

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE HOLY EUCHARIST

October 1, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

This Liturgy is taken from A New Zealand Prayer Book.

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 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. If you have a St. Stephen's magnet, please display it.

COVID PROTOCOLS

St. Stephen's is focused on keeping everyone safe in church. 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.

FIRST SUNDAY MEET-UP TODAY AFTER THE 10:30 AM SERVICE



Join new and long-time St. Stephen's parishioners TODAY for a relaxed, after-church lunch at Jason's Deli. We meet right outside the Nave and head out to Jason's. Look for the sign with the 1st Sunday logo.

YOUTH DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN THIS WEDNESDAY



We get that students need space to decompress and play and foster friendships in the midst of their week. The classic role playing game that has seen a huge comeback in popularity gives us a chance to relax, be creative and try on different parts of our identity. Friends are totally welcome. Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 pm, Havens.

DRUM CIRCLE RETURNS!



At 11:45am on Sundays in the Gathering Area, all are invited to join in HAND DRUMMING in traditional African and Caribbean styles! No prior experience is necessary. If you have a drum, please bring it. If you do not, we will provide one for you. Drumming is both fun and soulful. Please join us!

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) BEGINS THIS WEEK

Youth Group Program: Beginning tonight (October 1), our Youth Group will gather over dinner on rotating Sundays and move through the OWL curriculum along with youth from Palmer Episcopal Church. OWL provides accurate, developmentally appropriate information about a range of topics, including relationships, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, sexual health, and cultural influences on sexuality. Our kick off is tonight from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's, featuring a parent orientation and ice cream social for the youth.

Parent Education Program:



Beginning this Wednesday (October 4), in collaboration with Palmer Episcopal Church, we are offering a 10-session OWL program for parents on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Palmer or online. We will explore many of the topics from the youth program and how these areas intersect with spirituality and faith. Childcare or reimbursement for childcare will be offered to in-person participants. You can even come early and join in the on-site potluck at 5:30 p.m. each week. The focus on the material will be 4th-6th grade students, but the sessions are open to parents and caregivers with children of any age. Facilitators include Christina Lovely, Rev. Ryan Hawthorne, and Rev. Ashley Dellagiacoma. Please scan QR code to let us know you are interested. Dates: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6, 12/13

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THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Andante from Concerto Op.4 No.5 in F major, HWV 293

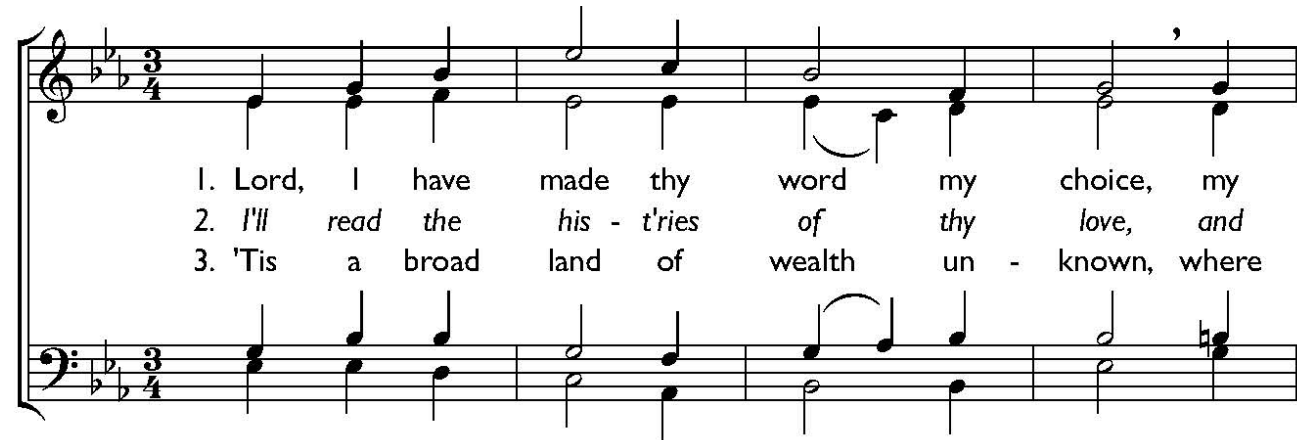
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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

