

May 7, 2023  
10:00 AM

The Fifth  
Sunday of Easter

## 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, O Father

H #703 (alternate tune)

William Henry Burleigh (1812-1871)

TOULON

fr. *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551

1. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of peace; with - out thy guid - ing  
2. Lead us, O Fa - ther, in the paths of right; blind - ly we stum - ble  
3. Lead us, O Fa - ther, to thy heaven-ly rest, how - ev - er rough and

hand we go a - stray, and doubts ap - pall, and sor - rows still in  
when we walk a - lone, in - volved in sha - dows of a dark-some  
steep the path may be; through joy or sor - row, as thou deem - est

crease; lead us through Christ, the true and liv - ing Way.  
night; on - ly with thee we jour - ney safe - ly on.  
best, un - til our lives are per - fect - ed in thee.

## *Opening Acclamation*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## *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**

## **Celtic Alleluia**

*Refrain (Harmony, S.A.B.)*

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #346

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## *Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

*Acts 7:55-60*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their

coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:                   Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
    let me never be put to shame; \*  
    deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
    make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
    for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
    for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
    for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
    for you have redeemed me,  
    O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
    rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
    and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
    and in your loving-kindness save me.

**Second Reading**

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer

spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to  
shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand*



## Gospel Gradual:

### Many Rooms Await a Seeker

Michael Hudson

Songs for the Cycle, p. 26

STUTTGART

*Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange 1715*

1. Ma - ny rooms a - wait a seek - er sum-moned by God's gra - cious call;  
2. All who un - der - take the jour - ney, yearn - ing, grow - ing, strain - ing, stressed,  
3. Rest with - in the day's ad - ven - ture, shel - ter in both joy and strife,  
4. Life a - waits us and at - tends us, Life, be - side, with - in, a - bove,

in the heart of the Cre - a - tor there is room e - nough - for all.  
find in God a will for liv - ing and in God a bless - ed rest.  
peace past com - mon un - der - stand - ing in this Way, this Truth, this Life.  
dwells with us in time and ev - er binds us in a bound - less love.

## Gospel Reading

**John 14:1-14**

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

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*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.**

**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:** Brothers and Sisters, once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Let us pray to our good God, saying,

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

**Leader:** In you, O Lord, does your Church take refuge. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Dunstan's of Carmel Valley, and for the Clergy Conference. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works in Jesus' name. May your Church glorify in all our doings.

**Silence**

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Leader:* Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold in your strong hands the suppressed and the abused.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Leader:* God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Leader:* Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Leader:* Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued.

*(please add your own petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Leader:* God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

*Silence*

Make your face to shine upon us,

**People:** **And in your loving-kindness save us.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## ***The Peace***

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Exchange peace.*

## ***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.

## Offertory:

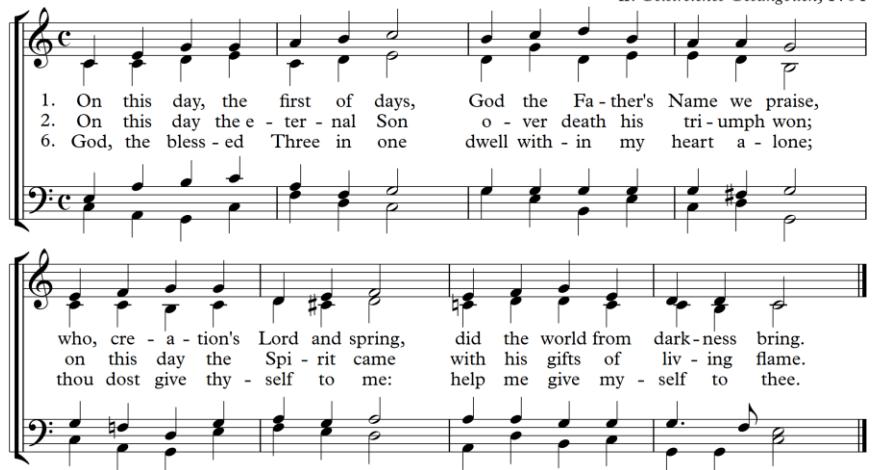
### On This Day, the First of Days

Latin: tr. Henry William Baker (1821-1877)

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fr. *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704

