

# **ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098**



## **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

January 29, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. service

*This Liturgy is taken from the Book of Common Prayer.*

## 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.



# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

## A Sacred Lent with St. Stephen's

### FEBRUARY & MARCH

February 1	A Meditation for People & Place Wednesdays @ 7 PM via Zoom
February 21	Shrove Tuesday, 5:30 pm to 7 pm Pancake Community Dinner
February 22	Ash Wednesday, Liturgy @ 7 am & 7 pm, Ashes to Go 4:30-6 pm
February 29	Neighborhood Prayer Walk Wednesdays @ 6 pm
March 19	Intergeneration Community Service @ 9:30 AM

### HOLY WEEK

April 2	Palm Sunday Procession & Liturgy @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am
April 6	Maundy Thursday
April 7	Good Friday
April 8	Easter Vigil
April 9	Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt @ 9:30 am
April 9	Easter Liturgy @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

### 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.

### VIRTUAL TOWN HALL THIS THURSDAY

We will offer a virtual Town Hall on the Mission Real Estate Initiative at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, via Zoom for those who were not able to attend the January 28. Please scan code for Zoom link.



## TEXT TO GIVE

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### COVID PROTOCOLS IN CHURCH

St. Stephen's has a culture of care. We are focused on keeping everyone safe in church.

- People may choose to mask at any time – indoors or outdoors
- People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

*Est-ce Mars*, Variations for Keyboard, SwWV 321

Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN *Please stand.*

Amanda Udis-Kessler



The church where love lives is a safe place for all Where we ga - ther in  
church where love lives draws the stran-ger in - side, Ma - king neigh-bors of  
church where love lives is pre - pa - ring a feast For the pained and re -



won - der to re - mem - ber God's call, To em - bo - dy God's vi - sion of  
stran-gers, not a neigh-bor de - nied, Till there's hea - ven on earth and God's  
ject - ed, for the lost and the least, For the ones filled with ter - ror and



kind - ness and care With each song that we of - fer, with each prot - est and prayer.  
will has been done, Till the whole of cre - a - tion is re - stored to its home.  
those filled with shame. Come and sit at our ta - ble. Love has called you by name.



On this sa - cred foun - da - tion of faith and of trust We are build - ing a world that is



gen - tle and just. We re - joice and re - pent, of - fer praise and for - give



And we wel - come all peo - ple to the church where love lives.

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lives. We wel - come all peo - ple to the church where love lives.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Bishop says,*

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop then continues*

People There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing.*

Bishop The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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.**

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

## THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

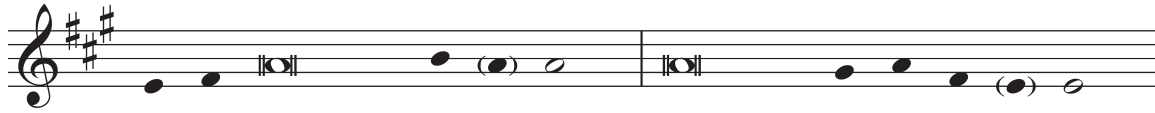
"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
 People        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM: PSALM 15 *Congregation sings the bold printed verses.*

*The asterisk\* indicates where the first half of a verse ends. The whole note with two lines on each side indicates a reciting tone; natural word rhythm determines its duration. The word or words in [square brackets] are chanted on the first quarter note following the reciting tone. The words beyond the [brackets] fall naturally on the remaining notes.*



*Lord, who* may dwell in your [ta]-bernacle? \*  
 who may abide up-[on] your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and [does what] is right, \***  
**who speaks the [truth] from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
 he does no evil [to his] friend; \*  
 he does not heap contempt up-[on] his neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is re-[ject]-ed, \***  
**but he honors [those] who fear the Lord.**

He has sworn to do [no] wrong \*  
 and does [not] take back his word.