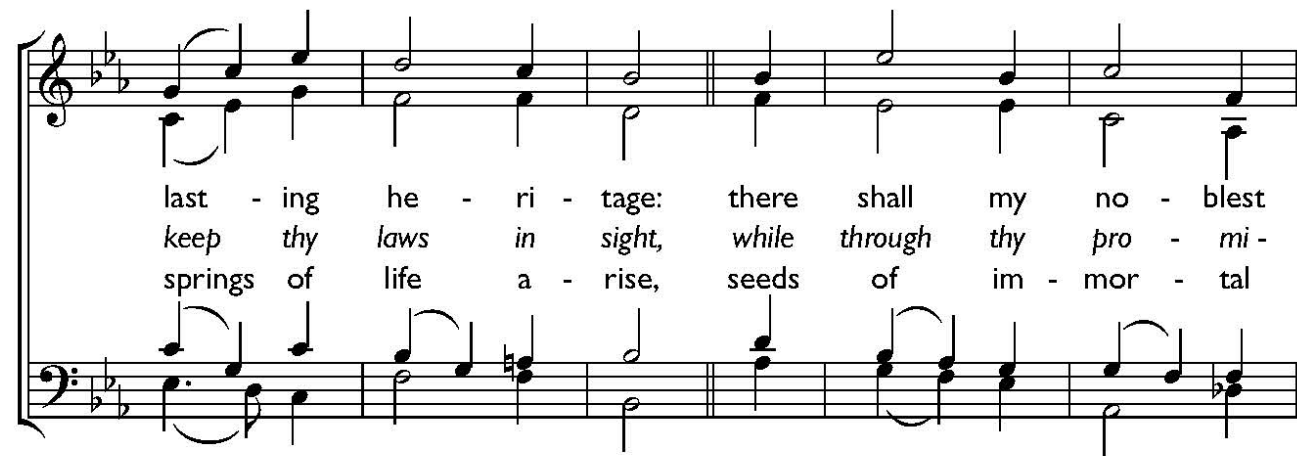
The people may be greeted informally. The theme may be introduced and subjects of special concern or thanksgiving suggested.

