

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

November 26, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

This Liturgy is taken from *Liturgy for the Racial Justice Sunday*;
The Church of England's Liturgical Working Party on Racial Justice and Common 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 receive wine by intinction (dipping your wafer into the chalice) or drinking directly from the chalice. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you. After church, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church and all parts of worship. You are welcome to make use of the dedicated area with books, art, and seasonal activities in the front right of the nave. Nursery care is also available from 8:30 a.m. to noon. During the readings and sermon portion of the 10:30 a.m. service, we offer a Children's Chapel led by trusted and trained volunteers.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity.

PARKING

Parking is available off W. Alabama in the lot in the church lot. Additional parking is available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross. If you have a St. Stephen's magnet, please display it.

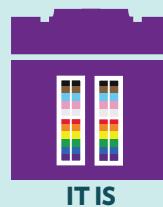
COVID PROTOCOLS

St. Stephen's is focused on safety. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

TEXT TO GIVE

Send a text message to (833) 429-9199 with the word GIVE and the amount you wish to give. For example, the text message 'GIVE 25' would be a \$25 gift.

STEWARDSHIP 2024



We are happy to announce that **we have reached our goal of \$680k!** If you haven't pledged, it's not too late! We emailed you a link and instructions on how to log on and pledge with the One Church system. If you have questions, please contact Hugo Banda at hbanda@ststephenshouston.org or 713-821-9167.

STARTING THIS WEEK, YOUTH DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WILL BEGIN MEETING ON MONDAYS INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAYS.

NEURO-SPICY FORMATION SERIES



St. Stephen's is a diverse community in many ways, including our various neurological differences. From ADHD to dementia, from dyslexia to autism, our congregation reflects our country; roughly 1 in 6 Americans is neurologically atypical. Beginning November 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Havens Center, the Forum will explore the scope of neurodiversity and how we as a Church can be more cognizant and welcoming.

INVITING QUIET IN THE MIDST OF THE BUSTLE

The women of St. Stephen's are invited to join in a quiet time together on Sunday, December 10, from noon to 2:30 p.m. in the Havens Center. This Advent-themed event will allow participants to cultivate inner peace during the busyness of the season. Alexis Latner, a second year student in Spiritual Direction, will be the facilitator. A light lunch will be served. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Carla Gerardino at carlarae1@mac.com.

PLEASE TAKE HOME A CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN LOCATED NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE NAVE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

Wreath-making @ 9:30 a.m.
First Sunday Lunch @ noon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

Serving Sunday: Rice & Beans & Card-Making @ 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

Hanging of the Greens & Card-Making @ noon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023

Longest Night @ 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023

Las Posadas with St. Stephen's Episcopal School @ 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

4th Sunday in Advent, One Service @ 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Worship @ 5:00 & 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

Chili Bingo @ 6 p.m.

FAITH LAB MEETS TODAY

Today from 5 to 6 p.m., Faith Lab will convene in Pecore Hall. Faith Lab is a child-centered and family-oriented gathering over a meal, prayer, and play. Each gathering explores a story or theme through interactive stations including service and tools to continue exploring/practicing faith at home. Join us where spirit and church can be curious, messy, loud, and silly.

GET YOUR ADVENT @ HOME KIT

The mystery of Christmas and God dwelling among us is so great that we need time to get ready. That's what the season of Advent is for. It's all the special stories and practices we explore in worship, but also the things we do at home and beyond. Beginning Sunday, December 3, you can pick up your Advent @ Home Kit in the back of the Nave – it's filled with an art icon, advent calendar, tools for reflection and conversation, and more.

PRELUDE

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”

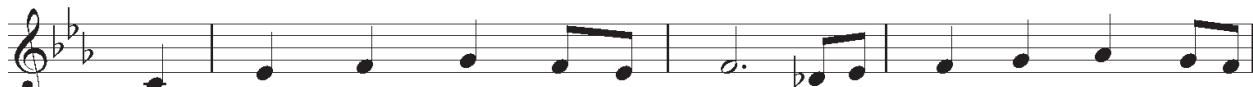
Gerald Near

Carl McAliley, organ

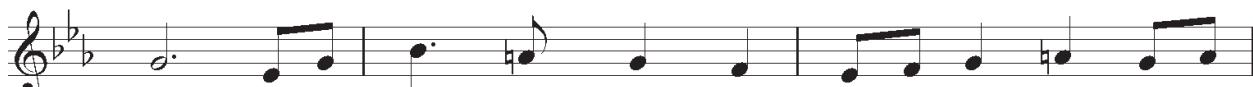
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Please stand.*

