

May 8, 2022  
10:00 AM

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter

## 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:

### God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Voices Found # 21

SLANE

$\text{♩} = 76$

1. God of the wo - men who an - swered your call, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way, \_\_\_\_\_  
5. O God of Phoe - be and min - is - ters all, \_\_\_\_\_

trust - ing your pro - mise, giv - ing their all, \_\_\_\_\_  
giv - ing their re - sourc - es, learn - ing to pray, \_\_\_\_\_  
may we be joy - ful in answer - ing your call. \_\_\_\_\_

wo - men like Sa - rah, and Han - nah and Ruth \_\_\_\_\_  
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Sus - an - na and more \_\_\_\_\_  
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near \_\_\_\_\_

give us their cour age to live in your truth.  
may we give free - ly as they did be - fore.  
that we may share in your min - is - try here.

## 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

## 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.

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away:  
give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion  
strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus  
Christ, who is one with the source of life. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### *Psalm:*

**Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall  
fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who  
trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of  
my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## ***Second Reading***

## ***Revelation 7:9-17***

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will  
shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their  
shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of  
life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

***All:***                   The Word of the Lord.  
                              **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Gradual:

### There Are No Fences in the Fields of God

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 145

SURSUM CORDA

Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)

1. There are no fen - ces in the fields of God, an o - pen coun - try  
2. We find good pas - ture on the high - est hills and streams be - tween a -  
3. No staff is raised to snatch a wand - ring sheep; we are not brand - ed,  
4. There are no fen - ces in the fields of God, to come and go is

greet and end - less sky; but there are land - marks to di - rect a  
live with wa - ter sound and groves of trees to shade a sun - scorched  
hob - bled, bound or belled. Yet when we stum - ble o - ver rock or  
an a - bid - ing choice; but like the flock be - fore we've come to

step and viv - id fea - tures to en - gage the eye.  
back, the rich e - co - lo - gy of ho - ly ground.  
ledge we have a cer - tain sense of be - ing held.  
trust the sup - ple teth - er of a shep - herd's voice.

## Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

**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:* Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered us from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us give thanks for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:

For our lives and for those whom we love,  
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,  
For our families and our friendships,  
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

And for those we now name either silently or aloud.

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:

For our clergy and our bishops, For the many lay people who serve the church, And serve the world through the church. For those gather here in worship and prayer.

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all mothers on Mothers' Day; for St. Dunstan's of Carmel Valley; and for the Clergy Conference.

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**



*Leader:* Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress be made powerless, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and for those we now name either silently or aloud.

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. We pray for those who have died.

Lead them to life with you forever.

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you.” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

*People:* **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:

Isaac Watts

### My Shepherd is the Living God

CONSOLATION  
Southern Harmony, 1835

1. My shep - herd is the liv - ing God, I there - for noth - ing need;\_\_\_\_  
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;\_\_\_\_  
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;\_\_\_\_  
 In pas - tures fair, near pleas - ant streams you set - tle me to feed.\_\_\_\_  
 A word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_  
 You bring my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for - sake your ways,\_\_\_\_  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;\_\_\_\_  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers come and go\_\_\_\_  
 and lead me for your mer - cy's sake in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 my cup with bless - ings ov - er - flows, your oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 no more a stran - ger or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

## 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. 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

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*

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 Hymn:

### Awake and Sing the Song

William Hammond

H181 (alternate tune)

NOVA VITA  
Lister R Peace (1885-1969)

1. A - wake and sing the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb;  
2. Sing of his dy - ing love, his re - sur - rec - tion power;  
3. You pil - grims on the road to Zi - on's ci - ty, sing,  
4. Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his end - less praise pro - claim,

wake ev - ery heart and ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.  
sing how he in - ter - cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.  
re - joic - ing in the Lamb of God, to Christ the e - ter - nal King.  
and sing in sweet - er notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Blessing*

## Mission Song:

### Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

AUSTRIA

John Newton (1825-1807)

H #522

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty of our God;  
2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love;

he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re pose?  
Who can faint, when such a ri - ver ev - er will their thirst as - suage?

With sal - va - tion's walls sur round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

## The Dismissal

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

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