HYMN *Please stand.*

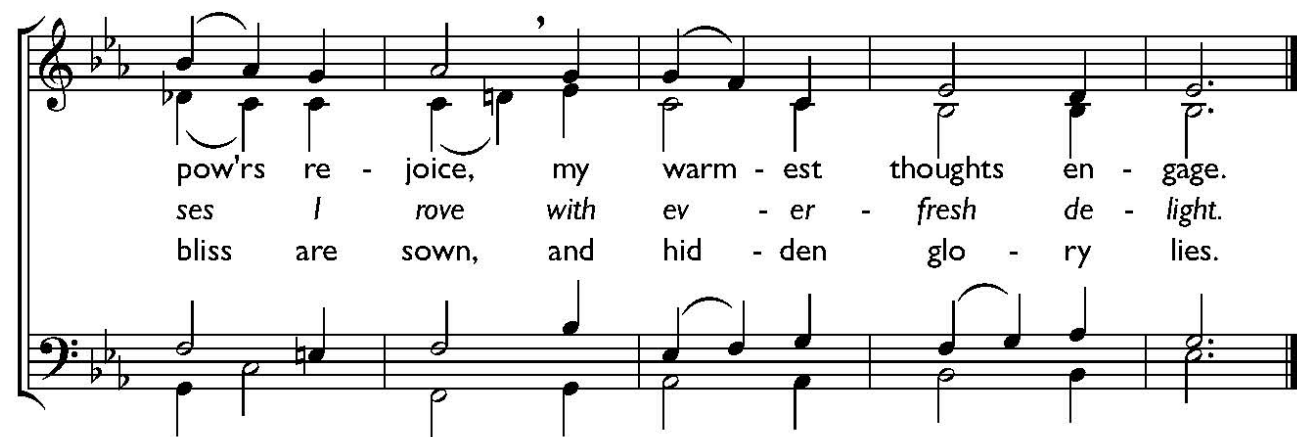
Billing



1. Lord, I have made thy word my choice, my
2. I'll read the his - t'ries of thy love, and
3. 'Tis a broad land of wealth un - known, where



last - ing he - ri - tage: there shall my no - blest
keep thy laws in sight, while through thy pro - mi -
springs of life a - rise, seeds of im - mor - tal



pow'rs re - joice, my warm - est thoughts en - gage.
ses I rove with ev - er - fresh de - light.
bliss are sown, and hid - den glo - ry lies.

GATHERING PRAYER

Welcome to this holy table; welcome to you, for we are Christ's body, Christ's work in the world.

Welcome to you whose baptism makes you salt of the earth and light to the world.

Rejoice and be glad. Praise God who gives us forgiveness and hope.

Amen. Christ is our light, the joy of our salvation.

Praise and glory to Christ, God's new beginning for humanity making ritual water gospel wine, cleansing all our worship.

Love and loyalty to Christ, who gives us the gospel. Praise to Christ who calls us to holiness.

GLORIA

Traditional from Brazil, Arr. Gerhard Cartford

1. Can - tad al Señ - or, un cán - ti - co nue - vo. O sing to the Lord, O
2. For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders. Pues nues - tro Señ - or ha
3. Can - tad al Señ - or ala - bad - le con ar - pa, So dance for our God and
4. Shout thanks to our God, who gave us the Spi - rit, Grita gra - ci - as_a Dios, el E -
5. Je - sus es Señ - or, a - mén, a - le - lu - ya! For Christ is the Lord, a -
sing God a new song. Can - tad al Señ - or, un cán - ti - co
he - cho pro - dig - ios. For God is our Lord, and God has done
blow all the trum - pets. Can - tad al Señ - or ala - bad - le con
spir - i - tu San - to, Shout thanks to our God, who gave us the
men, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus es Señ - or, a - mén, a - le -
nue - vo, O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
won - ders, Can - tad al Señ - or, can - tad al Señ - or.
ar - pa, and sing to our God, and sing to our God.
Spi - rit, Can - tad al Señ - or, can - tad al Señ - or.
lu - ya! O sing to our God, can - tad al Señ - or.

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FORGIVENESS *The congregation kneels.*

The minister then says

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and do as members of Christ's body.

Silence

In God there is forgiveness.

The minister and people say

Loving and all-seeing God, forgive us where we have failed to support one another and to be what we claim to be. Forgive us where we have failed to serve you; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to yours we ask your pardon.

The presiding priest says
God forgives us; be at peace.

Silence

Rejoice and be glad, for Christ is resurrection, reconciliation for all the human race.

The minister and people say

We shall all be one in Christ, one in our life together. Praise to God who has created us, praise to God who has accepted us, praise to God who sends us into the world.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR STEWARDSHIP AND CONNECTION

Ever present God of Light, you reveal yourself in Christ and you bring us together as beloved. Help us to generously offer you our gifts and resources. Develop in each of us courage to connect and build community in witness to your transforming love and grace through the Beloved, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

