

October 17, 2021
10:00 AM

Twenty-first 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.*

***“Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here!”***

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Sing, Ye Faithful

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

H #492

FINNIAN

Christopher Dearnley (b. 1930)

1. Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest, sweet - est strain,
2. Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him-self to Beth lehem's cave,
4. Now on high, yet ev - er with_ us, from his Fa - ther's throne the Son

with the prais - es of your Sa - vior let his house re - sound a - gain;
stooped to wear the ser - vants ves - ture, bore the pain, the cross, the grave,
rules and guides the world he ran - somed, till the ap-point - ed work be done,

him let all your mu - sic ho - nor, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
passed with-in the gates of dark - ness, thence his ban-ished ones to save.
till he see, re-newed and per - fect, all things gath-ered in - to one.

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be God's 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: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Suffering God, in whose name we seek glory for ourselves: cast down the idols that serve our fear and guilt, our need for blame, for punishment; direct our angry hearts to him who bears our wounds where there is no more need to fight; through Jesus Christ, the true God and servant of all.

Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
and say to you, 'Here we are'?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

"Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?"

The Word of the Lord.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
 O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
 you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
 and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
 you make the clouds your chariot;
 you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
 and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
 so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
 the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
 at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
 to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
 they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37b Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

O Holy City, Seen of John

Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969)

H #582 (alternate tune)

BROTHER JAMES AIR

J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

$\text{♩} = 66$

1. O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ the Lamb doth
4. Al - read - y in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth

reign, with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor
fair: lo, how its splen - dor chal - len - ges the souls that great - ly

pain, and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
dare - yea, bids us seize the whole of life and bld its glo - ry there.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

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

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop; Karen, our Rector; and for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. 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.

God of love,

People: **Hear our prayers for the church.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people to courageously speak out against hatred, and actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love.

God of freedom,

People: **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us.

God of justice,

People: **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people. We pray for all whose lives are endangered by conflict and war.

God of peace,

People: **Hear our prayers for this community.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those connected to us as part of the human family. For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. Awaken in us compassion and humility of spirit, as we seek and serve Christ in all persons.
God of mercy,

People: **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Leader: God of grace, we pray for those who have died: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light.
God of grace,

People: **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Silence — Add your prayers, silently or in your hearts

Celebrant: Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:

Wisdom Makes a Way to God

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs of the Cycle, p. 113

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH
Martin Herbst (1654-1681)

$\text{♩} = 52$

1. Wis - dom makes a way to God that the shrewd are slow to take,
2. Great - ness builds a house for God that the great some - times ig - nore,
3. Pow - er shapes a realm of god that the pow - er - ful con - found,
4. Gra - cious, po - tent, pli - ant Christ, may we fol - low - ers ob - serve

where the king - dom of a self dwin - dles for com - pas - sion's sake.
where a sin - gle pas - sage - way o - pens through a ser - vants' door.
where the do - mi - nant is dimmed and the do - mi - na - ted crowned.
that through you God's great - ness moves not to mas - ter but to serve.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly 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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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,___

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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:

Safe in the Shadow of the Lord

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)
based on Ps 91

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise, #55

ST. COLUMBA
Irish melody

1. Safe_ in the sha - dow_ of the Lord be - neath his
3. From fears and phan - toms_ of the night, from_ foes a -
4. His_ ho - ly an - gels_ keep my feet se - cure from
5. Strong in the ev - er - last - ing name, and_ in my
6. Safe_ in the sha - dow_ of the Lord, poss - essed by

hand and_ power, I trust in him, I trust in
bout my_ way, I trust in him, I trust in
ev - ery stone; I trust in him, I trust in
Fa - ther's care, I trust in him, I trust in
love di - vine, I trust in him, I trust in

him, my for - tress and my tower.
him, by dark - ness as day.
him, and un - a - fraid by go on.
him, who hears and an - swers prayers.
him, and meet his love with mine.

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:

The Head That Once was Crowned with Thorns

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

H #483, alternate tune

MORNING SONG

Elkanah Kelsey Dare (1782-1826)

1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2. The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3. the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,

a_ roy - al_ di - a - dem a - dorns the migh - ty vic - tor's brow.
the_ King of_ kings, and Lord of_ lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
to_ whom he_ man - i - fests his_ love and grants his Name to know.

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Reminder: Next week's service is at 9:30am at **St. John's**.
(There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to attend the in-person services.)

All are welcome!