



## 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, 22 Feb, 5PM & Sunday, 23 Feb, 10am 2025



Prelude: *“Marche Triumphal”* by Jaques Lemmens, arr Gerard Aloheenaar

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

# Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

## The Opening Hymn: "All Are Welcome"

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(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,

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses Final Coda

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)*

**O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

#### First Lesson: A reading from the book of Genesis (45:3-11, 15):

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come

down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm: Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42**

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| <p><b>1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *<br/>do not be jealous of those who do wrong.</b></p> <p><b>2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *<br/>and like the green grass fade away.</b></p> <p><b>3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *<br/>dwell in the land and feed on its riches.</b></p> <p><b>4 Take delight in the Lord, *<br/>and he shall give you your heart's desire.</b></p> <p><b>5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *<br/>and he will bring it to pass.</b></p> <p><b>6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *<br/>and your just dealing as the noonday.</b></p> <p><b>7 Be still before the Lord *<br/>and wait patiently for him.</b></p> <p><b>8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *<br/>the one who succeeds in evil schemes.</b></p> | <p><b>9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *<br/>do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.</b></p> <p><b>10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *<br/>but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.</b></p> <p><b>11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *<br/>you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.</b></p> <p><b>12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *<br/>they will delight in abundance of peace.</b></p> <p><b>41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *<br/>he is their stronghold in time of trouble.</b></p> <p><b>42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *<br/>he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.</b></p> |
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## **The Second Lesson: A reading from 1 Corinthians (15:35-38,42-50):**

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 6:27-38**

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

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will

not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *St. Philip's in the Hills, 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: ***"Now the Green Blade Riseth"***

**#204**

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.**

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 Anthem:

\*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer-cy on us. 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.)

**Communion Hymn: "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread" #321**

**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: "All My Hope in God is Founded" #665**

**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!*)**

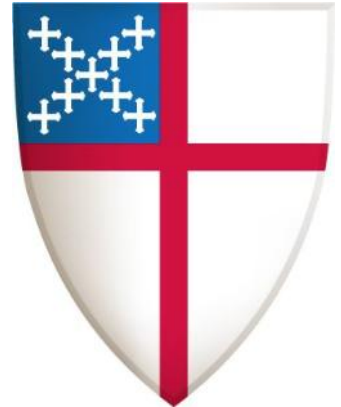
Postlude: "*Out of the Depths I Call*", by Samuel Howard (1710-1782)

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

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