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

THE PROCLAMATION

THE READINGS *Please be seated.*

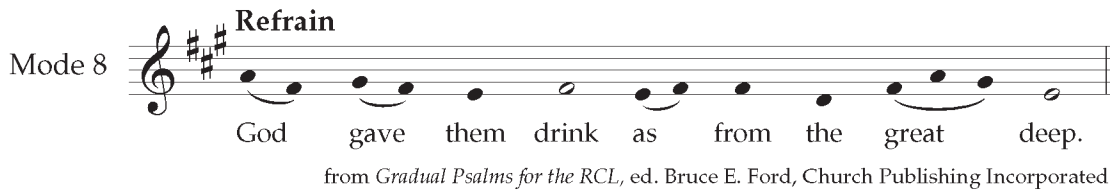
FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16 *Refrain sung by a cantor first, then by all.*



Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **Refrain.**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done. **Refrain.**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls. **Refrain.**

He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers. **Refrain.**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

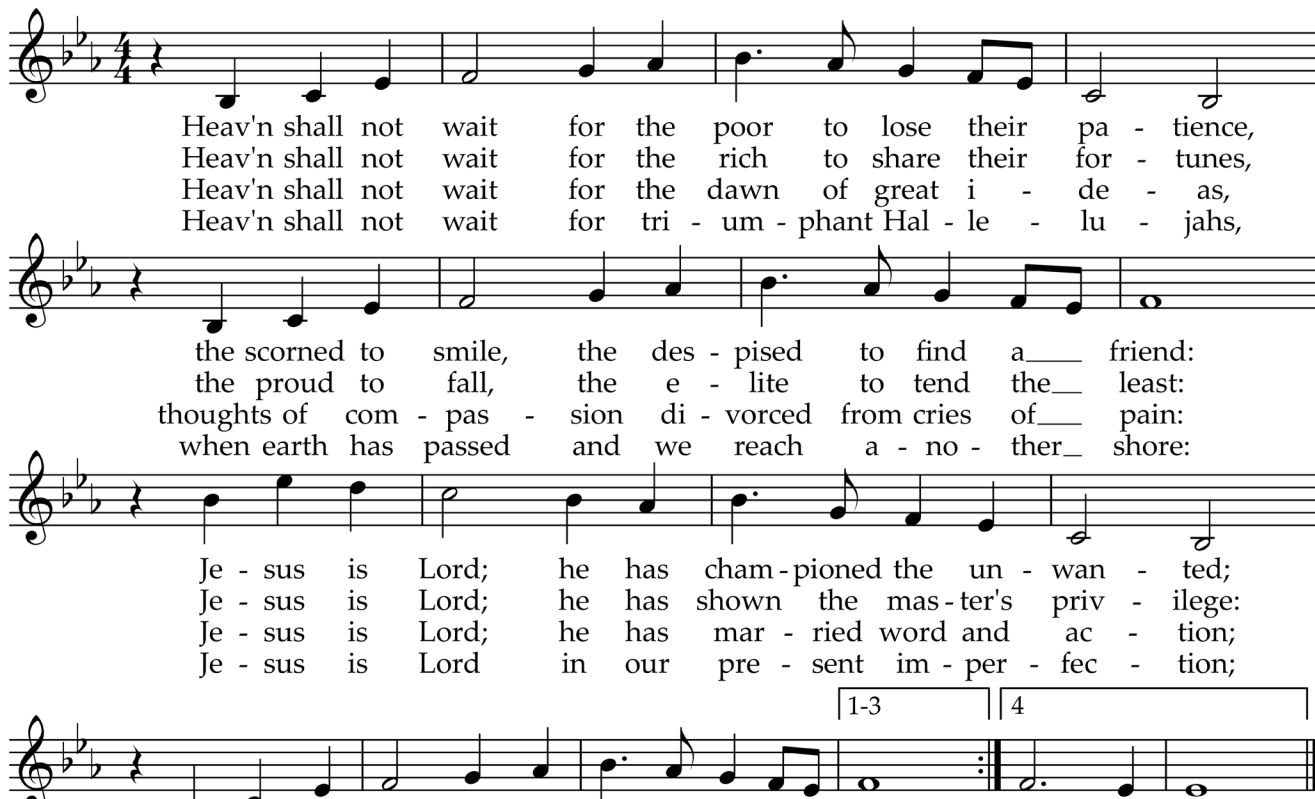
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *Please stand.*

