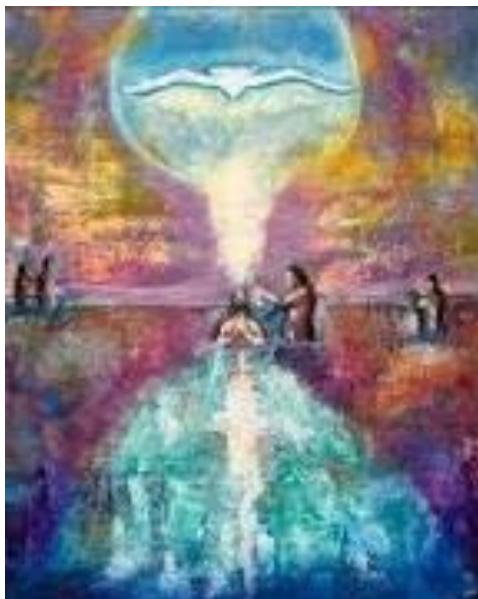


**January 8, 2023
10:00 AM**

**The First Sunday
after the Epiphany**

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:

Crashing Waters at Creation

Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)

Voices Found #67

HOLY MANNA

fr. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. Crash-ing wa-ters at cre-a-tion, or-dered by the Spi-rit's breath,
2. Cleans-ing wa-ter once at Jor-dan closed a-round the one for-told,

first to wit-ness day's be-gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death. Part-ing wat-er
o-pened to re-veal the glo-ry ev-er-new and ev-er old. Liv-ing wa-ter,

stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed on-through, wash-ing off the
nev-er end-ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul. Well-spring, source of

chains of bond-age chan-nel to a life made new.
life e-ter-nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.

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: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the

covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

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

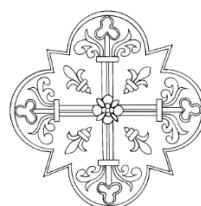
Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand



Gospel Gradual:

Jesus Walked Without a Word

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 10

DIX

Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)

1. Je - sus walked with - out a word toward the Jor - dan's pro - mised grace.
2. Let the bro - ken ones be healed. Let the lost be found and fed.
3. Let it be: the Spi - rit falls, con - se - cra - ting com - mon ground.

By the wa - ter John looked up, awed to see the pro - mised face.
Let the grace of God roll on. Let the ri - ver rise and spread.
Let it be: the Word of God whis - pers, thun - ders, soothes, re - sounds.

"Why," he said, "Lord, come to me?" Je - sus an swered, "Let it be!"
Step in - to this stream with me, Let God's gra - cious pur - pose be!
Come, be bap - tized, friends, with me in the joy of let - ting be!"

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens

were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Buenz

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: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let us
pray to the Lord saying, "In the house of the Lord all
are crying, "Glory.""

Lord, give your Church the blessing of peace. Give us
the power to testify about your Son, Jesus. Give us
your Spirit that we may live fully into your righteous
calling.

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."**

Leader: Lord, give this nation the blessing of peace. Make
our hearts understand that you show no partiality.

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."**

Leader: Lord, give your creation the blessing of peace. You
make yourself known to us in your works. You
created the heavens and stretched them out; you
spread out the earth and what comes from it. You are
upon the mighty waters. May we witness your
presence all around us.

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, "Glory."**

Leader: Lord, give this region the blessing of peace. May we not grow faint until your justice has been established in our hearts and lives.

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

Leader: Lord, give to our friends and family the blessing of peace. Bring your light to those who sit in darkness. In their places of hurt, pain, and death, declare new things and spring for new life.

(Please add your petitions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

Leader: Lord, give to those who have died the blessing of everlasting peace. May those who ate and drank of the body and blood of Christ in this life also know his resurrection.

Silence

People: **In the house of the Lord all are crying, “Glory.”**

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.**

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:

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

George B. Timms (1910-1997)

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BOURBON

attr. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

1. The sin-less one to Jor-dan came, and in the riv -
2. Up - ris-ing from the wa-ters there, the Fa-ther's voice
3. A - bove him see the heaven-ly Dove, the sign of God
5. O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin, go forth with you

er shared our stain; God's right - eous - ness he
did then de - clare that Christ, the Son of
the Fa - ther's love, no by the Ho - ly
a world to win: grant us the Ho - ly

thus ful - filled, and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
God, had come to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
Spi - rit shed up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
Spi - rit's power to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-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.

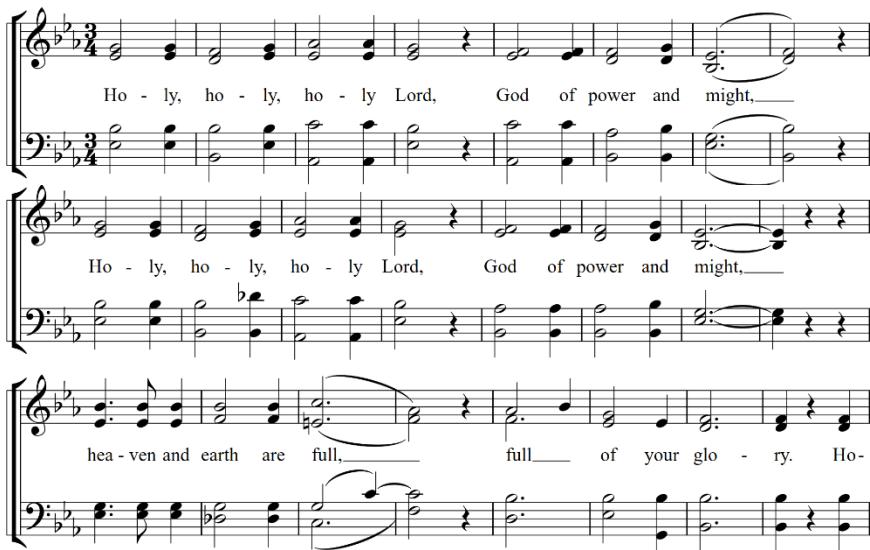
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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,___

he - ven and earth are full,___ full___ of your glo - ry. Ho-

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 pray,

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:

Loving Spirit

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-)

Worship & Rejoice #135

OMNI DIE

fr. Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631

1. Lov-ing Spi - rit, lov-ing Spi - rit, you have cho - sen me to
2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your
3. Like a fath - er you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing
4. Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and
5. Lov-ing Spi - rit, lov-ing Spi - rit, you have cho - sen me to

be - you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
own, feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
eye, hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
blessed: in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-en-ce I may rest.
be - you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Christ is Our Light!

Timothy Redman

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise # 336

CANTICUM REFECTIONIS

David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

Christ is our light! the bright and morn-ing star cov - ering with ra-diance
Christ is our love! bap - tised that we may know the love of God a -
Christ is our joy! trans - form-ing wed-ding guest! Through wa - ter turned to

all from near and far. Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray in -
mong us, swoop-ing low. Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face and
wine the feast was blessed. Christ be our joy; your glo - ry let us see, as

to our hearts, in - to our world to - day.
see in you the light of heaven's em - brace.
your dis - ci - ples did in Ga - li - lee.

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:

Shall We Gather at the River

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #141

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

1. Shall we ga - ther at the ri - ver, where bright an - gel feet have trod;
2. On the mar - gin of the ri - ver, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the ri - ver, the beau - ti ful, the beau - ti - ful ri - ver;

gath - er with the saints, at the ri - ver that flows by the throne of God.

The Dismissal

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

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