

**May 21, 2023  
10:00 AM**

**The Seventh  
Sunday of Easter**

## **Morning Prayer**



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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:

Charles Wesley, 1763

### Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

SUSSEX CAROL

$\text{♩} = 72$

Renew! #18

Traditional English melody

harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams

1. Come, let us with our Lord\_ a - rise, our Lord, who made both earth and skies: who  
2. This is the day the Lord\_ has made, that all may see\_ his love dis-played, may  
3. Then let us ren - der him\_ his own, with sol - emn prayer ap-proach his throne, with  
died to save the world he made, and rose tri - um - phant from the dead, he rose, the  
feel his res - ur - rec - tion's power, and rise a - gain, to fall no more, in per - fect  
meek - ness hear the gos - pel word, with thanks his dy - ing love re - cord, our joy - ful  
Prince of life\_ and peace, and stamped the day for - ev - er his.\_\_\_\_  
right - eous ness\_ re - newed, and filled with all the life\_ of God.\_\_\_\_  
hearts and voic - es raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.\_\_\_\_

*Officiant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

***Christ our Passover Pascha nostrum***

**Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

**Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*Officiant and people*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.**

### ***Lesson: Acts 1:6-14***

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they

were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11***

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***A Song to the Lamb Dignus es***

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***

**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**

**For you created everything that is, \***

**and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

## ***Gospel Gradual:***

### **Eternal Life is Knowing God**

Michael Hudson (2004)

Songs for the Cycle p. 28

ST. ANNE

att. William Croft (1678-1727)

*♩ = 72*

1. E - ter - nal life is know - ing God, and know - ing God is near,  
 2. E - ter - nal life is do - ing work that thrills and strains the soul,  
 3. E - ter - nal life is lov - ing those the Spi - rit brings our way,  
 4. E - ter - nal Life is know - ing Christ, God with us, flesh and bone,

the place we are, the path we take, both womb and next fron - tier.  
 that takes our joy, the world's deep needs and weaves a com - mon goal.  
 and hold - ing dear, the wealth God hides in ev - ery pinch of clay.  
 and know - ing god de - lights with us to make such know - ledge known.

## ***Gospel Reading***

***John 17:1-11***

### ***Officiant***

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I

glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Officiant:*     The Word of the Lord.

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

## ***Reflection***

### ***The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***The Prayers***

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and people*

**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 Suffrages*

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers in righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## *Collect of the Day*

*Officiant*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## *Prayers of the People*

*Leader:* To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen.  
Let us appeal to the Lord, saying,

We are yours;

*People:* **Be glorified in us.**

*Leader:* Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the graduating class of the CDSP; for all those who will graduate: for students of our schools and colleges, for those who



minister to them. Restore, support, strengthen, and establish us and always for your glory.

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Leader:** Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor.

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Leader:** Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand.

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

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Leader:** Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy.

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Leader:** God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care.

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

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness.

*Silence*

We are yours;

**People:** **Be glorified in us.**

**Officiant:** 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.**

## ***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:

### See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

IN BABILONE

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

H #215

from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse  
Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710

1. See the Con-queror mounts in tri-umph; see the King in roy - al state,  
3. Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to God's right hand;  
ri - ding on the clouds, his char - iot, to his heaven - ly pa - lace gate!  
there we sit in heaven - ly pla - ces, there with thee in glo - ry stand.  
Hark! the choirs of an - gel voi - ces joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,  
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with God is on the throne;  
and the por - tals high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.  
might - y Lord, in thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

### Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

## Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen.**

## Mission Song:

### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

H #450

CORONATION  
Oliver Holden (1765-1844)

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pro - strate fall;  
3. Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call,  
4. Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

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## The Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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