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:



Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his 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



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 66:1-11

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; * sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! * because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, * sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful-for he cannot deny himself.

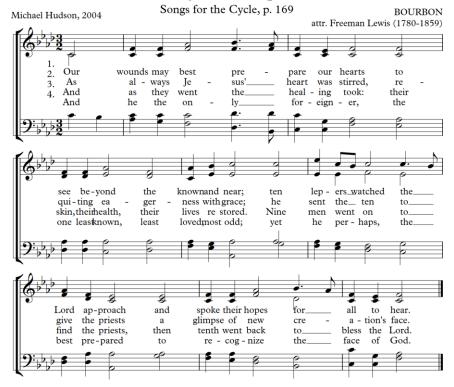
Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

Our Wounds May Best Prepare Our Hearts



Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated

himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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;

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

he ascended into heaven

and his kingdom will have no end.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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, $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}$

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Beloved God, we thank you for giving us power

through your Spirit to reveal your life to the world: strengthen, bless, and guide us to make you known by

word and example.

We are your Church, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Leader: We thank you for your creation, and pray for the earth

you have given us to cherish and protect: nourish in

us your love for all you have made.

We are your stewards, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Leader: Guide and bless us in our work and in our play, and

shape the patterns of our political and economic life, that all people may share in the fulfillment of your creative work. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the entire diocesan community; that we may walk the Way of Love faithfully with one another and serve the Risen Christ in every aspect of our living.

We are your servants, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Leader: Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people; in

those we love easily and those with whom we

struggle, in those different from us and those familiar

to us.

We are made in your image, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Leader: We thank you for calling us to a glorious heritage as

your holy people. Free us from lack of vision, from inertia of will and spirit. By your life-giving Spirit, lead us out of isolation and oppression, redeem and

restore us.

You are the life with in us, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Leader: We thank you for the gift of life, with all its blessings

and sorrows. Shield the joyous, comfort and

strengthen those in any need or trouble.

(Please add your own petitions either silently or

aloud.)

Bless those who will be born today and those who will die, that joining with the company of all your saints we may rejoice in one unending song of praise.

(Please add your own pititions either silently or

aloud.)

In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

People: Guide us in your grace.

Celebrant: We offer these our prayers and thanksgivings to you,

O God, the source of all that is true and holy, now and

for ever.

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.

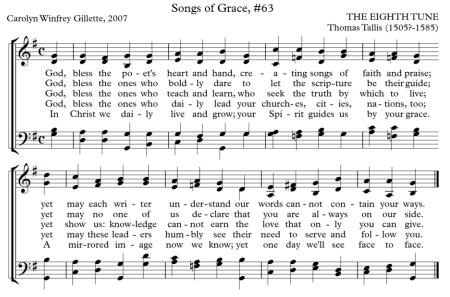
Exchange peace.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

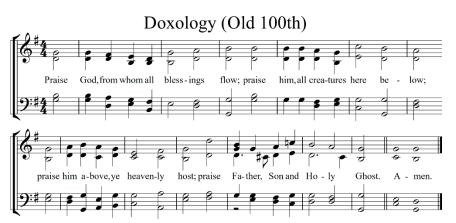
Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes 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:

God, Bless the Poet's Heart and Hand







THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your boarts.

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are

worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast

expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our

island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their

being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the

human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and

we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your

sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through

prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open

for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we

are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the

heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who

have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them

your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Sanctus

\$130 Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our fathers and mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rachael, Jacob and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 Hymn:





Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Blessing

Mission Song:

Now Thank We All Our God



The Dismissal

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

alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

