

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*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, 16 March 5pm & Sunday, 17 March 10am 2024



Prelude Music: "O all Ye Works of God", tune Irish melody from *The English Hymnal 1906*

Welcome and Announcements -

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The Rev. Allison Cornell

**Entrance Rites** (*The people stand as they are able.*)

Opening Hymn *"Jerusalem my happy home"*

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## Salutation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People: **His mercy endureth forever**

## Opening Acclamation:

Presider Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

## Confession:

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,**

**we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name.  
Amen.**

Presider: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy - Steve Merkel

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on me.

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## **The Lessons –** *(please be seated)*

### **Psalm for today: Psalm 148**

- 1 Praise the ALMIGHTY!**  
Praise the EXALTED from the heavens;  
praise her on the heights!
- 2 Praise her, all her angels;**  
praise her, all her starry warriors!
- 3 Praise her, sun and moon;**  
praise her, all you stars of light!
- 4 Praise her, you highest heavens,**  
and you waters above the heavens!
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the MIGHTY GOD,**  
for she commanded and they were created.
- 6 She established them forever and ever;**  
she set boundaries that cannot be crossed.
- 7 Praise the CREATOR OF ALL**  
from the earth,  
sea monsters and all watery deeps,
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and frost,**  
swirling wind fulfilling her word!
- 9 Mountains and all hills,**  
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Animals wild and tame,**  
creeping things and winged birds!
- 11 Queens and kings of the earth and all peoples,**  
royal seed and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young women and men alike,**  
aged and young together!
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the ETERNAL,**  
for her name alone is exalted; her glory is above the earth and the heavens.
- 14 She has raised up a horn for her people,**  
praise for all her faithful,  
for the daughters and sons of Israel who are close to her.  
Praise the ALMIGHTY!

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **First Lesson: A Reading from Isaiah (51:1-8):**

Listen to me, all you that pursue righteousness, all you that seek the AUTHOR OF LIFE. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who writhed-in-labor for you all; he

was just one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the GOD WHO SAVES has comforted Zion; she has comforted all her waste places.

And she shall make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the CREATOR OF ALL; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of song. [Sorrow and mourning will flee away.] Listen to me, my people, and my nation, to me give heed; for a teaching shall from me go forth, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will do so suddenly. My deliverance is near, my salvation has gone forth and my arms will govern the peoples; for me the coastlands wait, and upon my arm they await.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look to the earth below. For the heavens like smoke will vanish, the earth like a garment will wear out, and those who live on it will die like gnats; yet my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be broken. Listen to me, you who know righteousness, you people who have my teaching in your hearts; fear not the reproach of others, and when they revile you, do not be dismayed.

For like a garment a moth will devour them, and like wool a worm will consume them; yet my deliverance will be forever, and my salvation to all generations.

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

### **Second Lesson: A Reading from Romans (11:13-24):**

Now to you Gentiles am I speaking. Since I am, on the one hand, an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry in order to make my own in the flesh jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what is their acceptance but life from the dead? If the first fruits are holy, then the whole batch is holy, and if the root is holy, thus are the branches also.

Now, if some of the branches were broken off and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted among them to share the oil-rich root of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. If you should boast: It is not you that bears up the root, rather the root bears you up. You may say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." Well then, through unbelief were they broken off while you stand only through faithfulness. So be not proud, rather be in awe. For if God did not spare the natural branches, God may not spare you. Behold the graciousness and the sternness of God: toward those who have fallen,

sternness, while toward you, graciousness, provided you continue in that graciousness; otherwise, you also will be cut off. And yet, if they do not remain in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. For if you out of what is by nature a wild olive tree have been cut and, contrary to nature, grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree?

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 (13: 18-21):**

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus asked, "What is the realm of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and tossed in the garden and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

Speaking again Jesus said, "To what should I compare the realm of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**(Dorothy Gutwein)**

## The Apostles' Creed

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived  
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He  
descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into  
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to  
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Leader Let us pray.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

**R. Thy saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Church in Wales.**

People: **Lord, be with them.**

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

People: **Lord, be with them**

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahono O'odham peoples who called this area home.

People: **For greater understanding and cooperation between us towards the common good for all.**

### **Collect Of the Day**

Presider: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Exchange of the Peace**

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Offertory:**

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Hymn: *"When all thy mercies, O my God"* **#415**

### **Doxology**

All:

**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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.*

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Presider and People:* **SANTUS**

*(Tune "Land of Rest")*

## 207 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two lines. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic foundation with block chords and simple moving lines.



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make;

**All: Having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify (+), with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

**All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, (+) and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.**

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*(Presider breaks the consecrated bread in silence)*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #S163

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: *“We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing”*  
**#433**

*Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers and Gratitude*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

Presider:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all forever more. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *“Tell out my soul”* **#438**

### **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 name of Christ

**People Thanks be to God.**

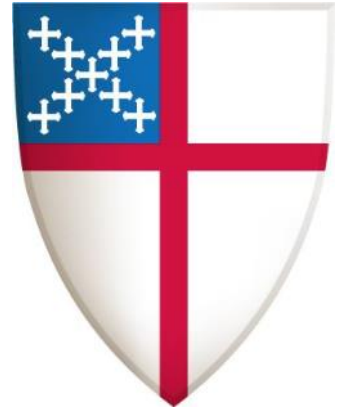
Postlude: *“He Is The Way, tune from New Dance”*, by Richard Wetzell

*Sundays join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall*

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