

May 30, 2021
10:00 AM

First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday

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:

O Trinity of Blessed Light

Latin, 6th cent.

tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

st. 3 Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Wonder, Love and Praise #744

DUKE STREET

John Hatton (d. 1793)

$\text{♩} = 72$

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked as 72 beats per minute. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with four lines of text corresponding to the four parts of the choir. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, the second system covers the next two lines, and the third system covers the final two lines. The music features a mix of whole, half, and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are: O Tri - ni - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni - ty of roy - al
To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our eve - ning prayer we
To God the Fath - er, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly
might, the fier - y sun now goes its way;
raise; O grant us with thy sants on high
night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise
shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
our e - qual and un - cease - ing praise.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Enfolding God, Trinity of love, you are our source, our goal, our life: may we be born again in you no more to live alone and unconnected, but sharing in the Spirit's breath and carried to your heart; through Jesus Christ, who lifts us up. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

A Narrow Door

Songs for the Cycle, p. 92

Michael Hudson, 2004

THE EIGHTH TUNE
Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and common time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes additional lyrics. The notation features a variety of note values including minims, crotchets, and quavers, with rests used to indicate when voices are silent. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. A nar - row door need not ex - clude one soul who turns to God to - day, but
2. As win - dows in the cir - cled stones con - vey a sin - gle shaft of light to
3. And if we have to change our course or climb or bend and some - times strain to
4. O God, our Source and Goal and Guide, the Ground we know and yet ex - plore, you

o - pens to re - veal the link be - tween the near and far - a - way.
strike and mark the cru - cial point, a nar - row door puts God in sight.
catch the light, a child of God will know it as cre - a - tive pain.
draw us to this o - pen - ing and meet us in the nar - row door.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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,
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: Filled with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying, Alleluia! Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda our bishop, and Karen our rector, that in the power of the Spirit they may be signs of God's love, joy, and peace.

People: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the grace to love in the truth that the Spirit of God will lead us into a greater understanding of who we are and of what God is asking of us.

People: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all victims of gun violence, especially the shooting at VTA this week – those who died, those who grieve the loss of their loved ones, the injured, and the perpetrator.

People: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the sick and suffering among us and for those we now name in our hearts or aloud, (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud); that they may be comforted and strengthened by God's life-giving Spirit.

People: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who have died, (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud); that they may find rest and peace in God's presence forever.

People: **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, who sends us the Spirit of truth. Hear the prayers we offer this day and let your Holy Spirit kindle in us the welcome fire of your love, that we who are many may be one body, serving the world in your name, through Jesus Christ the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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:

O Day of Radiant Gladness

H #48

Sts. 1-2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)
st. 3, Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN
German folk song

$\text{♩} = 54$

1.
2. O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
4. This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim way,

O balm of care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
this day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;
at length our rest at - tain - ing, our end - less Sab - bath day.

this day the high_ and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
this day our Lord vic - to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven,
We sing to thee_ our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God Tri - une.
and thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.
the Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

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*

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

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:

from St. Patrick's Breastplate
adapt. James Quinn

Christ Beside Me

Renew! # 164

BUNESSAN
Gaelic melody

1. Christ_ be - side me, Christ_ be - fore me, Christ_ be - hind
me King of my heart; Christ_ with - in me, Christ_ be -
low me, Christ_ a - bove me nev - er to part.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

H# 362

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord, God Al - migh - ty!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord, God Al - migh - ty!

Ear - ly in the mor - ning our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gol - den crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,
 che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; mer - ci - ful and migh - ty,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

The Dismissal

Deacon: 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!