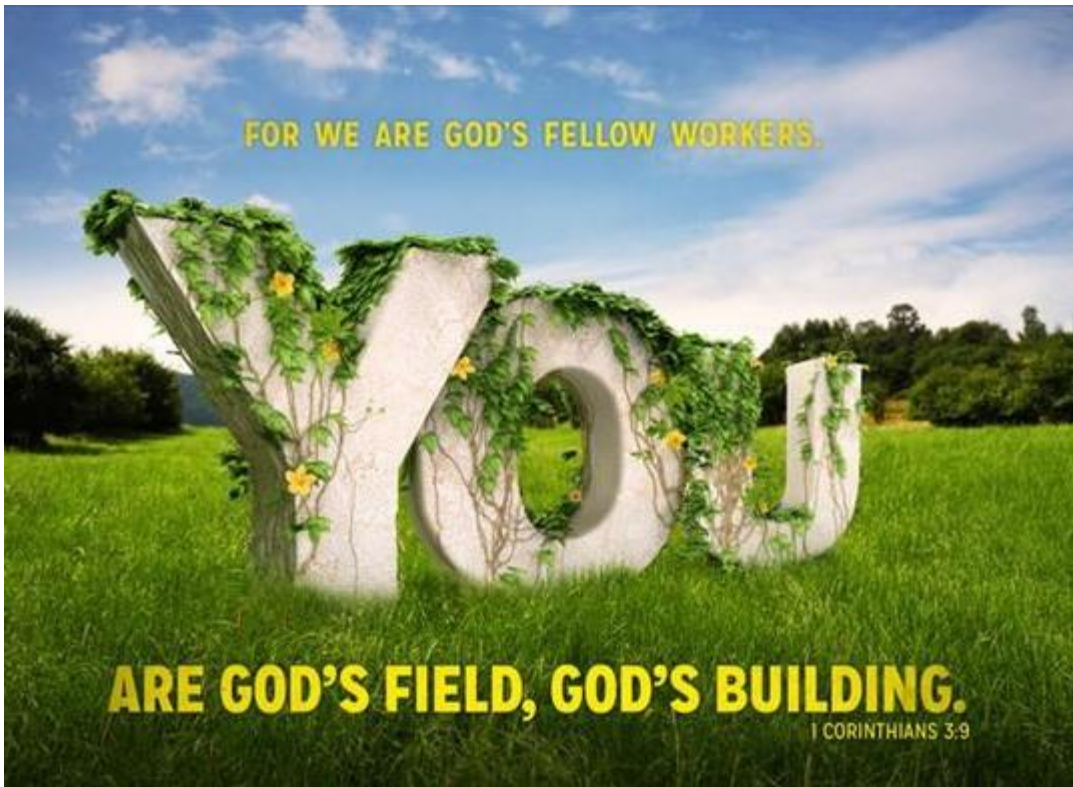




Season of Epiphany

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



FOR WE ARE GOD'S FELLOW WORKERS.

ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING.

I CORINTHIANS 3:9

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday 5pm - Feb 11 and Sunday 11am - Feb 12, 2023

Prelude: "Soldiers of Christ Arise", tune Diademata, arr David Paxton

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:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 Sirach 15:15-20

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.
He has placed before you fire and water;
stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.
Before each person are life and death,
and whichever one chooses will be given.
For great is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is mighty in power and sees everything;
his eyes are on those who fear him,
and he knows every human action.
He has not commanded anyone to be wicked,
and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 *(Read aloud in unison)*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, ***
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees ***
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, ***
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, ***
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct ***
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, ***
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, ***
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; ***
do not utterly forsake me.

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

(1 Corinthians 3:1-9):

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Matthew (5:21-37):

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

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines*.

People: May God bless and keep them.

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

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)

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

Offertory: *"I come with joy to meet my lord",*

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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:

**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*)

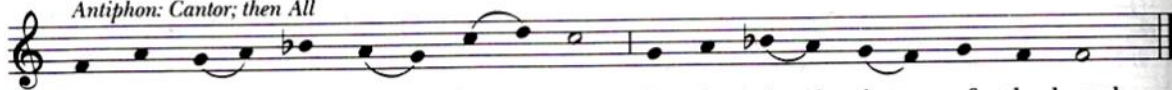
Fraction Anthem

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Fraction Anthem: Be known to us

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

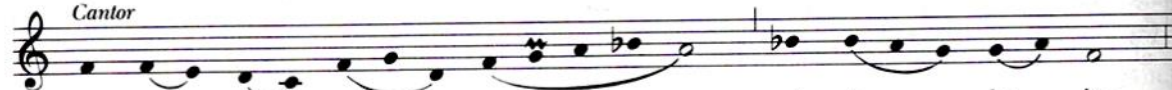


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



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 *“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”*,

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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: *“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”*,

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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: *“Brethren We Have Met To Worship”*, tune Holy Manna 1835, arr

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