

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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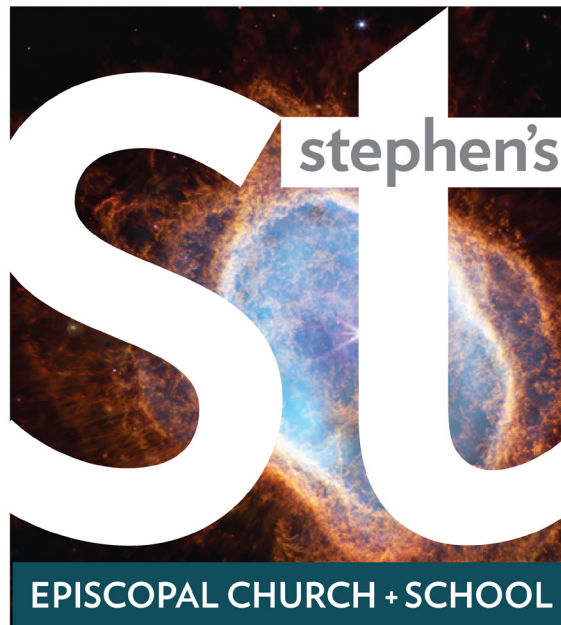


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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST

September 25, 2022 | 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 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.

### 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.
- Masks are optional at worship services, but they are recommended when there is singing.

### FAITHFUL FAMILIES MEETS TODAY

Faithful Families will meet up monthly for intergenerational, child-centered experiences beginning with a Picnic in the Park, today @ noon in Menil Park. We'll be getting to know each other, plus learning and creating rituals for blessing in our everyday lives. And we'll have a drum circle! Bring a blanket and pack some snacks!

### FALL FORMATION IS UNDERWAY!

- Children's Chapel invites our youngest for a lesson and songs during 10:30 a.m. worship.
- Adult Forum picks up the conversation between "Theology and Life" on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Havens Center.

### SEASON TWO OF FAITH FROM THE MARGINS!

Check out the new season of our podcast, *Faith from the Margins*, where we discuss the intersection of faith and identity. Our first episode features Patty Krawec, author of the upcoming book, *Becoming Kin*. In our conversation with Patty, we discuss colonization, decolonization, and the role of faith communities in indigenous erasure. Scan the QR code to listen!



### CELEBRATING SYLVIA SWAIN'S RETIREMENT



On Sunday, October 2, after the 10:30 a.m. service, we will hold a reception honoring the retirement of Sylvia Swain. If you would like to give to Sylvia's retirement purse, please scan the QR code.

- 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.

### STEWARDSHIP SEASON

**Go. Partner. Build for LIGHT.**

Stewardship season begins in early October.

This year's theme is "Go. Partner. Build for LIGHT." Over the next several weeks, you will receive information about how you can help us build a light-filled future for St. Stephen's.

### GOT RHYTHM? GOT MUSIC?



The Choir and Handbell Choir started the new season with a party,

gathering at Tom Seymour's home last Sunday (see photo). St. Stephen's has vibrant music-making opportunities for everyone:

Church Choir offers vocal music during the 10:30 services and rehearses weekly on Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., and on Sundays, 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Bell Choir offers instrumental music during select 10:30 services and rehearses bi-weekly on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Our first Drum Circle session will be offered during the Faithful Families meeting at Menil Park TODAY at noon. Starting next Sunday after the 10:30 service, weekly Drum Circle sessions will be offered in the church garden during Coffee Hour. Also beginning next Sunday, the congregation is invited to play hand percussion instruments at the 10:30 service during certain musical pieces. If you would like to join any of these groups, please email Grace for more info ([hsung@ststephenshouston.org](mailto:hsung@ststephenshouston.org)). For drum circle, just show up!

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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## PRELUDE

