

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST

August 14, 2022

10:30 A.M.

This Liturgy is taken from *Enriching Our Worship*.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are glad you are with us! St. Stephen's is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world. We welcome everyone to join us for worship and life together—no exceptions!

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Follow this QR code to our website and complete the online welcome card.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

During worship, all are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar, please let an usher know so the sacrament can be brought to you.

In addition to bread, you may now receive wine. You may intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice) or drink from the chalice directly. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

After church services, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church at any time. We encourage adult caregivers to join their children in the front chapel area as they engage seasonal lessons and materials.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity. Diaper-changing facilities are available in both restrooms and in the nursery.

PARKING

Parking is available off West Alabama in the lot in front of the church. Additional lots are available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

NEEDED: TWO MORE TECH VOLUNTEERS



Thank you, Raul Avila, Sofia Barbee, Jon Cerny, Aimee Demby, Phoenix Flores, and Tom Matchett for volunteering to help operate our new sound

system and video cameras on Sunday mornings. We are looking for two more volunteers. No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

Note: The purpose of the new system, which includes new microphones and speakers, is to improve the quality of sound in the nave and online. Though the new system includes a new camera that will offer more panoramic views and close ups, other visual issues such as lighting will need to be addressed in future upgrades.



YARD SIGNS FOR BLOCK PARTY

Yard signs advertising our block party on Sunday, September 11, 2022, will be available next Sunday, August 21, 2022. Please take one home to help us advertise the event, which will feature a food truck, drum circle, samba dancers, and more. Let's celebrate!

POTENTIAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP

During the next few weeks, be on the lookout for a publication focused on how St. Stephen's might partner with a real estate developer to determine the best use of our land in service of the church, school, and surrounding community

COVID PROTOCOLS IN CHURCH

St. Stephen's has a culture of care. We are focused on keeping everyone safe in church, especially our unvaccinated children.

- Masking outdoors on campus is optional.
- Because of the recent rise in infection and hospitalization rates in Harris County, masks are now required at worship services.

LIVING AND LEARNING: CALLING ALL FAITH EDUCATORS!

We are in the process of gathering folks who are interested in planning spiritual learning opportunities for folks of all ages at St. Stephen's. Spiritual development is a lifelong process, since we are all growing into the "full stature of Christ" as we say in our baptism rites.

Coming out of pandemic mode we are eager to engage parishioners of all ages in person this fall, with online possibilities as well. If you are interested in creating these options and/or offering leadership, send an email to grow@ststephenshouston.org.

NOW HIRING - CHILDREN'S NURSERY ATTENDANT

We're looking for a couple of people who can offer weekly care for our toddlers and little ones during Sunday morning worship and formation hour (8AM-12:30PM). This position will require persons who are responsible, reliable, and nurturing. Compensation is \$15/hr. We will provide Safeguarding training and will conduct a background check prior to start date.

Help us spread the word in the community. Applicants should send a letter of interest with relevant training or experience and contact information to adellagiacoma@ststephenshouston.org by August 15.

FUNERAL FOR BOB JOBE

A funeral for Bob Jobe, who died on July 31, will be held at St. Stephen's at 1 p.m. on August 27.

- The common chalice is used at both Eucharists with options to drink, intinct, or abstain.
- Please be mindful of social distancing throughout the nave and especially when coming forward for communion.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre-Dame” from Suite Gothique

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Please stand.*

Farther Along



1. Tempt - ed and tried we're oft made to won - der, Why it should
2. When death has come and tak - en our loved ones, It leaves our
3. Faith - ful till death said our lov - ing mas - ter, A few more
4. When we see Je - sus com - ing in glo - ry, When He comes



1. be thus all the day long; While there are oth - ers liv - ing a -
2. home so lone - ly and drear; Then do we won - der why oth - ers
3. days to la - bor and wait; Toils of the road will then seem as
4. from His home in the sky; Then we shall meet Him in that bright



1. bout us, Nev - er mo - lest - ed though in the wrong.
2. pros - per, Liv - ing so wick - ed year af - ter year.
3. noth - ing, As we sweep through the beau - ti - ful gate.
4. man - sion, We'll un - der - stand it all by and by.