Heaven Shall Not Wait



Heav'n shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa - tience,
 Heav'n shall not wait for the rich to share their for - tunes,
 Heav'n shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 Heav'n shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

the scorned to smile, the des - pised to find a___ friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the___ least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of___ pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach a - no - ther___ shore:

Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - wan - ted;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pre - sent im - per - fec - tion;

in him in - jus - tice con fronts its time - ly___ end. ev - er - more.
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they feast.
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose plain.
 his pow'r and love are for now and then for___

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GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32 *Please remain standing.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
 People **Praise and glory to God.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Priest This is the Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to Christ, the Word.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Please stand.*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The minister and people pray responsively. Particular intercessions and thanksgivings may be offered before any section.

Periods of silence may be kept.

Blessed are you eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
May we all be one that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

We remember those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them. *(Remembering N)*

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

We pray in silence for our own needs...

Celebrant: Thanksgiving, blessing and praise be yours, God of the incarnation; because you care for us and for our prayer. May our love for you and our likeness to you be strengthened every time we pray. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people

Blessed be Christ the Prince of Peace

who breaks down the walls that divide.

The peace of God be always with you.

Praise to Christ who unites us in peace.

The presiding priest may invite the people to exchange a sign of peace according to local custom.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *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.



ANTHEM

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument"

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; it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

Celebrant Christ is risen!
People **He is risen indeed.**
Celebrant Lift your hearts to heaven
People **where Christ in glory reigns.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

SANCTUS

William Loperena

San-to, san-to, san - to Dios de glo-ria y po - der. Cie - los y tie - rra pro-
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth_ are

cla - man tu glo - ria. Ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na en los cie - los. Ho -
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

sa - na, ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na en los cie - los. Ben - di-to a-quel que vie-ne en el
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the

nom - bre de Dios. Ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na en los
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

cie - los. Ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na, ho - sa - na en los cie - los.
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Traditional from Puerto Rico. Music by William Loperena.
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Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.

For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches us 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 for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the bread in silence and then says

Celebrant Christ's body was broken for us on the cross.

People **Christ is the bread of life.**

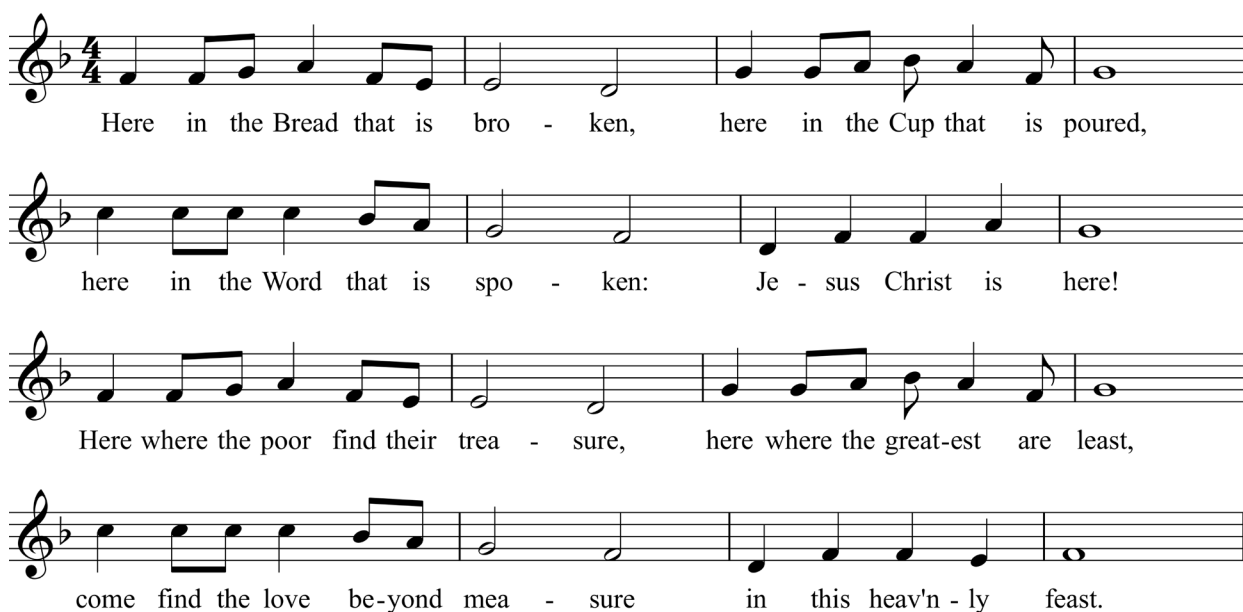
The celebrant may lift the cup.

