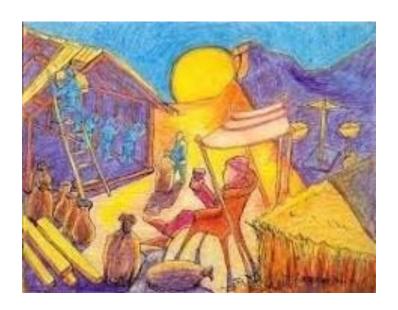
### **Holy Eucharist**



# 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:

### Lead Us, Heavenly Father



### **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



#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of abundance, you demand our life entire and whole: lead us out from prisons of greed to a place of riches uncontained and always new; through Jesus Christ, our common wealth. **Amen.** 

#### The Lessons

#### First Reading

Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

The more I called them, the more they went from me;

they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.

I was to them like those
who lift infants to their cheeks.
I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim?

My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim;

for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion;

when he roars,

his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm: Psalm 107:1-9, 43

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \* and his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \* that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \* from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \* they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \* their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \* and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \* to go to a city where they might dwell.

- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \* and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \* and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \* and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

#### Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

#### Gospel Gradual:

### Though the Ground Groans With its Bounty



### Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according

to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he

said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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 those in leadership in this diocese that they may serve with "wisdom, patience and a reconciling temper"; for the members of our Diocesan Board of Trustees, for the Chancellor, Treasurer and Secretary of the diocese.

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 the sick and suffering among us, for all who are

traveling, and for those we now name in our hearts 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.

Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Celebrant: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with

body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. 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.

# Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

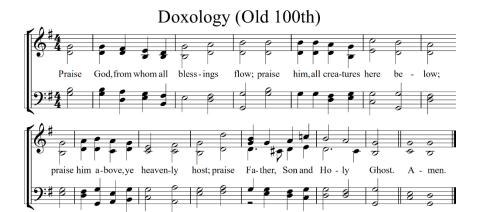
**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes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





#### 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

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



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

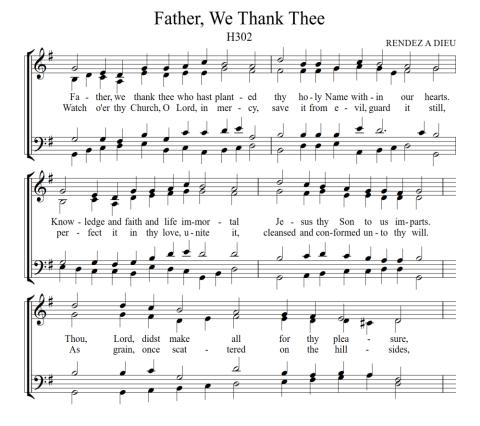
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

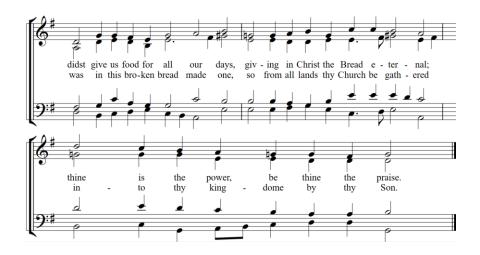
### The Breaking of the Bread

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:





#### 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:

# God of Grace and God of Glory



#### The Dismissal

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

alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.