



## 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.*



Be the  
**Salt**  
OF THE  
**Earth**  
Be the  
**& Light**  
OF THE  
**World**  
**Matthew 5:13-20**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
Saturday 5pm - Feb 4 and Sunday 11am - Feb 5, 2023

**Prelude:** *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*, tune Charles Gabriel, arr Robert Hughes  
**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:**

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Readings:** *(Please be seated)*

### **First Reading: A reading from the book Isaiah 58:1-9a**

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced  
righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of  
their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do  
not notice?”  
Look, you serve your own interest on  
your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to  
fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on  
high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bul-  
rush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the  
hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into  
your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your  
own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the  
dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up  
quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your  
rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will  
answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will  
say, Here I am.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 112:1-9** *(Read aloud in unison)*

**1 Hallelujah!**

**Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!**

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

**3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.**

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

**5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.**

**6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

**7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the Lord.**

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

**9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.**

**Second Reading: A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians**

**(1 Corinthians 2:1-12):**

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew (5:13-20):**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *St. Francis-in-the-Valley, in Green Valley*

**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:** “ *This little light of mine*”,

**G#514**

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

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*)

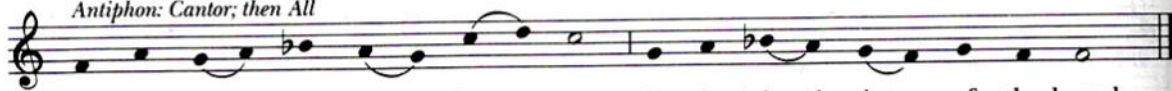
Fraction Anthem

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**Fraction Anthem: Be known to us**

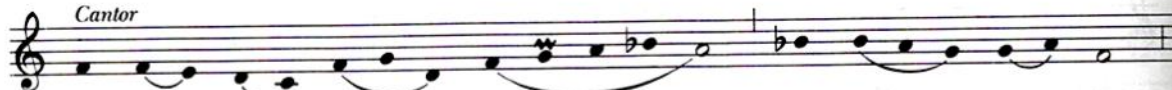
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*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*



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

*Cantor*

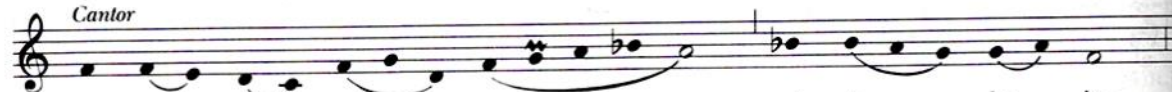


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



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** “*Make me a channel of your peace*”

**G#721**

*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:** “*Praise to the living God!*”,

**#372**

### **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!

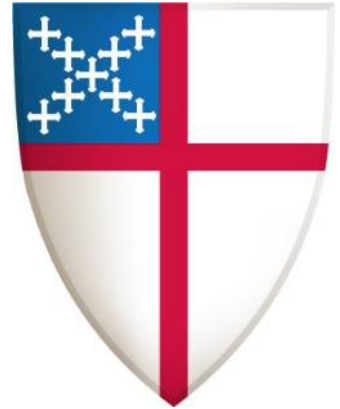
**People:**    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude:    “*Sound The Call*”,           by William Barnett

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