

**July 23, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The Eighth 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.**

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Make Channels for the Streams of Love

Singing the Living Tradition # 299

from Richard Chenevix Trench (1807-1886)

LAND OF REST
American Folk Melody

1. Make chan - nels for the streams of love where they my broad - ly run;____
2. But if at an - y atime we cease such chan - nels to pro - vide,____
3. For we must share, if we would keep this gift all else a - bove,____

and love has o - ver flow - ing streams to fill them ev - ery one.____
the ver - y founts of love for us will soon be parched and dried____
we cease to give, we cease to have such is the law of love.____

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 6/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three verses of text. The first verse is followed by a repeat sign, and the second and third verses are also followed by repeat signs. The score ends with a double bar line.

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



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: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if

children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The Roots of All Things Interweave

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 40

ST. COLUMBA
Irish melody

1. The roots of all things in - ter-weave and grow so close to - geth - er
2. The hum - ming-bird that works its wings to_ hov - er near a_ flow - er
3. A - long with God we_ co - cre - ate a_ vast, con - nect - ing_ sto - ry
4. The world is one com - mun - i - ty, boundroot and soul for - ev - er;

that when we pull the crowd - ing weed the wheat is al - so sev - ered.
will aid the wind that drives the cloud that forms the dis - tant show - er.
and shape a com - mon des - tin - y and trail a com - mon glo - ry.
and if we are to grow at all, we all must grow to - geth - er.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So

when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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: Sisters and brothers, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying,
Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. James of Monterey & St. James of Paso Robles. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Present God, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas.

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Light, darkness is not dark to you Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

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

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead.

Silence

Abba! Father!

People: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and all people. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Announcements

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:

Creator, We Thank You

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2006

Songs of Grace, p. 3

ST. DENIO

1. Cre - a - tor, we thank you for all you have made: for trees by the
 2. God, thank you for gar - dens on back cor - ner lots, for in - sects that
 3. God, thank you for rain - fall that ends a long drought, for cracks in the
 4. O God, we give thanks for the pla - ces we go, for cool moun-tain

side - walk that give us cool shade, for grass - cov - ered ball fields, for
 hide out in old flow - er pots, for li - ons and po - lar bears
 side - walk where lit - tle weeds sprout, for birds that build nests in the
 lakes and for trails in the snow, for each ci - ty park and for

flow - ers down - town, for wide au - tumn leaves that turn cris - py and brown.
 liv - ing in zoos, for high moun-tain trails that have beau - ti - ful views.
 tops of the trees, for hot sum - mer days when we feel a cool breeze.
 each coun - ty fair, for gifts of cre - a - tion we see ev - ery - where.

Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy 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

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

The musical score is written for a two-part vocal setting (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It is in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The score consists of six systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line.

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 Hymns:

Let The Hungry Come To Me

Sr. Delores Dufner, OSB

Renew! #220

ADORO TE DEVOTE

Processionale, 1697

1. Let the hun - gry come to me, let the poor be fed.
 2. "I my - self am liv - ing bread; feed on me and live.
 3. "Here a - mong you shall I dwell; mak - ing all things new.

Let the thirs - ty come and drink, share my wine and bread.
 In this cup my blood for you; drink the wine I give.
 You shall be my ver - y own, I, your God with you.

Though you have no mo - ney, come to me and eat.
 All who eat my bo - dy, all who drink my blood,
 Bless'd are you in - vi - ted to my wed - ding feast."

Drink the cup I of - fer, feed on fin - est wheat.
 shall have joy for - ev - er, share the life of God.
 You shall live for - ev - er, all your joys in - creased.

Be Still and Know

Anon; paraphrase of

Psalm 46:10, 7:1, Exodus 15:26

Renew! #10

BE STILL AND KNOW

Anon., arr. Jack Schrader, 1988

1. Be still and know that I am God, be still and
 2. The Lord Al - migh - ty is our God, the Lord Al -
 3. The God of Ja - cob is our rock, the God of

know that I am God, be still and know that I am God.
 migh - ty is our God, the Lord Al - migh - ty is our God.
 Ja - cob is our rock, the God of Ja - cob is our Rock.

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**

Blessing



Mission Song:

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

Att. John Fawcett (1739/40 - 1817)

H #344

SICILIAN MARINERS
Sicilian melody (1792)

1. Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, July 26th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, July 30th at St. Stephen's, 10am (Bishop's Visitation)
- Wednesday Book Group, August 2nd at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 6th at St. John's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 9th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 13th at St. John's, 10am
- Wednesday Book Group, August 16th at St. John's, 11am
- **Sunday Service**, August 20th at St. Stephen's, 10am
- Saturday, September 30th – St. Stephen's Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, 5pm

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