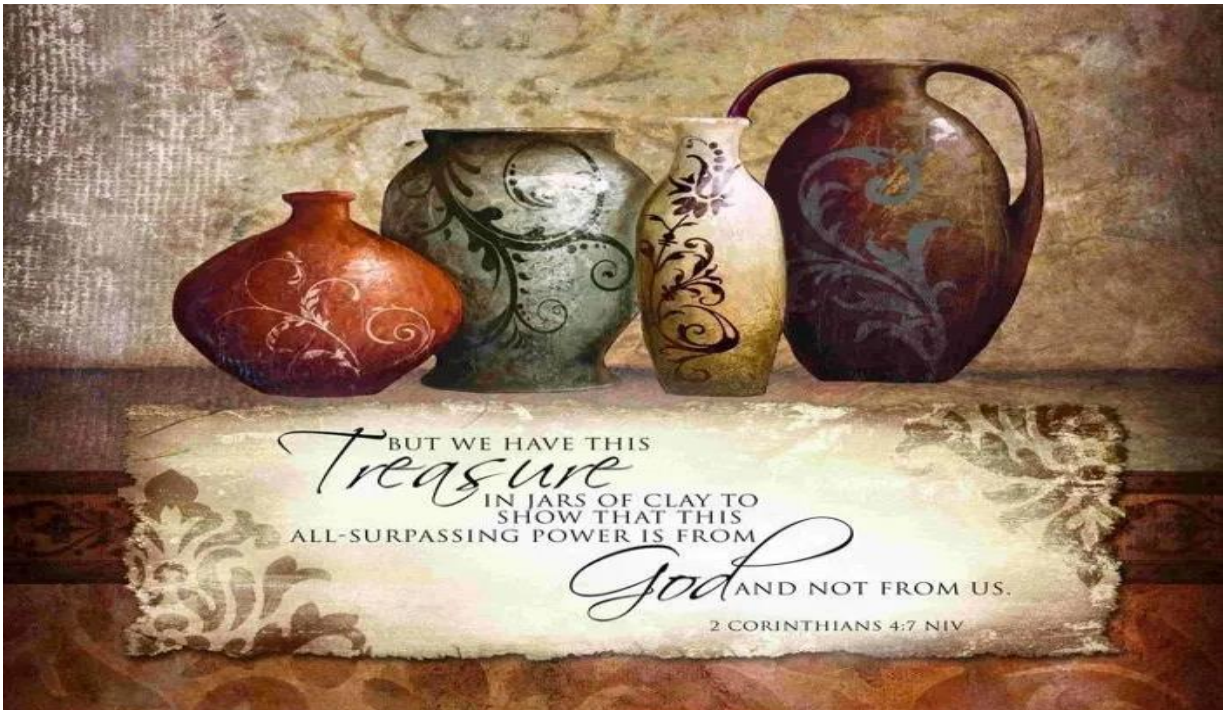




Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Saturday, 20 April 5pm & Sunday, 21 April, 10 AM 2024



Prelude: *"The Heart Worships"*, Gustav Holst

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Opening Song: *"Christ is made the sure foundation"*,

#518

Salutation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider: 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 you Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria—

H1982 #S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

All: **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each
by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word: *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

First Lesson: A Reading from the Book Deuteronomy (18:15-22):

A prophet from among you, from your own kin, like me, shall the MAJESTIC ONE your God raise up for you; you all shall heed such a prophet. This is according to everything you asked of the MIGHTY ONE your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "Not again, to hear the voice of the HOLY ONE OF OLD, my God, or this great fire see again, lest I die."

Then the HOLY ONE said to me: "They have done well in what they said. A prophet I shall raise up for them from among their own kin, like you, and I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. And it shall be that anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I shall attend to them. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall surely die." Should you say within your heart, "How can we recognize a word that the MOST HIGH has not spoken?" If a prophet speaks in the name of the WISDOM OF THE AGES but the thing does not happen or come about, it is a word that the ONE GOD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; do not fear it.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm:

Psalm: 9:9-14 (read in unison)

9 SHE WHO IS FAITHFUL is a stronghold for the oppressed,

A stronghold in times of trouble

10 They trust you, they who know your name,

for you do not forsake those who seek you REDEEMING GOD.

11 Sing praises to the HOLY ONE enthroned in Zion.

Declare her deeds among the peoples.

13 Be gracious to me, GRACIOUS ONE.

See what I suffer from those who hate me.

14 You lift me up from the gates of death,

so that I may recount all your praises,

and in the gates of Daughter Zion,

rejoice in your salvation.

