



## The Season of **Epiphany**

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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

### **FEAST OF HARRIET BEDELL**

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**Harriet Bedell** (March 19, 1875 – January 8, 1969) was an Episcopal deaconess and [missionary](#) to the [Cheyenne](#) in Oklahoma, [Alaska Natives](#) (spending 15 years at a missionary school), and the [Seminole](#) of Florida. She is remembered on the [calendar of saints](#) of the [Episcopal Church in the United States of America](#) on January 8.

#### **Early life and education**

Harriet Bedell was born in [Buffalo, New York](#),<sup>[1]</sup> to a prominent local family (an uncle was a prominent hotelier). She went to local public schools and became a schoolteacher. In the early 1900s, she was inspired by preaching about vocations to [imperial China](#) and learned about the need for missionaries among the [Native Americans](#). In 1906<sup>[citation needed]</sup> Bedell studied at St. Faith's Training School for Deaconesses—begun in 1891<sup>[2]</sup> and renamed the New York

Training School for Deaconesses in 1908<sup>[3]</sup>—learning a range of topics from nutrition<sup>[citation needed]</sup> and hygiene to medicine and theology.<sup>[1]</sup>

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Opening Acclamation:**

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**Gloria:**

**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.**

### **Salutation:**

**Presider** God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Presider** Let us pray

### **Collect of the Day:** *(All, in unison)*

**Holy God, fill us with compassion and respect for all people, and empower us for the work of ministry whether near or far away; that like your servant Harriet Bedell, we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and by giving up ourselves to your service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Word of God:** *(please be seated)*

## **First Lesson: A reading from the book of Exodus (2:1–10):**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm: Psalm 93**

### **1 The Lord is King;**

**he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel  
and girded himself with strength.**

### **2 He has made the whole world so sure \***

**that it cannot be moved;**

### **3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.**

**4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

**5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

**6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
for ever and for evermore.**

**The Second Lesson: A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians (1:4-9):**

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew (5:38-48):**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

## **Nicene Creed** *(Contemporary Version)* 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;

**People: For our Bishops Sean, and Jennifer, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.**

Leader: Pray for the Church. *Silence*

Leader: I ask your prayers for peace;

**People: For goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.**

Leader: Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

Leader: I ask your prayers for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit:

**People: For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.**

Leader: Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

Leader: I ask your prayers for those who feel God's call in their hearts:

**People: For all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.**

Leader: Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

Leader: I ask your prayers for the departed

**People: For those we love but see no more.**

Leader: Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for *The Diocese of Lagos West – The Church of Nigeria.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *St. Paul's, in Tombstone.*

**People: May God bless and guide them.**

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O'Odham peoples who call this area home.

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

Leader: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

**People: May we have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin:**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people stand, sit, or kneel.*

**All: Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully, but so often we get lost or turn away. We try to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we frequently fail. We take the wrong path and stray from the ways of your love. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you. Amen.**

## **Absolution:**

*Presider:* God of Love, we return to you, and we accept your grace, we accept your pardon, we accept the gift of a new chance to follow in your pathways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

## The Offertory:

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

Offertory Hymn:

Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 3):

**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

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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 our thanks and praise.**

*Presider continues:*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

**You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

**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**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

**Living among us, Jesus loved us.**

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

**He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
*“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

*“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Now gathered at your table:

**O God of all creation, remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**



Pour out your Spirit (+) upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new Creation (+), the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

**In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (*Contemporary Lord's Prayer*)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done**

**On earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

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

Fraction: **ALL:**

***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: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.**

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. We have gluten free bread and real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left altar rail. To sip wine from the cup please come to the right altar rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

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

## **Post Communion Prayer:**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Benediction:**

Presider: God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

## **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!*)**

*Please join us Sunday morning for refreshments in the Parish Hall*

## **Career**

Upon completing her training, Bedell went to Oklahoma to become a missionary-teacher to the Cheyenne, since her mother balked at the prospect of an overseas posting. Thus, at the Whirlwind Mission (which had opened in 1897 and was named after a friendly chief), Bedell worked with deacon [David Pendleton Oakerhater](#), a Cheyenne himself, and cared for the sick and poor while performing religious services and teaching women and children. During her 10-year ministry among the Cheyenne, Bedell learned to appreciate their culture, and was adopted into the tribe and given the name *Vicsehia*,<sup>[4]</sup> meaning "Bird Woman."<sup>[5][6]</sup> However, she developed [tuberculosis](#) and was sent to Colorado to recover.

## **Alaska**

In 1916, Bedell accepted a remote post in [Stevens Village, Alaska](#), 40 [miles](#) (64 [km](#)) south of the [Arctic Circle](#). It was located between [Fort Yukon](#) and [Rampart](#). She worked alone there for three years with the Athabaskan people, and also helped to form an Episcopal boarding school for rural native children in nearby [Tanana](#), since many children could not travel to local schools. In 1922, Bedell traveled to [Portland, Oregon](#), and was formally ordained as a deaconess.

By 1931, the [Great Depression](#) adversely affected fundraising for the school, which depended on outside support. Bedell traveled back to New York to help raise money and succeeded in raising enough to pay off the school's debt, but not to continue operations, so it closed.<sup>[7]</sup>

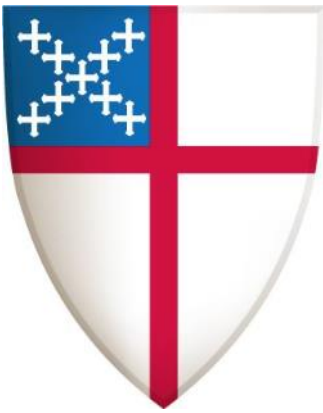
## **Florida**

Deaconess Bedell on the porch of the Mission of Our Savior, [Collier City, Florida](#)  
During her fundraising tours, Bedell visited a Seminole [Indian reservation](#) in [South Florida](#). She ended up returning in 1932, revitalizing the Glade Cross mission in [Everglades City](#), which had been established by Bishop [William Crane Gray](#) in 1898 and served by medical missionary Dr. William J. Godden until 1914.<sup>[8]</sup> She also established another mission, Our Savior in [Collier City](#)—now part of the city of Marco Island—which moved to [Goodland](#) when the former city disbanded in 1957. She worked with whites, [African Americans](#) and indigenous people in Southwest Florida for the next three decades.

The native [Mikasuki](#) gave Bedell the name *Inkoshopie* (meaning woman who prays) and learned to appreciate her advice, garden, and business acumen. Aghast at the local men along the [Tamiami Trail](#) who wrestled alligators for tourists, Bedell encouraged the tribe's women to revive the doll-making and [basket-weaving](#) skills. She also encouraged them to incorporate their brilliant patchwork designs into clothing for both men and women. She also helped them sell their work to the tourist trade—both through an arrangement with the [Collier Company](#) and by negotiating with northern department stores, as well as by fighting the sale of mislabeled import goods in local tourist outlets. Sales from the arts and crafts store at Glades Cross Mission thus helped provide income and improve members' self-respect, as well as preserve traditional ways.<sup>[9]</sup>

In 1947, Bedell gave the invocation at [President Harry S. Truman's](#) dedication of [Everglades National Park](#),<sup>[10]</sup> Although officially retired by the Board of Missions at age 72, she had arranged for the Glades mission to be funded by St. Stephens Episcopal Church in [Coconut Grove](#) in 1943 and continued her ministry well into her 80s. In 1960

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