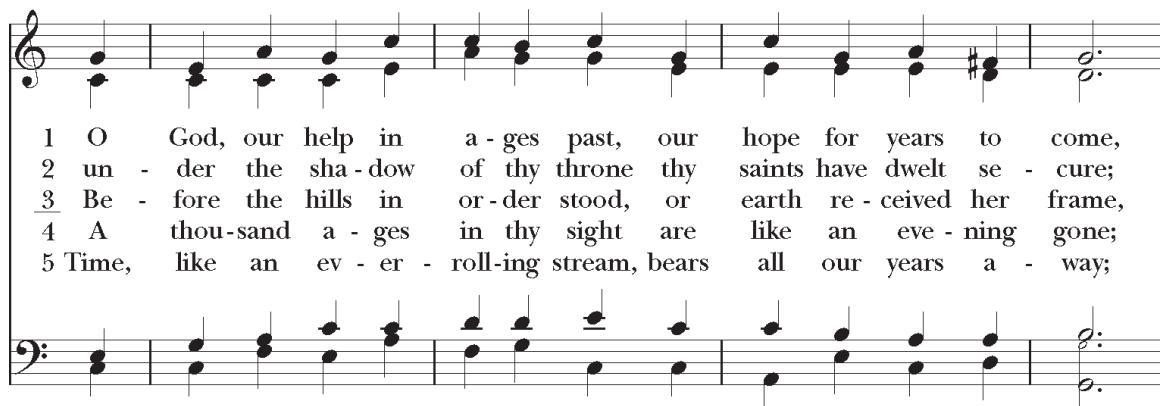
“Voluntary”

William Boyce

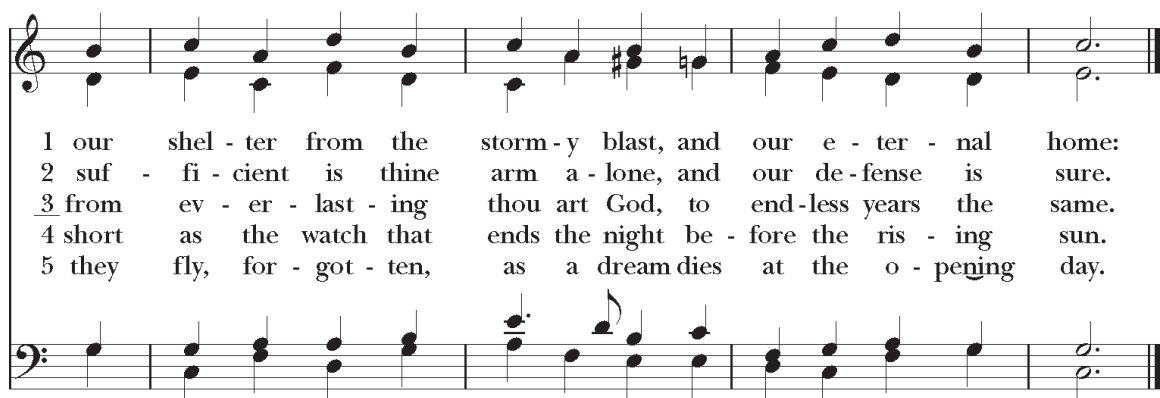
## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Please stand.*

*St. Ann*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

## 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.**

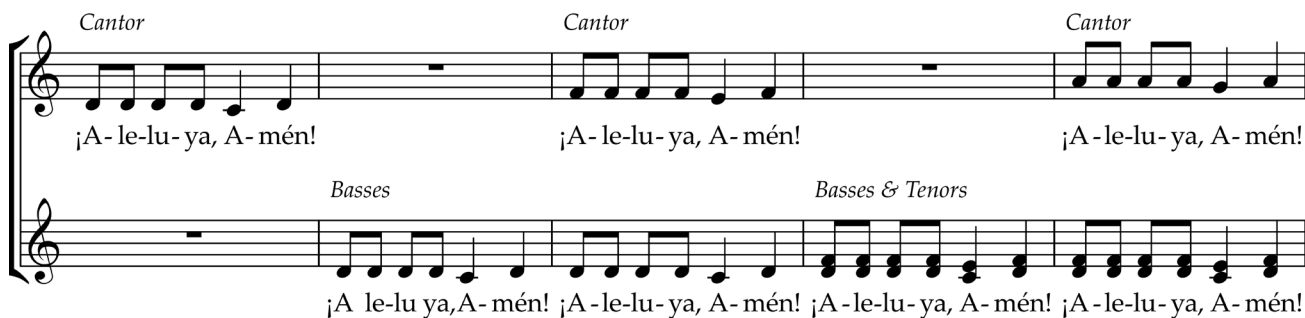
Celebrant We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others;  
Lord, be merciful:  
All **forgive us our sin.**

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

Cantor

Basses, Tenors, & Altos

Basses, Tenors, Altos, & Sopranos

Text: Anon. (English translation: Glory to God, glory in the highest! To God be glory forever. Alleluia, Amen!)  
 Music: MACHU-PICHU, Peruvian traditional

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.  
 All **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 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.

**PROCESSION TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** *Any children who are at least 3 years old are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel. Children will return to the nave at Eucharist.*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri.  
 Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your ma - ker.

