



## WELCOME TO 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.*

### THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, 25 Jan, 5PM & Sunday, 26 Jan, 10am 2025



Prelude: "Let All The World In Every Corner Sing", tune MacDougall by Calvin Hampton

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## The Opening Hymn "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" **G#747**

*(please stand as you are able):*

### Opening Acclamation:

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria: *See Insert below*

**Refrain**

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -  
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. will. A - men. A - men.

**Verse 1**

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
1. Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

**Verse 2**

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God,  
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,  
2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand,

to verse 3 or refrain

2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3

3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

to Coda ⊕ or Refrain

3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

### Salutation:

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

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

**Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 Nehemiah (8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10):**

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with

interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm: Psalm 19**

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| <p><b>1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *</b><br/>and the firmament shows his handiwork.</p> <p><b>2 One day tells its tale to another, *</b><br/>and one night imparts knowledge to another.</p> <p><b>3 Although they have no words or language, *</b><br/>and their voices are not heard,</p> <p><b>4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *</b><br/>and their message to the ends of the world.</p> <p><b>5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *</b><br/>it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;<br/>it rejoices like a champion to run its course.</p> <p><b>6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens</b><br/>and runs about to the end of it again; *<br/>nothing is hidden from its burning heat.</p> <p><b>7 The law of the Lord is perfect</b></p> | <p><b>and revives the soul; *</b><br/>the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.</p> <p><b>8 The statutes of the Lord are just</b><br/>and rejoice the heart; *<br/>the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.</p> <p><b>9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *</b><br/>the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.</p> <p><b>10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *</b><br/>sweeter far than honey,<br/>than honey in the comb.</p> <p><b>11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *</b><br/>and in keeping them there is great reward.</p> <p><b>12 Who can tell how often he offends? *</b><br/>cleanse me from my secret faults.</p> <p><b>13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;</b><br/>let them not get dominion over me; *<br/>then shall I be whole and sound,</p> |
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and innocent of a great offense.  
14 Let the words of my mouth and  
the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*

O Lord, my strength and my  
redeemer.

**The Second Lesson: A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians (12:12-31a)**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:14-21**

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**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 Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.*

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

**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: **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** #362

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):

*Sanctus: Presider and People:*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
 earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
 san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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.**





### **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.)*

**Choir Anthem: "I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord" #304**

**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: "O For a Thousand Tongues" #493**

### **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: "Grateful", by Mark Hayes

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