Second Lesson: From the Epistle to the 2 Corinthians (4:7-12):

Now we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that this supreme power is God's and not of us. In every way are we oppressed, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; knocked down, but not destroyed; always bearing forth in the body the death of Jesus, in order that the life of Jesus might also be revealed in our bodies. Always, for as long as we live, we are being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be revealed in our mortal flesh. Thus, death is at work in us, but life in you all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (7:18-23):*

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now, the disciples of John brought news of all these things [that Jesus raised a person from the dead] to John. And John called two in particular among his disciples. He sent them to the Messiah to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" When the disciples had come to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptizer has sent us to you to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" By that time Jesus had cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and to many blind persons he gave sight. So, Jesus answered them, "Go and take this news to John, what you have seen and heard: those who were blind receive sight, those who were lame walk, those who were diseased-in-skin are cleansed, those who were deaf hear, those who were dead are raised, those who are poor have good news proclaimed to them.

And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

Nicene Creed: *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

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: Gracious God, you have called us to abide in your life and to bear witness to Christ working in mysterious ways in our lives.

People: Grant that the church may reveal your love though Jesus that we might live in him and bear much fruit of the spirit as a result.

Leader: Light of the World, dominion belongs to you, for you rule over all the nations

People: Raise up bold witnesses like those first disciples who testify to everyone about the good news which is completed in love so that peace may abound in our time.

Leader: Attentive vine-grower, you tend the branches and fruit of your vine extending to the ends of the earth.

People: Let your loving attention reach out to all people who live in suffering and threatening conditions, that they may be restored to wholeness and fruitfulness.

Leader: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God

People: Inspire all in our community to seek to expand the fruits of compassion and care so that those in need shall eat and be satisfied and that all the ends of the earth shall recognize and turn to the Lord.

Leader: Gather into your abundant and eternal banquet all who have died,

People: May their hearts and souls be filled and live forever with you.

Leader: You have loved us first and called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We lift up to you the following people:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *The Church of Australia*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *St. John the Baptist in Glendale*.

For the first peoples who live in our area of Arizona, especially the Tohono O'odham and Apache peoples, that we may live and minister together for our mutual benefit.

People: Eternal and Loving God, accept the wishes of our hearts as we pray faithfully that God is love and God's perfect love casts out all fear.

Presider: You have planted us in the nurturing ground of your steadfast love, O God, and grafted us into the life of your resurrected son Jesus Christ our savior. Keep us evermore abiding within your spirit of love that we may bear the fruit of your reconciliation for all that is and is to come, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

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

People **And also with you**

The Offertory:

Presider *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God.*

Offertory Song "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

G#610

Doxology #380 vs. 3

**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 BCP Rite 2A*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus -

Hymnal 1982 #S-128

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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)*

Fraction Anthem : Hymnal 1982 #S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. We have two different ways to receive communion. First way = go to the right of the altar, receive the bread, eat the bread, then take a sip of wine from the cup. Second way = go to the left of the altar, receive the bread, dip the bread in the wine in the cup and then eat the bread. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. Bread is gluten free).

Communion Hymn: *"The King of love my shepherd is"* #645

Prayers for:

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, Travelers, and Gratitude

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

Presider; Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *"Come Christians Join to Sing"* {see insert >>}

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 into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: *"Be The Centre"*, Michael Frye arr Garrett Parker

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

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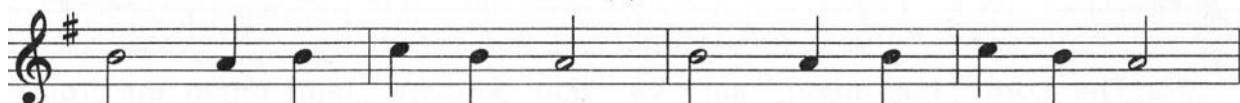
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1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
 3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain;
- } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Loud praise to Christ our King;
 2. Let prais-es fill the sky;
 3. Life shall not end the strain;
- } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re-joice;
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at-tend;
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a-dore,



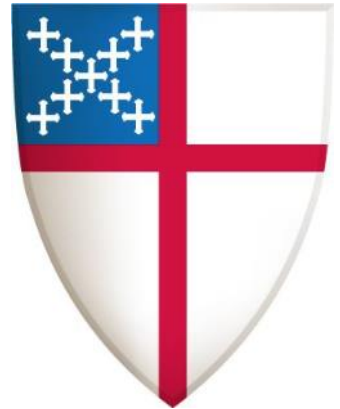
1. Praise is his gra-cious choice:
 2. His love shall nev - er end:
 3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more:
- } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: 66 66 D; Christian H. Bateman, 1813-1889, alt. Music: Anon. melody, Philadelphia, 1826.

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