

August 28, 2022  
10:00 AM

The Twelfth Sunday  
after Pentecost

## Holy Eucharist



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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:*

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

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CORONATION

Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time. The top staff is in treble clef, the middle staff is in bass clef, and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is divided into three parts, each with a different set of lyrics. The first part (measures 1-4) includes lyrics for three stanzas: 1. All hail the power of Je-sus' Name! Let an-gels prostrate fall; 2. Hail him, the Heir of Da-vid's line, whom Da-vid Lord did call; 3. Ye heirs of Is-rael's cho-sen race, ye ran-somed of the fall, all! The second part (measures 5-8) includes lyrics: bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all! the God in-car-nate, Man di-vine, and crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! The third part (measures 9-12) includes lyrics: bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem and crown him Lord of all! the God in-car-nate, Man di-vine, and crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

## *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

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.

Inviting God, laying open your table to the deviant and deranged, setting a place for the foreign and unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the One given for all. **Amen.**

## ***The Lessons***

### ***First Reading***

***Jeremiah 2:4-13***

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,  
and went after worthless things, and became worthless  
themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,  
who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,  
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:  
    they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
    and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
    that can hold no water.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
    and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,  
    who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
    "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
    and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
    to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
    that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
    and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, \*  
    and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
    and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will

judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

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



*Please stand*

## *Gospel Gradual:*

### If Life is Like a Wedding Feast

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.163

FOREST GREEN, English melody

adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. If life is like a wed - ding feast and we are cast as guests,  
2. If life is like a wed - ding feast and we are cast as hosts,  
3. And God is mak - ing life a feast, em - bra - eing us as guests

then it is tra - gic not to know the life God man - i - fests.  
then it is li - mit - ing to list the ones we like the most  
so that with self - for - get - ting grace we gath - er and are blessed

Dis - tract - ed by ap - pear - anc - es, se - duced by praise or place,  
and leave a - part, out - side, un - known un - count - ed oth - er souls,  
to taste and know that God is good and spreads the ta - ble wide,

if we re - main out - side our - selves we miss this mo - ments grace.  
when love sug - gets there is no feast till all the parts are whole.  
so wide we know to say with God, Come, all my friends, in - side.

## ***Gospel Reading***

***Luke 14:1, 7-14***

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

*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;  
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 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,  
    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:***

***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:***

***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 all engaged in ministry to infants, children and youth; for the Tutoring Program at Iglesia San Pablo Apostol, Seaside.

We are your servants, O God.

***People:***

***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:***

***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 within us, O God.

***People:***

***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 petitions 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 to 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 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 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 of the Ages**

Ruth Duck, 1987

Dancing in the Universe, #27

ST. CATHERINE  
Henri F. Hemy

1. God of the ages, now and past, thank-ful of heart, we  
2. God of our parents, teach-ers, friends, you gave them grace to  
3. God of the present, guide-us now; send us your Spi-rit's  
4. God of the future, grant-us faith, cour-age for ven-tures

turn to you. God of the faith - ful year by year,  
 walk your way. May we, like them, a - rise to meet  
 ho - ly flame. Act - ing in cour - age, speak - ing love,  
 yet un - known. God, to the church. your love has built

grant us your mer - cies ev - er new. God of the a - ges,  
 chal - leng - es, risks of our new day.  
 may we bring hon - or to your name.  
 now to their la - bors add our own.

hear our prayer; all gen - er - a - tions know your care.

### Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;  
 praise him a-bove, ye heavenly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly 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:* 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*

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,

he a - 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*

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,

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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:

### My God, Thy Table

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

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fr. *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780

1. My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2. O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3. Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in count - less  
4. Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver flow; be all thy chil - - dren  
well with joy - ful flow; be all thy chil - - dren  
num - bers let them come and may each soul sal -  
world thy truth has run, till gath - er from Bread their shall

thith - er lead, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

## 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:*

#### Immortal, Invisible

Walter Chalmers Smith

H# 423

ST. DENIO

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac -  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor  
ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the  
wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high  
an - cient of days, al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.  
soar - ing a - bove thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.

### *The Dismissal*

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**