Vinyard Haven



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -
*6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall
*7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
3 loud; while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like
4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till
6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -
7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high the

Refrain



1 cross of Christ your King.
2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
5 dawns the gold - en day.
6 ru - sa - lem the blest.
7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

THE GREETING

Celebrant In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

Celebrant We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds from every nation and race, tribe and language.
All **Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;
Lord, be merciful:
All **forgive us our sin.**

Celebrant We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:

All **forgive us our sin.**

Celebrant We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

All **forgive us our sin.**

Celebrant We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;
Lord, be merciful:

All **forgive us our sin.**

Celebrant We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:

All **forgive us our sin.**

Celebrant May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

GLORIA

Machu-Pichu

Cantor

¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria en los cie-los!

All

Cantor

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!

All

Cantor

¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén!

Cantor

Basses

Basses & Tenors

¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén!

Cantor

¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén!

Basses, Tenors, & Altos

Basses, Tenors, Altos, & Sopranos

¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén! ¡A-le-lu-ya, A-mén!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *Children are invited to come forward and process to Children's Chapel.*

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 100 *Refrain sung by a cantor first, then by all.*

Refrain

Mode 1



Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands!

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. **Refrain.**

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **Refrain.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age. **Refrain.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Please stand.

St. Stephen

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:31-46 Please remain standing.

Priest Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All **Alleluia.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from

another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O 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 INTERCESSION

Litanist Almighty God, you command us through your Son Jesus Christ to love one another, to strive for justice and peace, and to respect the dignity of every human being. We pray for ourselves, our church, and our world as we seek to follow in the footsteps of your Son.

Silence is kept.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
God of love, we pray for your church. For bishops and for all ministers, lay and ordained, and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful, especially those in Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. Equip us with compassion and courage to speak for those whose voices have been marginalised and to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world. For peace and unity across barriers of language, colour, and creed, and for elected and appointed leaders, that they would work to free the oppressed and serve the common good. Inspire all people to speak out against hatred and actively to resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of peace, we pray for this community. For our local leaders, our schools and markets, and our neighbours and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us a spirit of hospitality, especially towards those different from ourselves. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Litanist God of mercy, we pray for those in any kind of need or trouble. For those who suffer from racial or sectarian violence and prejudice; for those who are disadvantaged because of historic and ongoing structural injustice; for those who are lonely, and those who have been marginalised due to the colour of their skin or their religious faith. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit as we seek and serve Christ in all people. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

- Litanist God of grace, we give thanks for those who have gone before us. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who have called us to racial and interfaith reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred, especially those in Israel and Gaza; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. Lord, in your mercy,
- All **hear our prayer.**
- Litanist Holy God, hear our prayers and breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth. May barriers amongst us crumble and divisions cease. By your grace, may we share in your healing of our world that all may be united in bonds of love and trust, and live to the glory of your Name. Merciful Father,
- All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

- Celebrant We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you,
- People **and also with you.**
- Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE *Please be seated.*

The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.

To make an offering, text the word CURIOUS to the phone number 73256 and follow the prompts. The system will "remember" your information, allowing you to make gifts quickly and easily each Sunday.

To make a pledge to the stewardship campaign or to make a one-time gift to St. Stephen's, please scan the QR Code.



SOLO

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”

Howard Helvey

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let there be pardon; where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is anguish, let there be hope; where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