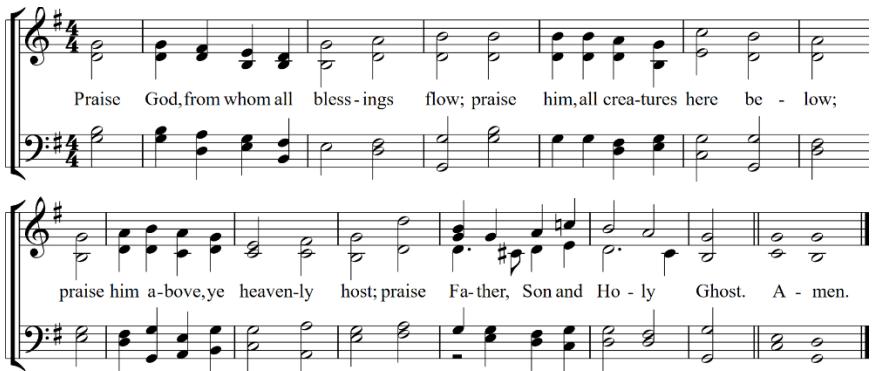


1. On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2. On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
6. God, the bless - ed Three in one dwell with - in my heart a - lone;

who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.  
on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
thou dost give thy - self to me: help me give my - self to thee.



## Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):



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.**

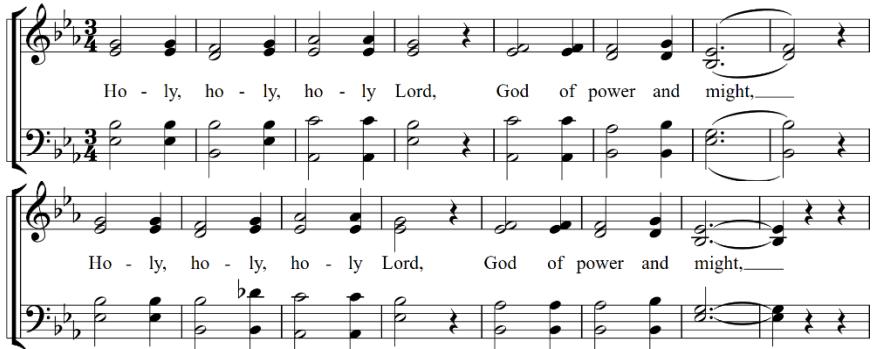
### *Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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



heaven 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*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,**

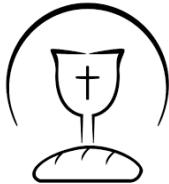
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## *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 Hymns:*

### Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #546

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att. William Croft (1678-1727)

1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, un - ut - tered or ex - pressed,  
2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, the fall - ing of a tear,  
3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech that in - fant lips can try;  
5. Prayer is not made by us a - lone: the Ho - ly Spi - rit pleads,  
6. O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way,

the mo - tion of a hid - den fire that trem - bles in the breast.  
the up - ward glanc - ing of an eye when none but God is near.  
the prayer the sub - lim - est strains that reach the Ma - jes - ty on high.  
and Je - sus, on the e - ter - nal throne, for sin - ners in - ter - cedes.  
the path of prayer your - self have trod, Lord, teach us how to pray.

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven (1819-1866)

## Lift Every Voice and Sing # 109

Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y -  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of

bear! What a priv - i - lege to ear - ry  
 where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged,  
 care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - ue,

ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends des - pise, for -

for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 faith - ful thee? who will all our sor - rows share?  
 sake Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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all be - cause we do not car - ry  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness,  
 In his arms He'll take and shield thee,

ev - 'ry - thing to the God in prayer.  
 take it wilt find a Lord in ace there.  
 thou

## ***Post Communion Prayer***

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**We thank you, Lord that you have fed us in this sacrament, uniting us with Christ. Empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve, and send us out as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ***The Blessing***

### ***Mission Song:***

#### **God, We Praise You**

Christopher Martin Idle (1938 -) from *Te Deum*

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise # 120

HYMN TO JOY

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

The musical score consists of three staves of music. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some lines appearing above the staff and others below. The score is for three voices and a bassoon.

1. God, we praise you. God, we bless you. God, we name you sov - ereign Lord.  
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - tor - ious, you will judge the world you made;

Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your church a dored:  
Lord, in mer - ey help your ser - vants for whose free-dom you have paid:

all cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, heav'n and earth draw near your throne  
raise us up from dust to glo - ry, guard us from all sin to - day;

singing, 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God, a lone!  
 King enthroned a - bove all prais - es, save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

## *The Dismissal*

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

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