**He does not give his money in [hope] of gain, \***  
**nor does he take a bribe a-[gainst] the innocent.**

Whoever [does] these things \*  
 shall ne-[ver] be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and

righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN *Please stand.*

Amanda Udis-Kessler

1. Bles - sèd are the poor, the ones who have been hum - bled.  
2. Bles - sèd are the queer for one way or a - no - ther,  
3. Bles - sèd are we all, no mat - ter love or gen - der,  
They will find a - bun - dance wait - ing at the door.  
Ev - ery - bo - dy won - ders: Am I wel - come here?  
Joy - ful - ly to - ge - ther ans - wer - ing the call.  
Now they have a place, a place with noth - ing wan - ting, fi - nal - ly be -  
Love has saved a seat, a seat be - fore the ta - ble wait - ing for the  
All that we've be - come we of - fer to our neigh - bors. Once we all were  
long - ing, ra - di - ant with grace. Let us be as -  
grate - ful, la - den with a feast. Cast a - way your  
stran - gers, now, we have a home where our hearts are  
sured: Love has gone be - fore. Bles - sèd are the poor.  
fear. Hear if you can hear. Bles - sèd are the queer.  
whole, where we are con - soled. Bles - sèd are we all.

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## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON** *Please be seated.*

*The Right Reverend Kathryn M. Ryan*

*Silence may follow.*

## **PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present *N.* for Confirmation.

I present *N.* to be received into this Communion.

*The Bishop asks the candidates*

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God’s grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** *Please stand.*

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**



**He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again.**  
**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
**the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES** *Please remain standing.*

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.



People        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
Leader        Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
People        **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Bishop says*

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FOR CONFIRMATION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he/she comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

## FOR RECEPTION

*The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*The Congregation greets one another.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**OFFERTORY** *Please be seated.*

## ANTHEM

“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

How brightly beams the Morning Star!  
What sudden radiance from afar  
Doth glad us with its shining?  
Brightness of God that breaks our night,  
And fills the darkened souls with light,  
Who long for truth were pining!  
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing;  
Praise, oh praise such love o’erflowing.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

Mason Martens



*A Cantor sings*

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. ***Antiphon.***
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. ***Antiphon.***

**INVITATION** *Facing the People, the Bishop says the following invitation.*

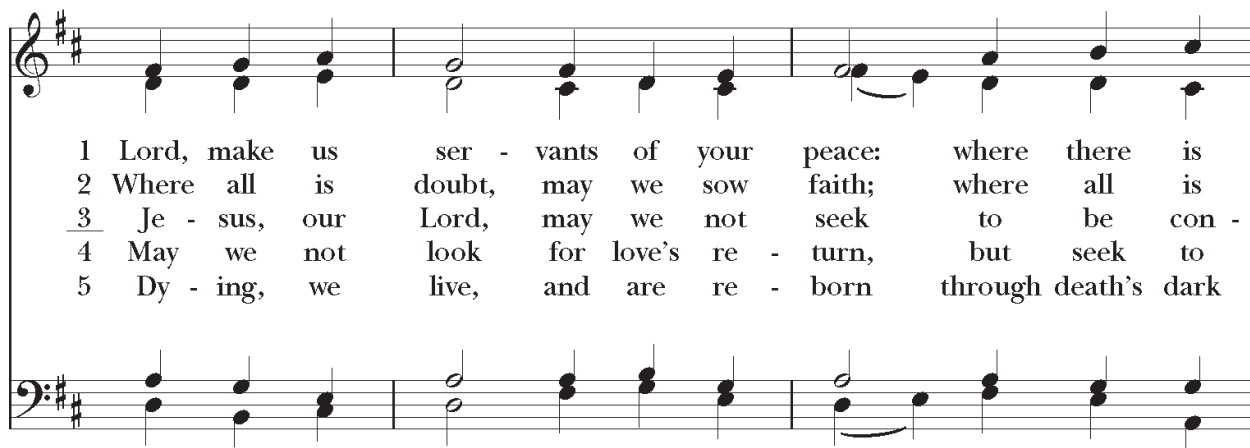
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.*

# COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

## HYMN


*Dickinson College*



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is  
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is  
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -  
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to  
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -  
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow  
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing  
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -  
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



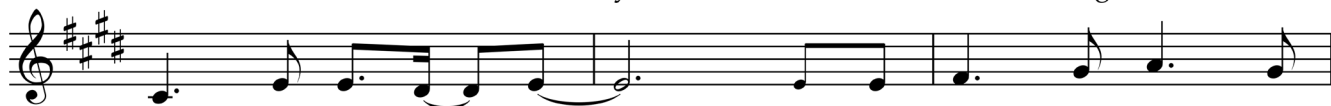
1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.  
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.  
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.