THE PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE *Please stand.*

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

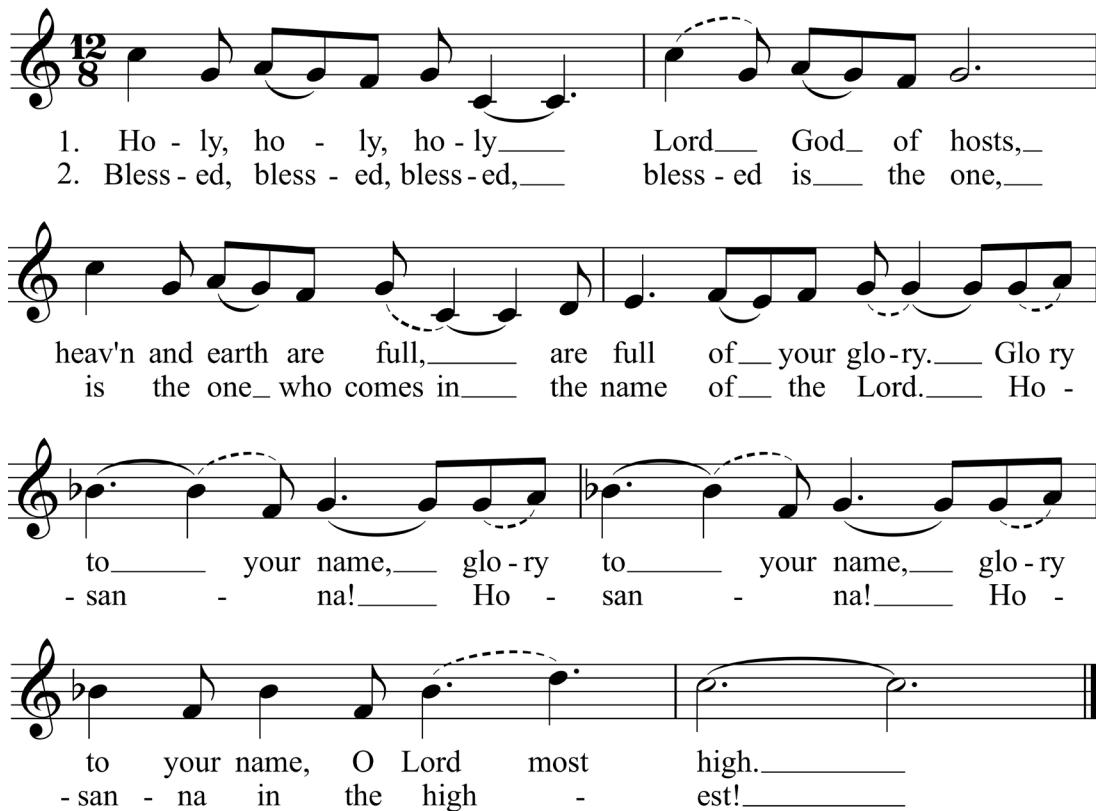
THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion, you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

John L. Bell



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly____ Lord____ God____ of hosts,____
2. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed,____ bless - ed is____ the one,____

heav'n and earth are full,____ are full of____ your glo-ry.____ Glo ry
is the one who comes in____ the name of____ the Lord.____ Ho -

to____ your name,____ glo - ry to____ your name,____ glo - ry
- san - na!____ Ho - san - na!____ Ho -

to your name, O Lord most high.____
- san - na in the high - est!____

Words: Traditional liturgical.

Music: John L. Bell

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Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high, and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with St. Stephen and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Jarkko Maukonen

1. In this feast of love, _____
2. Grant us peace, O Lord, _____
in grant us peace, O Lord; _____
you have promised, Lord, to be with us, Lamb of God divine.
fill us with the joy of your Spirit, ever-living Word.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Celebrant God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

HYMN

St. Colomba

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness

1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack-if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
4 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
5 grace be - stow eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with in thy house for ev-er.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand.*

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

BLESSING

The blessing of God the Father, who made from one every nation that occupies the earth; of God the Son, who bought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation; and of God the Spirit, who brings us together in unity, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Diademata



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

“Placare Christe Servulis”

PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild: Shelia Johnson, Lee Lozano, Tina Munoz

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Reader: Jennifer Richardson

Usher: Eric Brown

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Readers: John Marsh (Old Testament), Lucie Tredennick (Epistle),
Laura Thewalt (Prayers)

Hospitality: Cathlyne Camp-Murray

Counting: David Kelley, Gary Patterson

Tech/Sound system: Raul Avila

Chalice Bearer: Laura Thewalt

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person

9:30 a.m. – Neuro-Spicy Formation Series, Havens

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person & YouTube Channel

2:30 p.m. – Presence Group – on Zoom only

5:00 p.m. – Faith Lab, Pecore

5:00 p.m. – Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Youth, St. Stephen's

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Noon – Bible Study on Zoom

6:30 p.m. – Youth Group Dungeons & Dragons, Havens

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study in the Gathering Area, Book of Acts

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 p.m. – Faith & Justice Group – on Zoom only

6:30 p.m. – Our Whole Lives (OWL) for Parents, Palmer Episcopal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group – In-person & on Zoom

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