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri. U - ya - i mo - se,  
 Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your ma - ker. Come all you peo - ple,

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri. U - ya - i mo - se zvi - no.  
 come and praise your ma - ker. Come now and wor-ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.  
 Music: U YAI MOSE, Alexander Gondo  
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# THE WORD OF GOD

## THE READINGS *Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 32:1-3A, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM: PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16 *The cantor sings the refrain first, then all sing.*

Mode 5

**Refrain**

Show us your sal - va - tion, O Lord.

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

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.  
He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust." **Refrain.**

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.  
He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler. **Refrain.**



You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day. *Refrain.*

Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.  
With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation. *Refrain.*

## SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

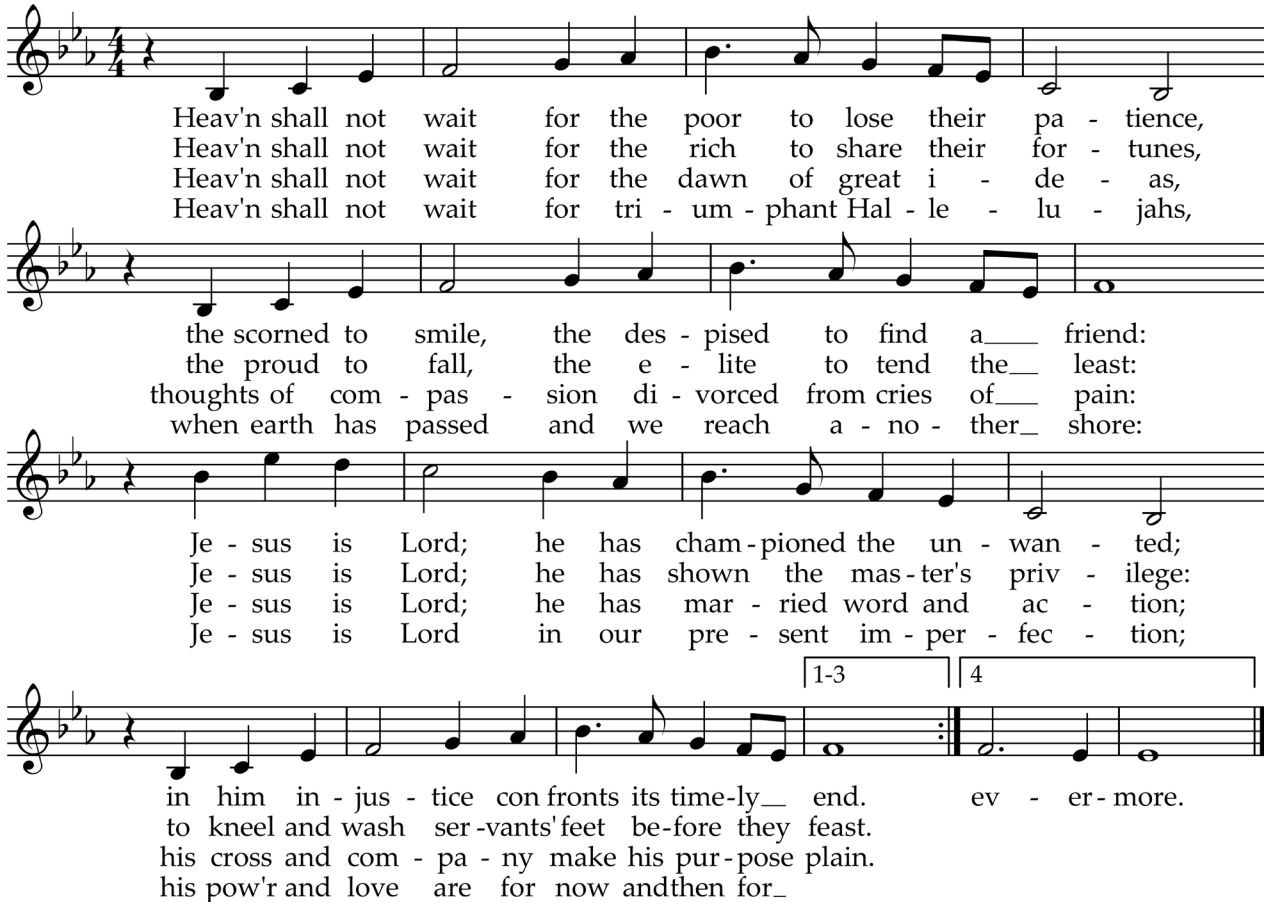
A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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



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\_

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987  
 Music: Heaven shall not wait, John L. Bell, 1987

## GOSPEL READING: LUKE 16:19-31

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may



warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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.*

Litanist      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. 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 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. 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 reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; 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.*

### ANTHEM

“Poor Man Lazrus”

Jester Hairston

Poor man Lazrus sick and disabled,

*refrain:* dip your finger in the water, come and, cool my tongue, ‘cause I’m tormented in the flame.

