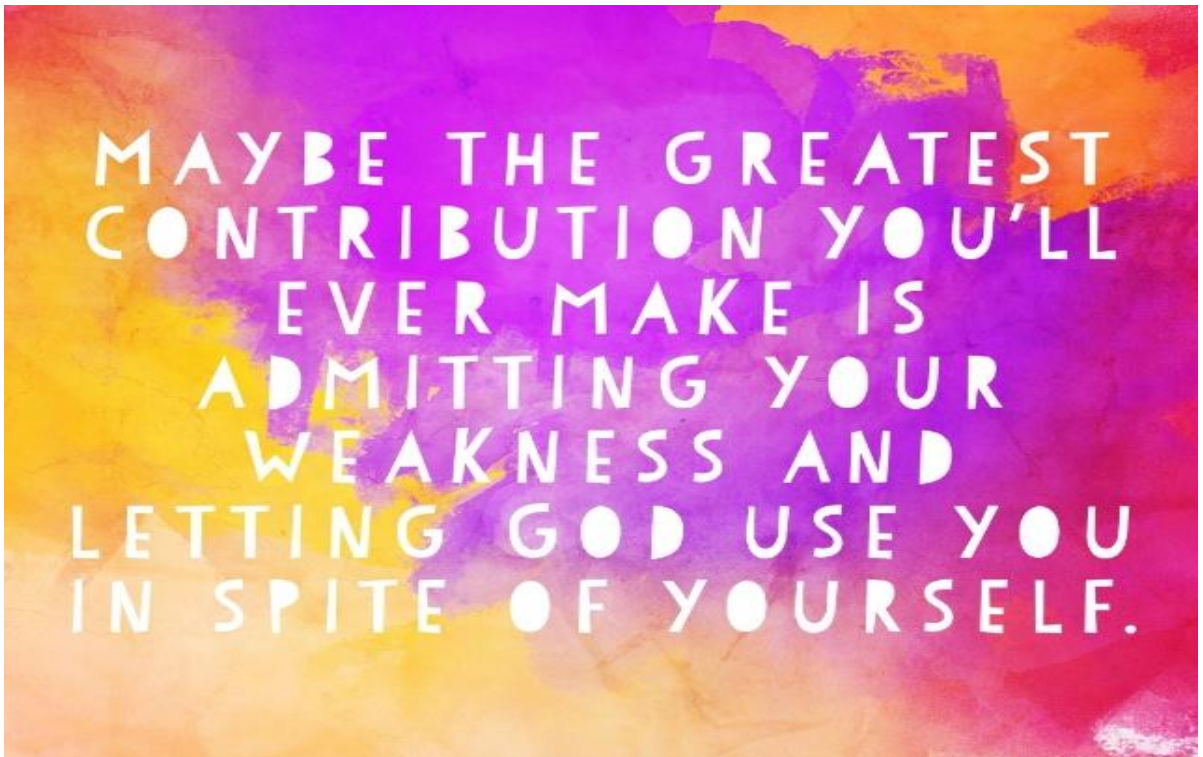




Season of Epiphany

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.



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CONTRIBUTION YOU'LL
EVER MAKE IS
ADMITTING YOUR
WEAKNESS AND
LETTING GOD USE YOU
IN SPITE OF YOURSELF.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday 5pm - Jan 28 and Sunday 11am - Jan 29, 2023

Prelude: *"Thoughts of Worship"*, by Ron Loree

Welcome & Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Salutation:

Leader: Blessed be our God.

People: For ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray the Collect for Purity together:

All: 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 Gloria Canticle 13 Hymnal 1982 #S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray

Collect for the day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Readings: *(Please be seated)*

First Reading: A reading from the book Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15 *(Read aloud in unison)*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.**

**Second Reading: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians
(1 Corinthians 1:18-31):**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in

the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Matthew (5:1-12):

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON/HOMILY

CONTEMPORARY NICENE CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:

Leader: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: God the Son, you came that we might have life and have it more abundantly

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: God the Holy Spirit, you inhabit our bodies as a temple of your presence.

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled that they may be made whole.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Return to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin in our lives, in our nation, and in our world.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Bless all who attend to the suffering and needy, granting them wisdom, skill, sympathy, and patience.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Leader: Give to the dying peace and a holy death and uphold by your grace and consolation those who are bereaved.

People: Hear us Lord

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for *The Church of Pakistan (United)*

People: May God bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *St. John's, in Globe.*

People: May God bless and keep them.

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who called this area home.

People: May God bless and keep them.

Presider: Lord our God, accept the sincere prayers of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

The Peace:

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: And Also with you.

(The people exchange greetings of peace)

Offertory: “*Blest are the pure in heart*”,

#656

Presider Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology #380 vs 3 (*Peoples’ offerings are brought to the altar*)

**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 Lord’s Supper: The Great Thanksgiving - EOW 3

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982 # S124

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them

from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon these gifts (+) of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise:

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

CONTEMPORARY LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven, Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread: (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

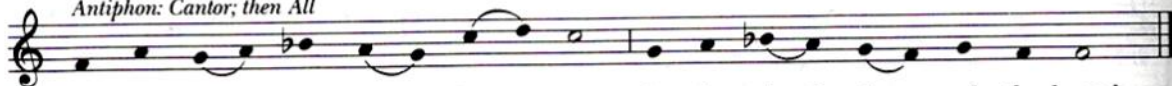
Fraction Anthem

#S171

Fraction Anthem: Be known to us

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

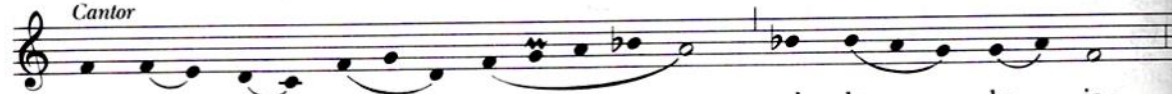


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Setting: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: *This is not my table, this is not St. Stephen's church's table. This is Christ's Table. Jesus invites you to come forward and receive the bread and the wine in this place.*

Communion Hymn “*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*”

#324

Please come forward to the rail and stand or kneel. Put out your hand to receive the bread, hold onto the bread if you also would like wine from the chalice. Please dip/intinct the bread into the wine and then consume it. If you do not wish to have the wine, you may eat your bread when you receive it. You may instead of receiving the bread and wine, receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. After receiving communion or blessing, return to your seat.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer:

Presider: *Let us pray:*

All: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Benediction:

Presider: *The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ’s hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.*

Closing Hymn: “*Blest are They*”,

G#636

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the power of God’s Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude: “*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*”, by J. Rankin