Celebrant His blood was shed for our forgiveness.

People **Christ is risen from the dead.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Liam Lawton



Here in the Bread that is bro - ken, here in the Cup that is poured,
here in the Word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is here!
Here where the poor find their trea - sure, here where the great-est are least,
come find the love be-yond mea - sure in this heav'n - ly feast.

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Tune: Liam Lawton, arr. by Paul A. Tate, b. 1968

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THE INVITATION

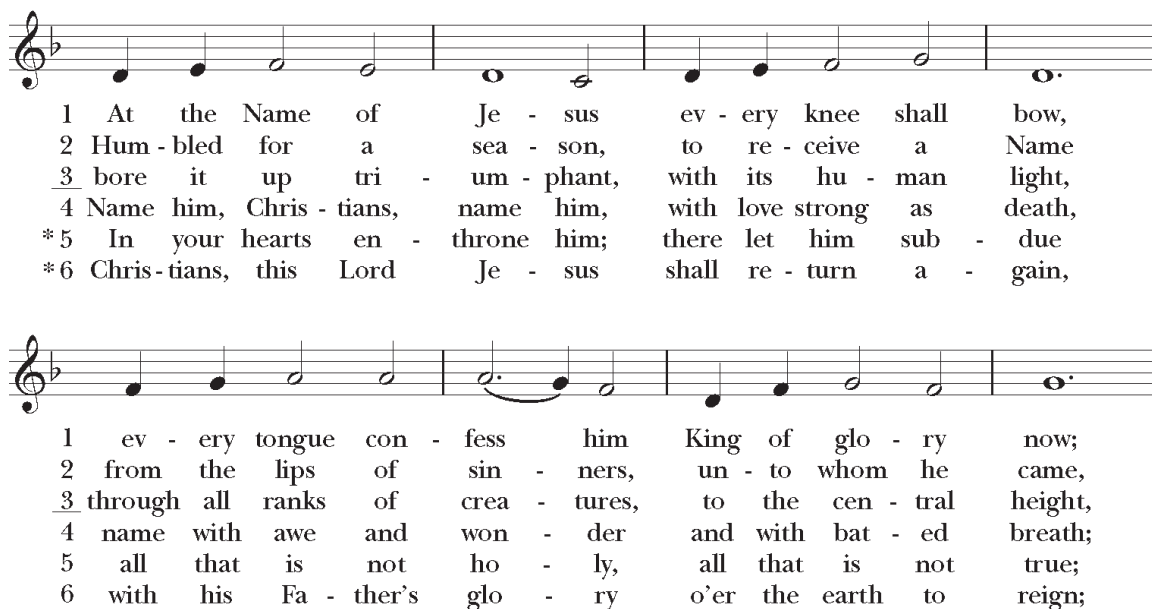
Lifting the bread and cup, the priest invites the people, saying

Celebrant Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

HYMN

King's Weston



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
*5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
*6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,
1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
4 ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

