

THE INTROIT 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.....Rev. Charles Marie Davis

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 PASTOR'S WORDS

THE SERMONIC SELECTION.....Sister Monica Irish

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

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

An invitation to accept Jesus as your Lord Savior,

THE BLESSING OF THE OFFERTORY *(Tithes / Offerings / Gifts)*

THE COMMUNION

THE 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 COMMUNION ELEVATION.....There is a Balm in Gilead
arr. Adolphus Hailstork

THE SOLICITATION

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 FIRST COLLECT

THE SECOND COLLECT

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE PRAYER OF HUMILIATION

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

THE POSTLUDE.....I've Got a Robe
ARR. ROBERT POWELL