



LECTIONARY

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **AMEN**

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:21-25

Declare and present your case;	forth in righteousness
let them take counsel together!	a word that shall not return:
Who told this long ago?	‘To me every knee shall bow,
Who declared it of old?	every tongue shall swear.’
Was it not I, the Lord?	Only in the Lord, it shall be
There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour;	said of me,
there is no one besides me.	are righteousness and
Turn to me and be saved,	strength;
all the ends of the earth!	all who were incensed against
For I am God, and there is no other.	him
By myself I have sworn,	shall come to him and be
from my mouth has gone	ashamed.
	In the Lord all the offspring of
	Israel
	shall triumph and glory.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People: Thanks be to God

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¹ O sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm

have gained him victory.

² The Lord has made known his victory;

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness

to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen

the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,

and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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People: Thanks be to God

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:31-36A

Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.



Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Prayers For the Parish

Teach us good lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not heed the wounds; to work and not seek for rest; to labor and not ask to any reward. Except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN**

Transitioning New Life at St. Stephen's

Holy God, make us Holy. Revealing God, make us see. Sending God, make us move. Loving God, make us Love. **AMEN**

In the Anglican Cycle of prayer:

Let us pray for the worldwide Anglican Communion especially for the Episcopal Church of Sodor & Man in York, England;

In the Diocesan Cycle of prayer:

We pray for all in the Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, especially St. Paul's in Tombstone;