HYMN

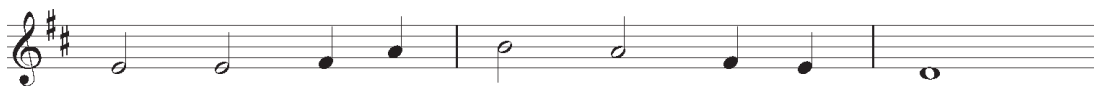
Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



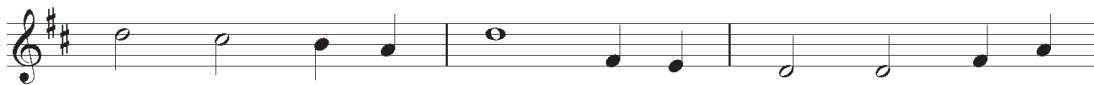
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand.*

Blessed be God who calls us together.

Praise to God who makes us one people.

Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

Praise to God who is revealed as love.

Blessed be God who alone has called us.

Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.

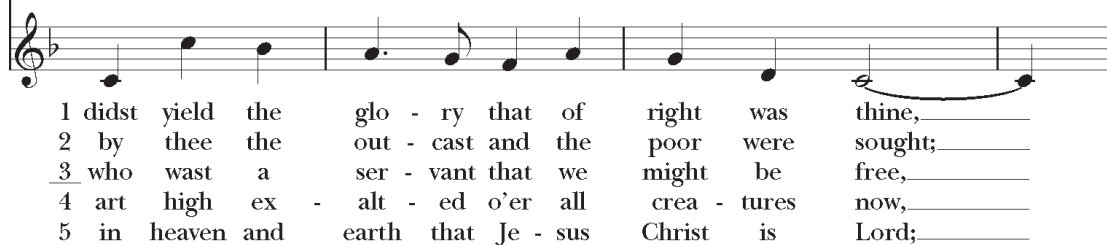
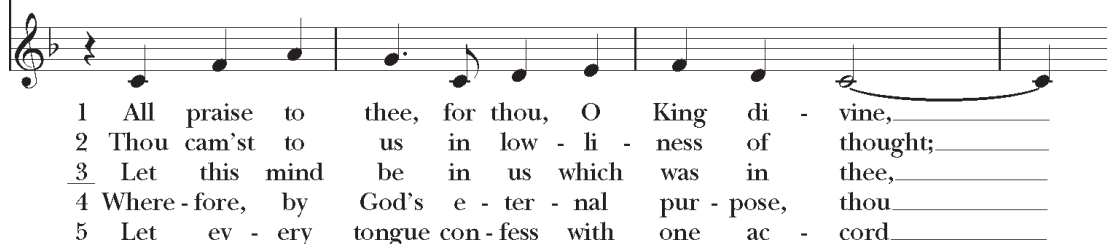
Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done.

Our hands were empty, and you filled them.

HYMN

Engelberg



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The image shows a musical score for two parts, likely Soprano and Alto, in G major (one sharp). The top part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia!' is written in a simple, homophonic style. The bottom part begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia!' is written in a simple, homophonic style. The score concludes with a double bar line.

THE DISMISSAL OF THE COMMUNITY

Priest Go now to love and serve the Lord
 People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Concerto Op.4 No.5 in F major, HWV 293 George Frideric Handel

PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild: Mark Edge, Ademian Pinder

8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Reader:

Usher: Gail Creech

Hospitality: Eric Brown

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Readers:

Usher: Sam Marsh

Hospitality: Carla Gerardino

Counting: Chris Kulesza, Christina Lovely

Tech/Sound System: Andrea Barbee

Oblationer: Christina Lovely

Chalice Bearer: Keveney Avanne Avila

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Forum – In-person and on Zoom

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

11:45 a.m. – 1st Sunday Meet-Up

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

5:00 pm. – OWL Kick-Off Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Noon – Bible Study on Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

6:30 p.m. – OWL for Parents, Palmer Episcopal Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group – on Zoom only

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