

**February 19, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The Last Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist



St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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*We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

***“Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here!”***

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Carl P. Daw, Jr. The New Century Hymnal #182 (alt. tune) NETTLETON
melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ing to this high and ho - ly place,
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
3. Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our faith de - cline,
where we wait with hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the heav - enly voice is heard.
We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.
He we_ pray for new as - sur - ance that our_ faith is not in vain,
Eyes and_ hearts be - hold with won - der how the_ Law and Pro-phets meet:
But true_ wor - ship gies us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,
search-ing like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
Christ with gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
that our dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect for Purity

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Friend of Moses, strength of Elijah, you go with your people and give them your Spirit: may the Child of your heart transfigure the mortal world that love may know no bounds; through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."

- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

O Wondrous Type

WAREHAM

Latin, 15th cent.

H #137

mel. William Knapp (1698-1768)

1. O won - drous type! O vis - ion fair of glo - ry
2. With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high the in - car - nate
4. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the the
Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
vi - sion's mys - ter - ry; for which in joy - ful

mount - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows.
Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three

dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Nicene Creed

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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Sisters and brothers, let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory
to God. Let us pray,

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: Establish your Church, O God, as a light to the world.
In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Stepping
Stones and all prison, military, and hospital
chaplaincies. Shine your Holy Spirit through us, and
all for your glory and the welfare of your people.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: Righteous God, you delight in justice and let the
oppressed go free. Raise up leaders who care for the
poor.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: We thank you, O God, for the gift of light. By it you cause plants to grow; by it you generate warmth; by it you open our eyes to see the beauty of all you have made.

(please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: In our own city, Great God, be the restorer of streets. Rebuild our ruined places. May all the people of this community live in security and peace.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: Be present to all those who cry for help, O Holy One. We pray your healing will spring up quickly for those in need.

(Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Leader: The human heart fails to conceive all the good you have prepared for your beloved ones, Heavenly Parent. We trust to you our dying and our dead, believing that you are good and faithful.

Silence

Lord, hear our call,

People: **And answer us.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen**

Absolution

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

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory:

New Every Morning is the Love

John Keble, 1882

The Hymnal 1940 #155

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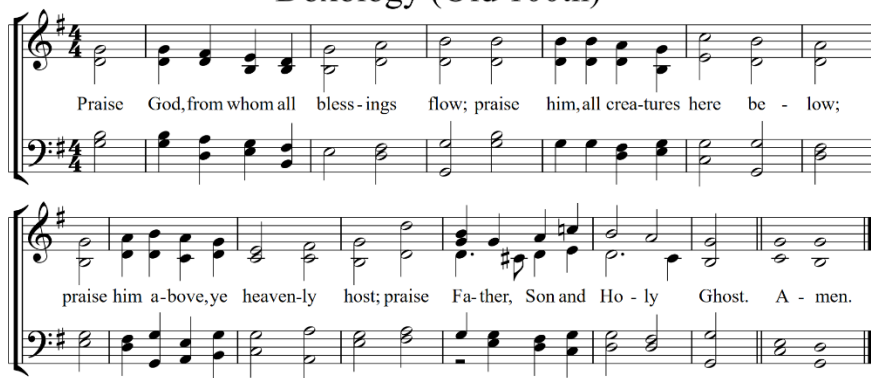
Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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1. New ev - ery morn - ing is the love our wake - ning and up - ri - sing prove;
3. New mer - cies, each re - turn - ing day, a - round us hov - er while we pray;
4. If on our dai - ly course our mind be set to hal - low all we find,
6. Old friends, old scenes, will love - lier be, as more of heaven in each we see;
On - ly, O Lord, in thy dear love, fit us for per - fect rest a - bove;

through sleep and dark - ness safe - ly brought, re - stored to life and power and thought.
new per - ils past, new sins for - giv'n, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heav'n.
new trea - sures still, of count - less price, God will pro - vide for sac - ri - fice.
some soft - ening gleam of love and prayer shall down on ev - ery cross and care.
and help us, this and ev - ery day, to live more near - ly as we pray.

Doxology (Old 100th)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the

Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

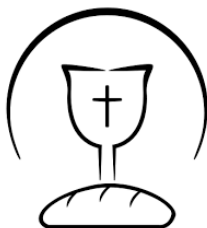
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Hymns:

My God, Thy Table

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

H #321

ROCKINGHAM

♩ = 100

fr. Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780

1. My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2. O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3. Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less
 4. Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er lead, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymns of Glory, Song of Praise #543

Bernadette Farrell (1957 -)

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness, Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, ma - ny des - pair.
 5. Ma - ny the gifts, ma - ny the peo - ple, ma - ny the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 Your word a - lone has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 Let us be ser - vants to one an - th - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts, Shine through the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to day.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Mission Song:

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

H #460

HYFRYDOL

♩ = 112

Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in 3/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system having three parts (1., 2., 3.) and the other two systems having a single line of lyrics.

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on

scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the



triumph, his the vic - tor - y a - lone; Hark! the
near - us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -

songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,

might - ty flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
plead for me, where the songs of all the

na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more.
sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.