

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## The Third Sunday after Epiphany (And Annual meeting)

*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 20 Jan 5pm and Sunday 21 Jan 10am 2024



Prelude Music: *"There Is A Balm in Gilead"*, tune: African American Spiritual,  
arr June Stanton

**Welcome and Announcements -**

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**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.



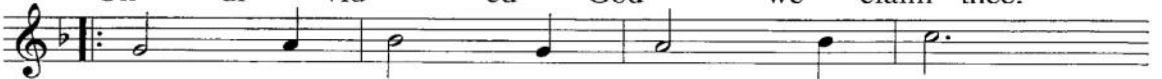
Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
 An - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name thee,



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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

**First Reading:** from the book of **Zephaniah (3:14-20):**

Sing aloud, daughter of Zion; shout, all ye Israel! Rejoice, daughter, and exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The JUDGE OF ALL FLESH has taken away the judgments against you, and has turned away your enemies, daughter. The sovereign of Israel, CREATOR OF THE HEAVENS AND EARTH, is in your midst, daughter; no longer shall you fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Fear not, Zion; do not let your hands grow weak, daughter. The AGELESS ONE, your God, is in your midst, daughter, a warrior who will deliver salvation; who will rejoice over you with gladness, daughter, God will renew you in love, daughter; God will exult over you, daughter, with loud singing.

Those who are grieved on account of the festivals, I will remove from you, daughter, so, daughter, that you will not bear their reproach. | will deal with all your oppressors, daughter, at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you all home, at the time when I gather all of you; for I will make you all renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before all of your eyes, says the GOD WHO IS SALVATION.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 17:6-9, 13, 5**

**6 I call upon you, for you will answer me, God;  
extend your ear to me, hear my words.**

**7 Make your wondrous faithful love known,  
Savior of those who seek refuge at your right hand,  
from those who raise themselves up [against them].**

**8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,**

**9 From the wicked who despoil me,  
my mortal enemies who surround me.**

**13 Rise up, HOLY PROTECTOR, confront them, overthrow them!  
Deliver my soul from the sword of wicked.**

**15 As for me, in righteousness shall I behold your face;  
I shall be satisfied when I wake, having seen your likeness**

**Second Reading: from the Epistle of 1 Timothy (4:1-6, 9-10):**

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will leave the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created for receiving with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing for rejection, rather received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer. Lay these things out to the sisters and brothers; you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.

This is a faithful saying and worthy of acceptance. Therefore for this we toil and struggle, because we hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

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

## **Gospel Reading Mark (1:29-31):**

**Deacon:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**

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

Immediately after Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now the mother of Simon's wife was in bed with a fever, and immediately they told Jesus about her. Jesus came and lifted her up, taking her by the hand. Then the fever left her and she ministered to them.

**Deacon:** The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

### **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 Church of South India (United)**. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. Paul’s, in Winslow**. 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:** *“Come thou font of every blessing“*

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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 - “There is a balm in Gilead“**

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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** *“All my hope on God is founded”*

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## Dismissal

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

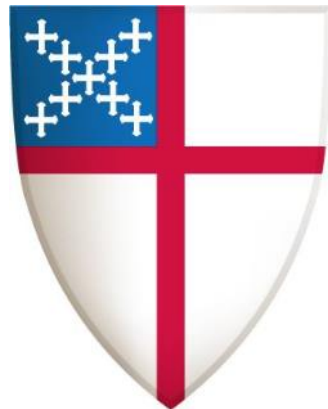
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Postlude: *“It Is Well With My Soul”*, by Philip Bliss, arr Bob Krogstad

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