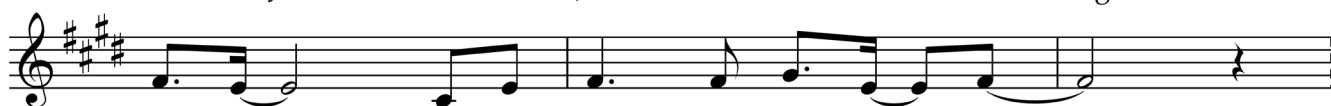
1. Let's walk to-gether for a\_\_ while and ask where we be - gin\_\_
2. Let's talk to-gether of a\_\_ time\_ when we will share a\_\_ feast,
3. Let's dream to-gether of the\_ day\_ when earth and heav'n are\_\_ one,.



— To build a world where love can\_\_ grow\_ and  
 — Where pride and pow - er kneel to\_\_ serve\_ the  
 — A ci - ty built of love and\_ light,\_ the



hope can en - ter\_\_ in. To be the hands of  
 lone - ly and the\_\_ least,\_ And joy will set the  
 new Je - ru - sa - lem,\_ Where our mour - ning turns to



heal - ing\_\_ and to plant the seeds of\_\_ peace,\_\_  
 ta - ble\_\_ as we join our hands to\_\_ pray,\_\_  
 dan - cing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its\_\_ voice!\_\_



Sing - ing wel - come, Wel - come to\_\_ this place. You're in -



vi - ted\_\_ to come and know God's grace. All are wel - come,\_ the



love of God to\_\_ share\_\_ 'Cause all of us\_\_ are wel - come here;



— all are wel - come in this\_\_ place.\_\_

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

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

## HYMN

Amanda Udis-Kessler



1. When we treat each o - ther in a way that's fair, what a won-drous day!\_\_  
love our neigh-bors and are loved in turn, what a won-drous day!\_\_  
no more hun - ger and there's no more hate, what a won-drous day!\_\_  
great day co - ming and it's ours to bring. What a won-drous day!\_\_



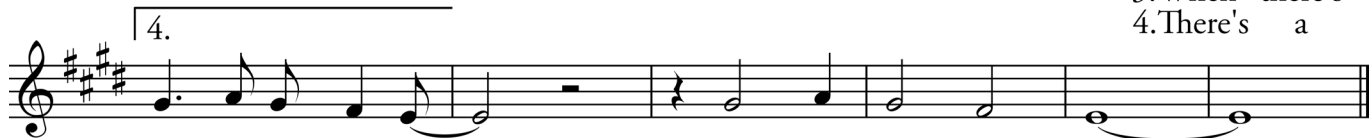
When we treat our pla-net with re-spect and care, what a won-drous day!\_\_  
When we help each o - ther in our quest to learn, what a won-drous day!\_\_  
Then the whole cre - a - tion will\_\_ ce - le - brate! What a won-drous day!\_\_  
Do the work you need to, then get up and sing! What a won-drous day!\_\_



What a won-drous day:\_\_ love and jus - tice! What a won-drous day:\_\_ peace and free-dom!



What a won-drous day!\_\_ Hal-le-lu-jah! What a won-drous day!\_\_ 2. When we  
3. When there's  
4. There's a



What a won-drous day!\_\_ What a won - drous day!\_\_

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Wir Glauben All An Einen Gott* (We Believe in One God), BWV 680

Johann Sebastian Bach



## PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild – Donna Inouye, Sheila Johnson, D Lozano, Tina Munoz

### 8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Usher: Jennifer Richardson

Reader: Peter Lovely

Hospitality: Christina Lovely

### 10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Readers: Carolyn Keating (1st lesson), Kenneth McClain (2nd lesson),  
Rowan de los Reyes (Prayers)

Counting: Cathlyne Camp-Murray, David Morrell

## ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH VESTRY

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

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

9:30 a.m. – Adult Formation

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

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30

12:00 a.m. – Bible Study – Online Only

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 a.m. – In Person Bible Study in the Gathering Area.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 a.m. – Faith & Justice Group – Online Only

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 p.m. – Virtual Town Hall on Mission Real Estate

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group – Online Only

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