

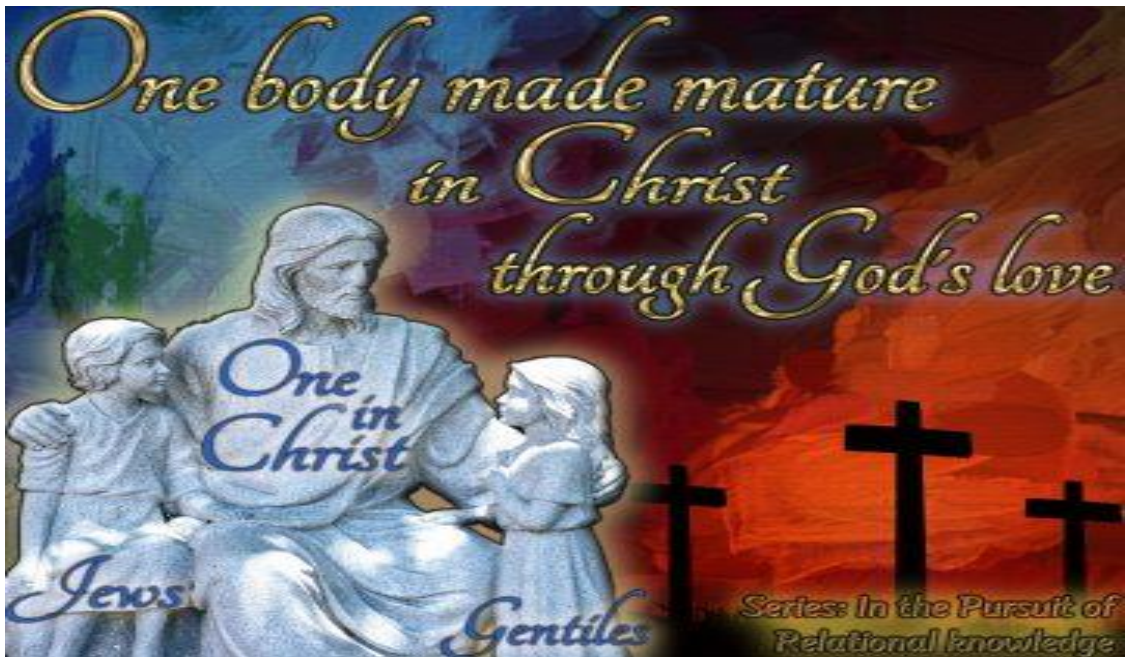
Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## The Fourth Sunday after 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.*

Saturday 27 Jan 5pm and Sunday 28 Jan 10am 2024



Prelude Music: "Adagio",

W. A. Mozart

Welcome and Announcements -

The Rev. Allison Cornell

## The Greeting

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

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

Presider "Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."—Isaiah 60: 3.

## Gloria:

### The Collect of the Day

#### 519 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name!  
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn  
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son.



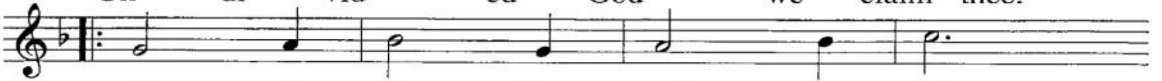
Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
 An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee,



All on earth thy scep - ter claim,  
 Cher - u - bim and Ser - a - phim  
 While in es - sence on - ly One,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee.



In - fi - nite thy vast do - main,  
 Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord:  
 And a - dor - ing bend the knee,



Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 While we own the mys - ter - y.

Presider *The Lord be with you.*  
People **And also with you.**

Presider *Let us pray.*

**All: 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 Lessons from Scripture** (*please be seated for the lessons*)

**First Reading:** from the book of **Isaiah (16:1-5)** :

"Send a lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela, from the wilderness, to the mount of Daughter Zion.

And it will be that like a wandering bird pushed from the nest, so shall the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon.

Receive counsel, daughter; grant justice; make your shade like night at the midpoint of moon, daughter.

Daughter, shelter the outcasts, the fugitive, do not expose.