He had to eat crumbs from the rich man’s table, *refrain.*

Rich man Divies he lived so well, *refrain.*

And when he died he went straight to hell, *refrain.*

Love to shout, I love to sing, *refrain.*

I love to praise my heav’nly King, *refrain.*

## 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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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.**

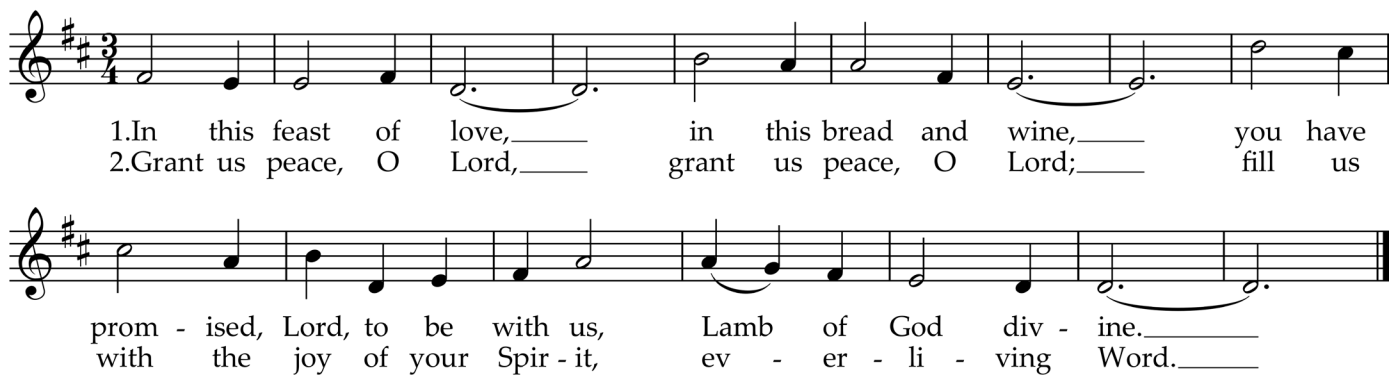
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

All **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, \_\_\_\_\_ in this bread and wine, \_\_\_\_\_ you have  
2. Grant us peace, O Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace, O Lord; \_\_\_\_\_ fill us

prom - ised, Lord, to be with us, Lamb of God div - ine. \_\_\_\_\_  
with the joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - li - ving Word. \_\_\_\_\_

Text: Jarkko Maukonen; tr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

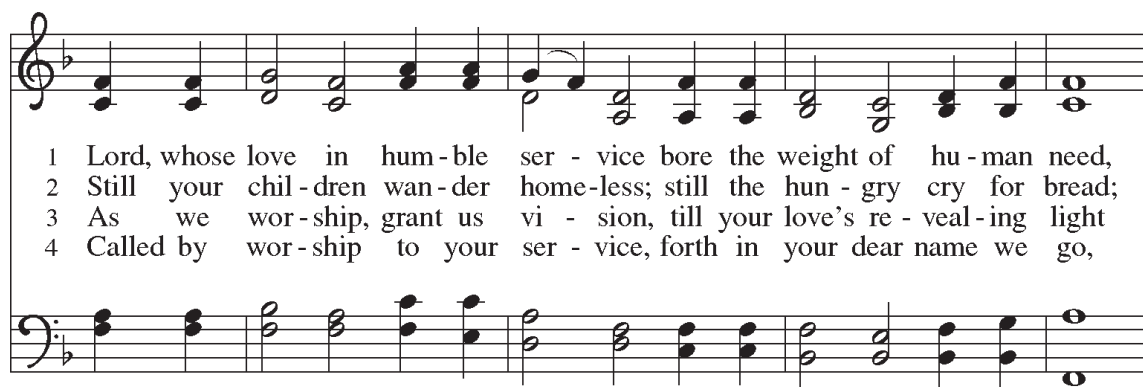
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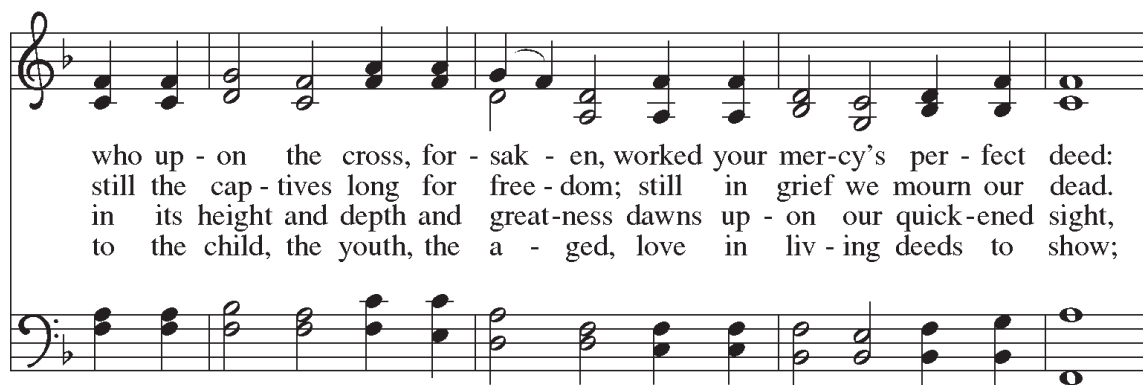
## GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

