



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

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Saturday, 27 April 5pm & Sunday, 28 April, 10 AM 2024**

Prelude: Meditation on "Chereponi", Ghanaian folk melody arr. Richard Blake

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## 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— "Glory to God"

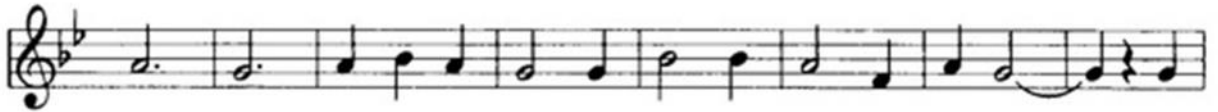
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to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



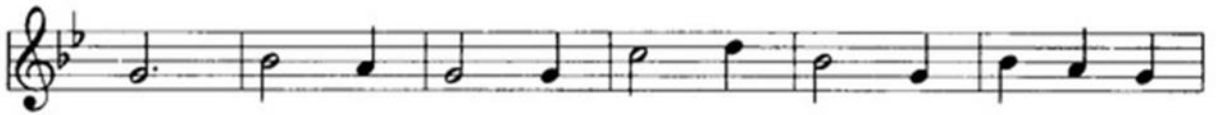
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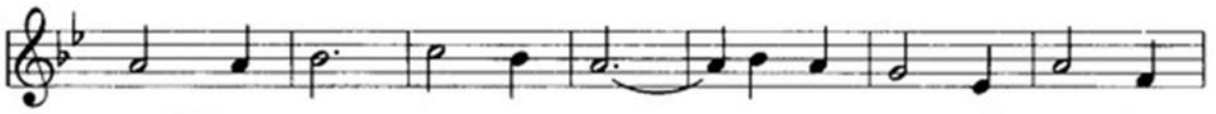
to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord



God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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**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 (28:1-14):**

Now then, it shall be that if you truly heed the voice of the HOLY ONE your God, to be watchful and to perform all God's commandments that I am commanding you today, then the SOVEREIGN ONE your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the JUST ONE your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field.  
Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock,

both the calving of your cattle and the lambing of your flock.  
Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The FAITHFUL ONE will set up your enemies who stand against you to be struck before you; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The CREATOR OF ALL will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake. God will bless you in the land that the HOLY ONE your God is giving you. The HOLY ONE will establish you as a people holy to God, just as God has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the RIGHTEOUS ONE your God and walk in God's ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the MOST HIGH, and they shall fear you.

The GRACIOUS ONE shall grant you excess out of goodness, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the AGELESS ONE swore to your mothers and fathers to give you. The GENEROUS ONE will open for you the rich storehouse of God, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The SOVEREIGN will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom, if you heed the commandments of the WORTHY ONE your God, which I am commanding you today, to be watchful and to perform them. And do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, to follow other gods to serve them.

Reader The Word of the Lord                      People Thanks be to God

## **The Psalm:**

**Psalm: 147:12-20 (read in unison)**

**12 Praise the EVER-LIVING GOD, O Jerusalem!**

**Praise your God, O Zion!**

**13 For she strengthens the bars of your gates;  
she blesses your children within you.**

**14 She sets peace at your border;  
she satisfies you with the finest of wheat.**

**15 She sends forth her word to the earth;  
her word runs swiftly.**

- 16 She lays down snow like wool;  
she scatters frost like ashes.**
- 17 She hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before her cold?**
- 18 She sends forth her word, and melts them;  
she makes her wind blow, and the waters flow.**
- 19 She declares her word to Rebekah's line,  
her statutes and ordinances to Sarah's seed.**
- 20 She has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know her ordinances.**
- Praise the WISDOM OF THE AGES!**

**Second Lesson: From the Epistle to the 2 Corinthians (4:13-15):**

Now we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture: "I believed, and so I spoke"; and we believe, and so we speak. We know that the one who raised Jesus the Messiah will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you all into the presence of Jesus. Indeed, the whole is for your sake so grace through many more may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God.

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 John (5:25-29):*

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

"Truly, truly, I tell you all, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Living God has life internally, just so God has granted the Son to have life internally. And God has given the Son authority to render justice, because he is the Son of Woman. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment.

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 through 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 Bangladesh.*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *St. John's, in Globe.*

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 "One Lord"

**G#667**

**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.**

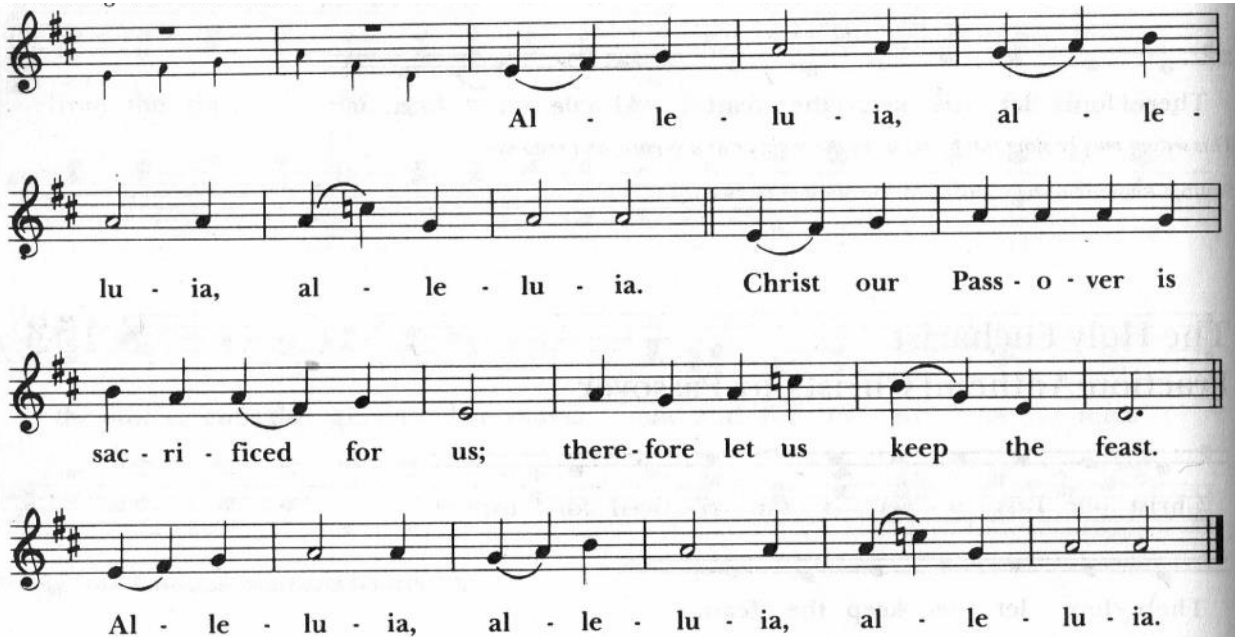
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread** (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

Fraction Anthem : Hymnal 1982 #S-155

## Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance



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.

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: *"I am the Bread of Life"*

**#335**

**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 “*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*” **G#616**

### **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!

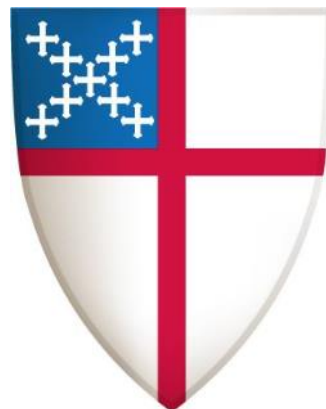
**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (*Alleluia!*)

Postlude: “*Festive Postlude*”, by Louis Daquin, Arr David Sarandon

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