Let them settle among you, daughter, the outcasts of Moab; be a shelter to them from the destroyer." For when the violence is no more, and destruction has ceased, and those who trample have vanished from the land, then in faithful love shall a throne be established and on it one shall sit in faithfulness in the tent of David, rendering judgment and seeking justice and swift to do right.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33: 11-22**

**11 The counsel of the JUST ONE stands for all time,  
the thoughts of her heart to all generations.**

**12 Happy is the nation for whom the CREATOR OF ALL is their God,  
the people whom she has chosen as her heritage.**

**13 From the heavens the MOST HIGH looks down;  
she sees all the woman-born.**

**14 From her eternal throne she gazes upon**

- all who dwell upon the earth.
- 15 She who fashions their hearts alike  
is the one who discerns all their doings.
- 16 A monarch is not saved by a great army;  
warrior is not delivered by great strength
- 17 False hope is a horse for salvation,  
and its great might cannot save.
- 18 Look, the eye of the FAITHFUL ONE is on those who revere her,  
on those who hope in her faithful love,
- 19 to deliver their souls from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for SHE WHO SAVES;  
she is our help and shield.
- 21 In her is our heart glad,  
because we trust in her holy Name.
- 22 Let your faithful love, COMPASSIONATE GOD, be upon us,  
for it is you in whom we trust.

**Second Reading:** from the Epistle of **Ephesians (3:1-6):**

For this reason am I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, for the sake of you Gentiles. Surely you have heard of the commission to disseminate God's grace that was given to me for you all: through revelation was the mystery made known to me as I wrote briefly. Moreover, reading this, you all will be able to comprehend my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to the woman-born, as it has now been revealed to the women and men who are God's holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become coinheritors, are of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke (3:21-23, 31-38 ):**

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

Now when all the people were baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him bodily in the shape of a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Now Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the child of [Mary and,] as was thought, of Joseph the child of Heli, son of Nathan, the child of [Bathsheba and] David, the child of Jesse, the child of Obed, the child of [Ruth and] Boaz, the child of [Rahab and] Sala, the child of Nahshon, the child of Amminadab, the child of Admin, the child of Arni, the child of Hezron, the child of Perez, the child of [Tamar and] Judah, the child of [Leah and] Jacob, the child of [Rebekah and] Isaac, the child of [Sarah and] Abraham, the child of Terah, the child of Nahor, the child of Serug, the child of Reu, the child of Peleg, the child of Eber, the child of Shelah, the child of Cainan, the child of Arphaxad, the child of Shem, the child of Noah, the child of Lamech, the child of Methuselah, the child of Enoch, the child of Jared, the child of Mahalaleel, the child of Cainan, the child of Enos, the child of Seth, the child of [Eve and] Adam, the child of God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Sermon (Keith Saare)**

## **The Nicene Creed** *All say together*

**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**

**Leader:** Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ. As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”;

**People:** **Empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.**

**Leader:** As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child;

**People:** **send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.**

**Leader:** As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan,

**People:** **we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.**

**Leader:** Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth;

**People: we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries and other happy occasions.**

Leader: As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world;

**People: we pray for healing of the sick and comfort for the distressed, relief for the poor, and good news for the desperate.**

Leader: As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, everything of their former life, and follow him;

**People: we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus into your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.**

Leader: In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa**. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. Raphael in the Valley, Benson**. With honor and respect we remember the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O’odham, who call this area home.

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

Presider: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## **Exchange of the Peace**

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you*

All **And also with you.**

*(The Ministers and People exchange socially distant signs of peace (peace sign, namaste, virtual hug)*

## **Offertory**

Presider: *Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.*

**Offertory Music:** *“My God, Thy table now is spread“*

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## The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Rite II Prayer B BCP p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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:

*All:* *Sanctus - Hymnal 1982 #S-125*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest**

*The people stand, sit, or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts (+) that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (+) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

## **Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread**

*(In silence the Presider breaks the bread)*

*Fraction Anthem*

*H1982 # S-155*

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

## **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(In this church, everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion.*

*Gluten free bread and real wine are used. If you prefer to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, please come to the left altar rail. If you prefer to take a sip of wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you prefer to receive a priest blessing instead of the bread and wine, come to either rail and cross your arms over your chest. .*

Communion Music - *“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing“*

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## **Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitudes**

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider: Let us pray: *Presider and People*

**Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you united things earthly and things heavenly. Fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, that we may join the heavenly host in singing praises to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Presider says*

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. And may Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *“I sing the almighty power of God”*

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## Dismissal

Deacon: *Let us go forth in the peace and spirit of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!*

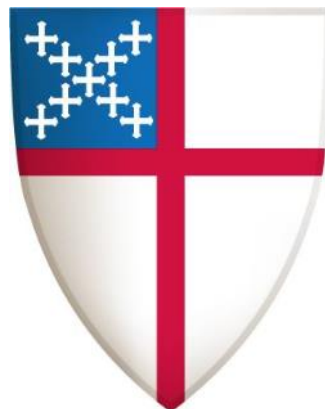
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Postlude: *“All Things Bright and Beautiful”*, tune Royal Oak, arr Lani Smith

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