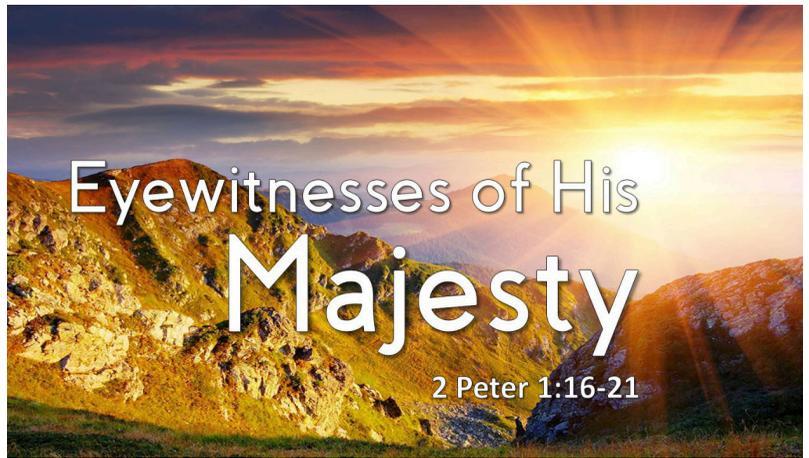


**ST. STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



# Eyewitnesses of His Majesty

2 Peter 1:16-21

## 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.*

## SIXTH (THE LAST) SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY

**Saturday 14 Feb 5pm & Sunday 15 Feb 2026, 10am**

	<b>Saturday 5pm</b>	<b>Sunday 10am</b>
<b>Celebrant/Officiant</b>	<b>Fr. Bernal</b>	<b>(Fr. Henri Capdeville)</b>
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon</b>	<b>Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon</b>
<b>LEM</b>	<b>Tim Holsonback</b>	<b>Nancy Rea</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Jeff Speer</b>	<b>Peggy Brown</b>
<b>Music Director</b>		<b>Doreen Oberg</b>
<b>Choir</b>		<b>Pat Wick Renee Olejnicak Doreen Oberg + you</b>

**Prelude: "Worthy", by Todd Beany**



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

*Presider:* Lord, have mercy.

*People:* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider:* Lord, have mercy.

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider & People:* **O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **1st Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Exodus (24:12-18)**

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So, Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

# The Psalm

## Psalm 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

**Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?**

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*  
**against the Lord and against his Anointed?**

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*

**"let us cast off their bonds from us."**

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*

**the Lord has them in derision.**

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*

**and his rage fills them with terror.**

6 "I myself have set my king \*

**upon my holy hill of Zion."**

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*

**he said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.**

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

**and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*

**and shatter them like a piece of pottery."**

10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*

**be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*

**and with trembling bow before him;**

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*

**for his wrath is quickly kindled.**

13 Happy are they all \*

**who take refuge in him!**

## 2nd Lesson: Reading from the book of 2 Peter (1:16-21):

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more

fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Sequence Hymn: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound", #671**

**Vs 1-3**

**The Gospel Lesson: Matthew (17:1-9):**

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound", #671**

**Vs 4 & 5**

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed (Traditional)**

**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: Form IV**

— *In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer..**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer..**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence* Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer.**

## **Prayer for St. Stephen's:**

*Deacon and People:* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of our search committee, wardens, and vestry, who are in discernment for St. Stephen's church, Sierra Vista, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect*

*Presider: (....) Amen*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Deacon or Celebrant says:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence may be kept.)*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace:**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **Welcome & announcements**

**Birthday's, Prayers of Healing, Blessings and gratitude.....**

## **Offertory sentence;**

*Presider: (. . .)*

**Offertory Hymn: "Strengthen for service, Lord",**

**#312**

**Doxology**

**(Hymn #380 v. 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 Great Thanksgiving "A"

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

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

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*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.*

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## **All: Sanctus - Hymnal 1982 #S-129**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Lamb of God**

**S#162**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy —  
— on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy — on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

### **Invitation to Communion:**

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

**Communion Hymn: "O Light of Light, Love given birth", #134**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty and everliving 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.**

## **Benediction:**

*Presider:* May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn: “Songs of thankfulness and praise”,**

**#135**

**Dismissal:** Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to Love and Serve**

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

**Postlude: “My Song is Love Unknown”, by John Ireland**

## **PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Sandra Dushensky, Alverita Egbert, Theresa Emrie,  
Susan & Jerry Fine, Cindy Fulbright (2/28).

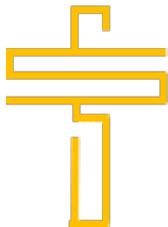
## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

- We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.
- In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.
- In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray also pray for the Episcopal Campus Ministry at ASU in Tempe.

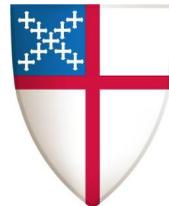
## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

For the repose of soul of Martin McKinley and comfort for daughter Anna and family; for the repose of soul of Bill Hick and comfort for wife Evelyn Strimitis Hicks and family; and for Rev. Cn. Dr. Robin Hollis repose of her soul and comfort for her family; for MJ while she awaits Hip surgery in early March. Ongoing prayers for all affected by the severe winter storms and the recent violence in Minnesota and elsewhere.

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