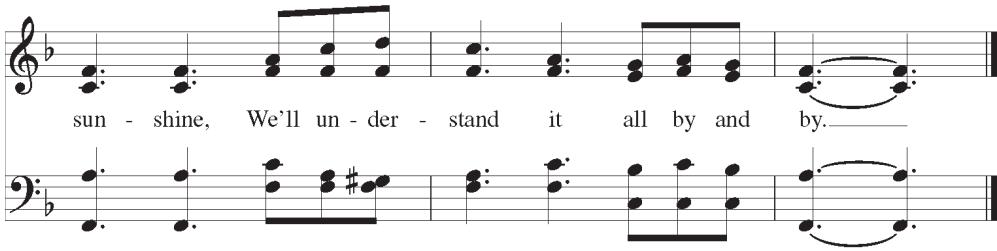


Far - ther a - long we'll know all a - bout it, Far - ther a -



long we'll un - der-stand why; Cheer up, don't wor - ry, live in the





OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Paul M. Vasile

1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on us, us, men.
 2. World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned us, us, men.
 World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spi - rit, whose love has set us free.
 World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Music: GLORY TO GOD, Paul M. Vasile, 2008.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE

O God, the Creator, who provides nests for birds and burrows for foxes, open us to your dreams and visions for this land and its people. Empower us in wisdom to join with partners and build spaces that serve communities. Embolden us to . . . Go. Partner. Build for light. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 5:1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18 *The Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

All children are invited to come up to the chancel for the lesson.

HYMN

Green Tyler



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



Refrain
O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-56 *Please stand.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Silence may follow.

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand.*

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

Litanist: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Litanist: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Litanist: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Litanist: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Litanist: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Litanist: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff, and Hector our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Litanist: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions.

Litanist: Hear us, Lord;
People: **For your mercy is great.**

Litanist: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Litanist: We will exalt you, O God our King;
People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Litanist: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Litanist: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

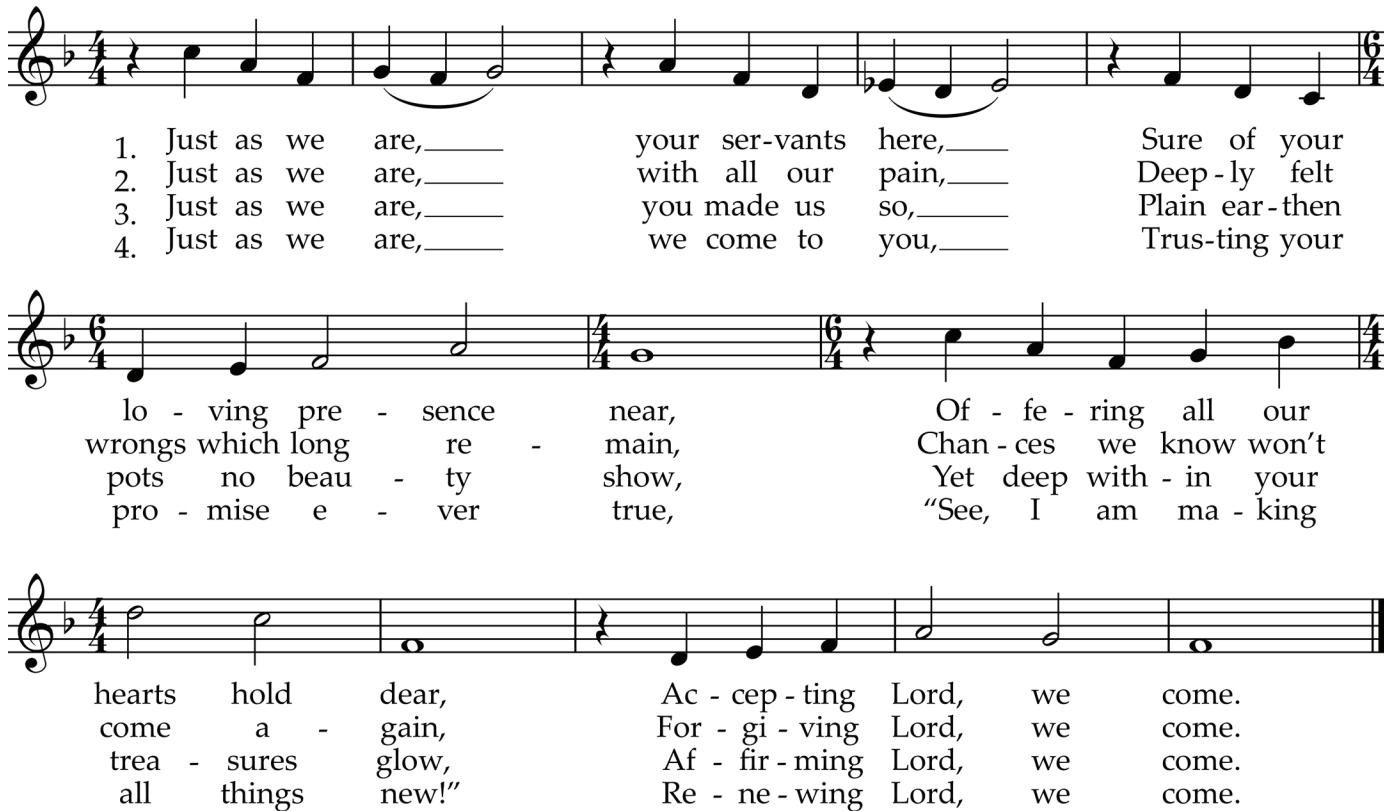
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

