

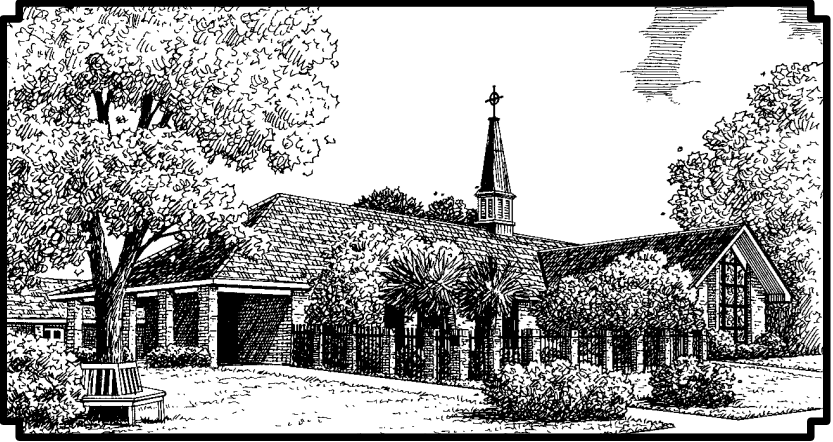
# ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8833 Goodwood Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA 70806

[www.stlukesbr.org](http://www.stlukesbr.org) 225.926.5343 [www.stlukesbrschool.org](http://www.stlukesbrschool.org)

July 5, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



*Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.*

*(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)*

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

***Mission Statement:***

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,  
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer  
to God through Jesus Christ.”*



# MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Opening Hymn

No. 718

God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

*The Celebrant continues*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.*

Gloria

S-280

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 145:8-15

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader            The Word of the Lord.  
People            Thanks be to God.

*All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.*

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Sequence Hymn

No. 414

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Deacon or Priest    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                                 according to Matthew.

People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and

a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Deacon or Priest*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Mtr. Trish Toburen

Nicene Creed

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.

### Prayers of the People: Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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 Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.*

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Attwood

Teach Me, O Lord

Doxology

Hymn No. 380, v.3

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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

And also with you.

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

*People*

We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The following is sung by the Congregation*

Sanctus

S-130

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with

all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

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 Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Receiving Holy Communion** - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.

*The following is sung by the Congregation.*

Communion Hymn No. 341  
For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Communion Hymn No. 719  
O Beautiful For Spacious Skies

*When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:*

### Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*The Celebrant and People say together:*

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

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.

### Blessing

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing*

Closing Hymn

No. 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

Dismissal

*A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal*

*The People respond:*        Thanks be to God.

Postlude



## Lay Ministers Serving Today

### Altar Guild

Trish Boughton

Janie Braud

Paula Carter

Stephanie Cauley

Wilma Desselle

Jeanneen Higgins

### Eucharistic Ministers

Cheryl Palmer

Joseph Kahler

Martha Singletary

### Eucharistic Visitors

Karen deFrances

Debbie Copeland

### Flower Guild

Wanda Halkett

George Varino

### Greeters

Julie Owen

Gloria McKenzie

### Lector

Brookie Allphin

### MC

John Sills

### Ushers

Richard Dean

Kevin Bland

David Holladay

Bill MacNaughton

### **Parish Choir**

Sarah Bolt	Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Owen Cope	Robin Sills
Peter Fogg	Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Don Hill	Ben Thomas
Steve Irving	Laura Thomas
Keith James	Dr. Richard Webb
Jennifer Johnson	Dr. Mark Zielinski
Cody King	Rhonda Zielinski
Ana Litvinoff	Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Jaden LeBean	Terry R. Bowman, Director
Katherine Norton	

### **Hospitality Team**

Chinyere Agu	Marianne Denker
Brookie Allphin	Margo Gonzalez
Brittany Attuso	Rob Hawkins
Jean Blanche	Jackie Lawless
Joanne Carver	Mary Leteff
Robin Coever	Carolyn Grace Millet
Bridget Collins	Robin Sills
Jason Danos	

### **Vestry**

Laura Thomas, Sr. Warden	Sharon Edmon
Adam MacDowell, Jr. Warden	Tessie Edmonds
Lacey Anderson, Secretary	David Holladay
Brian Binck	Mary Leteff
Gordon Denker	Gloria McKenzie
John East	David Palmer

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE  
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
BY BARBARA CARTER  
IN MEMORY OF HER HUSBAND  
COMMANDER CLYDE LOUIS CARTER, USN,  
(RET.)