

July 11, 2021
10:00 AM

Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

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:

Praise to the Living God

Medieval Jewish liturgy

H# 372

LEONI

tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926)

Hebrew melody

1. Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name who was and is, and
4. E - ter - nal life hath he im-plant - ed in his soul; his love shall be our

is to be, for ay the same. The one e - ter - nal God ere_
strength and stay while a - ges roll. Praise to the liv - ing God! All_

ought_ that_ now ap - pears:_ the first, the last, be -
prais - ed_ be his Name_ who was, and is, and

yond is all_ thought his_ time ay - less years!
to_ be, for_ ay the same.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of the prophets, whose word cuts through the webs of power and holds the tyrant to account: be with all who raise their voice against oppression and misrule, who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake; help us to stand and speak with them and witness to your kingdom not; through Jesus Christ, the name above all others. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

H #686

NETTLETON

melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

1. Come, thou fount of ev' - ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
 2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help, I've come;
 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee:

Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because

Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
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: The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world. For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda our bishop, Karen our rector, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Benedict's of Los Osos, ECW, and Daughters of the King.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the world and its leaders, for our president, Joseph Biden, our nation and its people.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and the dying. In recognition of Pride Month we pray for all in the LGBTQ+ community who have been hurt because of their authentic identity.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering among us and for those we now name in our hearts or aloud, (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud); that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud).

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

Absolution

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

Prayer for New Beginnings

People and Celebrant

Holy, life-giving God, we give you thanks for your love and care for us and all whom you have made. We know that you will hold the Eswine Family and Margo in your hands as they transition to their new homes. May they take with them hearts filled with your love and grace, that those with whom they live and work may see in them the face of Jesus. Bless them that they may be a blessing. Guide Rick, Maria, Joseph and Kaylyn to a new church home, where they can continue to grow in grace, in Spirit, and in truth; Guide Margo as she adjusts to a different way of working and ministering to St. Stephen's. Shower your blessings upon them and give them joy. Through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ 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:

Love Will Guide Us

Sally Rogers, 1985

Singing the Living Tradition #131

OLYMPIA

Traditional, arr. Betty A. Wilder (1923-1994)

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in - side us
2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you can - not
3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in - side us

will lead the way, on the road from greed to
speak be - fore thou - sands, you can give from deep with -
will lead the way on the road from greed to

giv - ing. Love will guide us through the hard night.
in you. You can change the world with your love.
giv - ing. Love will guide us through the hard night.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death

and to reveal the riches of your grace,

you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,

that she might conceive and bear a son,

Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,

healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself

yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St John and St Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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.

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 Hymn:

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

OMNI DIE

Louis F. Benson (1855-1930)

H #341

fr. Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631

1. For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2. By the pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3. As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat-ed at our Fa - ther's board,
4. In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heaven a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the Church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king-dome come, O Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us,
and reconciled your people to yourself.
May we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.
Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love. Amen**

The Blessing

Mission Song:

Patricia B. Clark, 2003

People of God Voices Found #109

EARTH AND ALL STARS
David N. Johnson (1922 - 1987)

1. Peo - ple of God, ga - ther to - geth - er, come, let us
2. Bear - ing your gifts, en - ter God's pre - sence, come, let us
3. Wo - men and men, har - mo - ny blend - ing, come, swell the

sing on this glo - rious day. Shout - ing a - broad
share in the hea - ven - ly feast. Mend - ing all rifts,
cho - rus in lov - ing ac - cord. Rais - ing a - gain

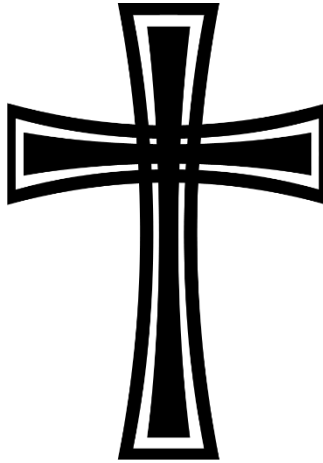
praise to the Ma - ker, come and with bo - dy and soul let us pray.
heal - ing di - vi - sions, come and from sor - rows and hurts be re - leased.
thanks ne - ver end - ing, come to the God who is Wis - dom and Word.

Come, let us join in the hea - ven - ly dance, prais - ing in joy - ous ce - le - bra - tion.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia



Reminder: *Next week's service is at 9:30am at **St. John's**.
(There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to
attend the in-person services.)*

All are welcome!