HYMN

St. Mary Magdalene



1. Just as we are,____ your ser-vants here,____ Sure of your
2. Just as we are,____ with all our pain,____ Deep - ly felt
3. Just as we are,____ you made us so,____ Plain ear - then
4. Just as we are,____ we come to you,____ Trus-ting your

lo - ving pre - sence near, Of - fe - ring all our
wrongs which long re - main, Chan - ces we know won't
pots no beau - ty show, Yet deep with - in your
pro - mise e - ver true, "See, I am ma - king

hearts hold dear, Ac - cep - ting Lord, we come.
come a - gain, For - gi - ving Lord, we come.
treas - sures glow, Af - fir - ming Lord, we come.
all things new!" Re - ne - wing Lord, we come.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing,

SANCTUS

Paul M. Vasile

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Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Stephen and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Paul M. Vasile

Al - le - lu - ia,___ al - le - lu,___ Christ our Pass - o - ver's
sa - cri - ficed,___ sa - cri - ficed for us, there - fore_ let us keep the
feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

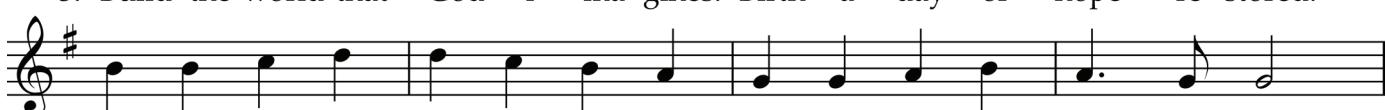
HYMN

Hymn to Joy



2. Sing the world that God i - ma-gines. Sing of all the hun - gry fed.

3. Build the world that God i - ma-gines. Birth a day of hope re - stored.



Sing the free - ing of the cap - tives. Sing of wine and sing of bread.

Ga - ther in the lost and lone - ly. Heal the sick and tend the poor,



What we sing can stir our spi - rit. What we sing can help us care.

Ours the work of co - cre - a - tion, ours the sea - son to re - joice.



Sing the ho - ly in - vi - ta - tion. Sing of won - der ev - ery - where.

Join in love's i - ma - gi - na - tion. Take your place and raise your voice.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

John Weaver

ST. STEPHEN'S VESTRY

Judith Ambler
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 AM – Spoken Eucharist (In-Person & Online) (Masks are required)

Sunday Adult Formation will be on break until September.

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (In-person & Online) (Masks are required)

2:00 PM – Presence Group meets in-person at Havens Center and via Zoom.

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

12:00 PM – Bible Study – Online Only

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

6:30 PM- In Person Bible Study in the Gathering Area.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:30 PM – Race & Land Series – Online Only

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 AM – Rosary Group – Online Only

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