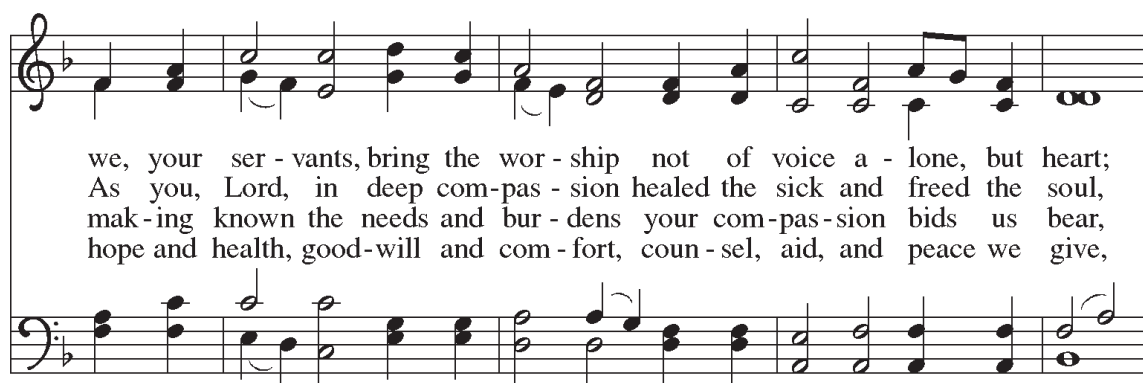
All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**



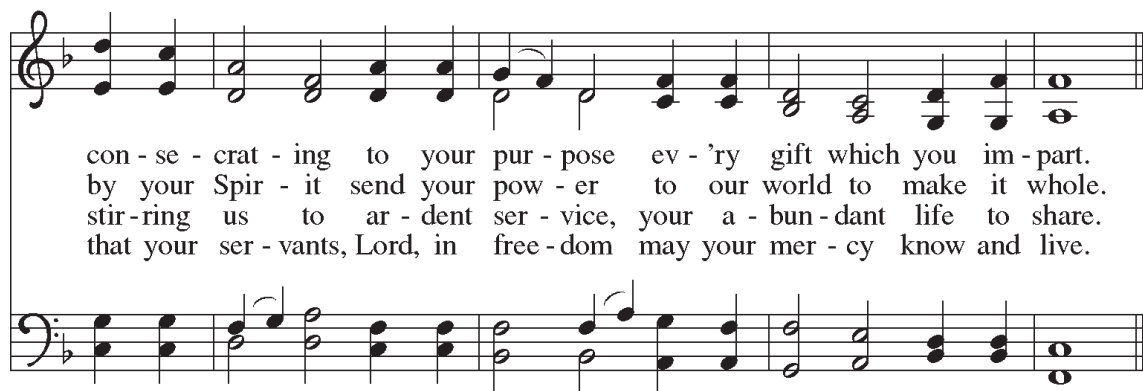
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;  
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;  
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;  
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;  
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na  
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na  
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the  
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

TEXT: African American spiritual, alt.  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Diton, 1980, alt.  
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WELCOME TABLE  
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## 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

*Star of County Down*



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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## DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

“Praeludium in G Major”

Nicholas Bruhns





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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (In-Person & Online)

9:30 AM – Adult Formation (In-Person & Zoom)

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

Noon - Faithful Families is having a picnic in the park in Menil Park.

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Noon – Bible Study – Online Only

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:30 PM – Race & Land Series – Zoom Link

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:00 AM – Rosary Group – Online Only



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