

**September 3, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The Fourteenth 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:

Take Up Your Cross

Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

H #675

BOURBON

attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

1. Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if you would my
2. Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spi -

dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
spi - rit up, and brace you heart, and nerve your arm.

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.

Passionate Lord, walking to Golgotha in the midst of our confusion: free us from our images of you which keep you enthroned in idle power, apart from the pain and sin of the world; lead us to embrace the scandal of the cross and let our violence die that greater life might rise; through Jesus Christ, who took the form of a slave.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and

they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

All: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The Way of Life Takes Unexpected Turns

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 108

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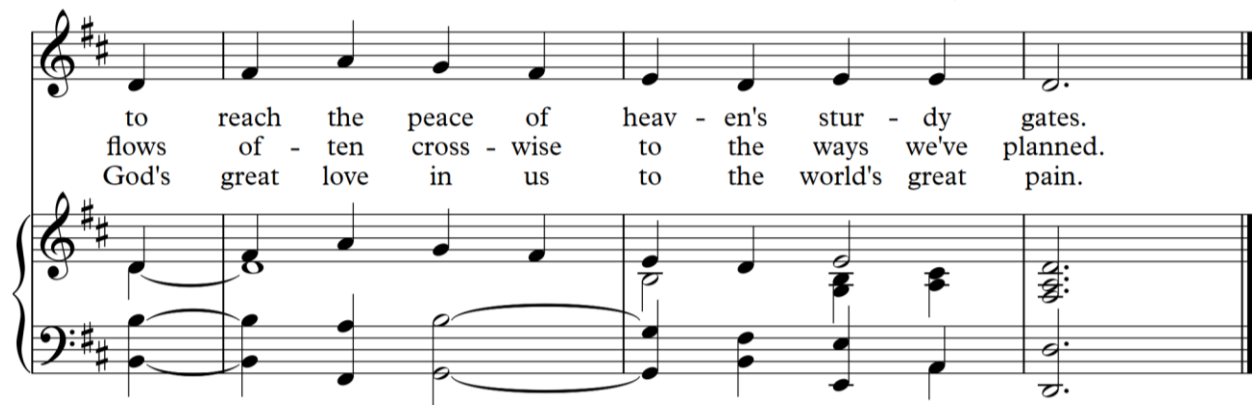
Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

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1. The way to Life takes un - ex - spect - ed turns, con - tra - ry to what
 2. We meet the warm, trans - form - ing love of God, em - brace and praise it,
 3. Our peace in piec - es lies be - fore our eyes - one piece runs with and

$\text{♩} = 52$

one an - ti - ci - pates. Who plots a path through hell's un - ea - sy streets
 yet mis - un - der - stand that love, to reach and warm a wi - der world,
 one a - gainst the grain. These meet and point to heav - en when we bind



Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Bertram Nagarajah

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: My friends, be kindly affectioned one to another with love. And let us come before God, saying,

We glory in your holy name,

People: And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus, you bid your disciples take up their cross and follow you: may your holy Church desire, above all, the things of God that we might overcome evil with good. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all who labor: that all shall earn a living wage and be treated with honor and respect.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

***People:* And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: Lord God of our forebears, you know the sorrows of the afflicted: Deliver those who are being oppressed. And grant your peace to all the world.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

***People:* And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: Good Lord, you make known your wondrous works: reveal yourself in the works of your hands as you did to Moses our forebear on the holy mountain.

(Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

***People:* And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: O Lord, grant that the people of our land be given to hospitality. May we abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good and, in so doing, may we live peaceably one with another.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

***People:* And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: Strong Lord, make us weep with those who weep. Reveal your strength to the weak and lowly that they may rejoice in all your marvelous works.

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

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

***People:* And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

Leader: Almighty God, you reward each one according to their works: Give to the dead rest from their labors and life everlasting.

Silence

We glory in your holy name,

People: **And offer to you our prayer, O Lord.**

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.

Offertory:

Our God, You Called to Moses

LLANGLOFFEN

Songs of Grace #5

fr. *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth*
yr Eglwys yng Nghymru, 1865

Carolyn Winfrey, 2000

1. Our God, you called to Mo - ses to set your peo - ple free. What
2. And yet, O Lord, you told him to trust in what you said. Your
3. You call each con - gre - ga - tion to serve the lost and poor. We

wrong - ly some sup - pose is: He an - swered ea - si - ly.
strength would sure - ly hold him through ev - ery day a - head.
doubt our own vo - ca - tion; we ask, "Lord, are you sure?"

"I'm not the one you're seek - ing!" he seemed in - stead to say.
Though ma - ny would op - pose him, by your own name he'd know:
Yet you give gifts for shar - ing, you show us what to say.

"My strength is not in speak - ing; God, find an - oth - er way!"
You were the one who chose him to help your peo - ple go.
Your spi - rit gives us dar - ing to serve Christ ev - ery day.

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 setting, likely for soprano and alto voices. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are in English and Latin. The piano accompaniment features a steady harmonic support with some melodic movement in the right hand. The vocal lines are simple and homophonic, following the rhythm of the piano accompaniment.

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:

New Every Morning is the Love

John Keble, 1882

The Hymnal 1940 #155

MELCOMBE

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

$\text{♩} = 96$

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

Take My Life and Let it Be

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

H #707

HOLLINGSIDE

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - cra - ted, Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments
2. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King; take my in - tel -

and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise. Take my hands, and let them move
lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine;

at the im - pulse of thy love; take my heart, it
it shall be no long - er mine. Take my - self, and

is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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**

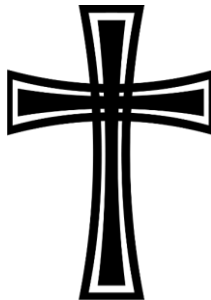
Announcements

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.

Blessing



Mission Song:

Community of Christ

Shirley Erena Murray

Worship & Rejoice! #615

LEONI

Hebrew melody

$\text{♩} = 48$

1. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
3. Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the world must sound -

live out your creed and risk your life for the God a - lone:
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round:

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long.
dis - arm the powers of war and all that can des - troy,

whose child - ren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.

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, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Saturday, September 30th – St. Stephen's Harvest Dinner Fundraiser, 5pm

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