

June 13, 2021
10:00 AM

Third Sunday
after Pentecost

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:

Breath of God

Voices Found #59

BINGHAM

Carl P. Daw, 1996

Dorothy Howell Sheets, 1984

1. Breath of God, life - bear-ing wind, wak-ing mat - ter in - to birth,___
2. Breath of God, word-bear-ing wind, truth - re - veal - er, pro-phet's speech,___
3. Breath of God, fire - bear-ing wind, source of pow - er, love, and light,___
4. Breath of God, song - bear-ing wind, stir-ring won - der to re - joice,___

plant ing prom - ise, prompt-ing hope:___ with your life re - new the earth.
guide to vis - tas of the mind:___ let your word ex - cite and teach.
melt-ing fears and join - ing tongues:___ with your fire our hearts ig - nite.
yearning's ech - o, gra - ce's dance:___ let your song give our prayersvoice.

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.

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for

myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 20

- 1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

- 4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the LORD grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O LORD, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

All:

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

In Our Lives Plant Seeds of Hope

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise, #349

GOOD GROUND

Carol Dixon

♩ = 124
Chorus

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The third staff continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The fourth staff continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In our lives__ plant seeds of hope,__ in our homes__ plant
In our church__ plant seeds of joy,__ Tell the world__ a -

seeds of love,__ tell the world__ a - bout God's love.__
bout God's love,__

1. Je - sus said,__ 'If you have faith__ small as a mus - tard seed,
2. 'If a seed__ falls to the ground,__ lies bur - ied like__ the grain',
3. Je - sus told__ the sto - ry of__ the seed the sow - er sows,
4. 'Some words fall__ a - mong the thorns__ and some on ston - y ground; D.C.

in my name you'll do great things, you'll do great things in - deed.'
Je - sus said,__ 'un - til it dies__ it can - not grow__ a - gain.'
'Lis - ten to__ my Fa - ther's words__ and then your faith__ will grow.'
some are car - ried off and lost,__ but oth - ers find__ good ground.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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: The Spirit of God aids us in our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit let us offer prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all the world. For peace from on high and for our salvation.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the unity of all.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Lucinda our bishop, Karen our rector, and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all Campus Ministries.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For the world and its leaders, for our president, Joseph Biden, our nation and its people.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, and the dying. In recognition of Pride Month we pray for all in the LGBTQ+ community who have been hurt because of their authentic identity.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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.

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and those we now name in our hearts or aloud (please add your own petitions either silently or aloud).

Lord, hear us.

People: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant: Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

People: **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:

God, Bless the Poet's Heart and Hand

Songs of Grace, #63

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007

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 staves of music with the following lyrics: God, bless the po - et's heart and hand, cre - a - ting songs of faith and praise; God, bless the ones who bold - ly dare to let the scrip-ture be their guide; God, bless the ones who teach and learn, who seek the truth by which to live; God, bless the ones who dai - ly lead your church-es, cit - ies, na - tions, too; In Christ we dai - ly live and grow; your Spi - rit guides us by your grace. The second system also contains four staves of music with the following lyrics: yet may each wri - ter un - der-stand our words can - not con - tain your ways. yet may no one of us de - clare that you are al - ways on our side. yet show us: know-ledge can - not earn the love that on - ly you can give. yet may these lead - ers hum - bly see their need to serve and fol - low you. A mir - rored im - age now we know; yet one day we'll see face to face.

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:

There is a Goodness in the Ground

DANBY

Songs for the Cycle, p.95

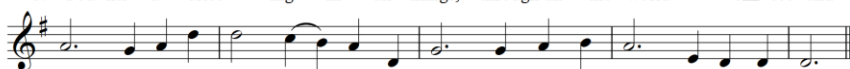
English melody

Michael Hudson, 2004

harm. Ralph Vaughn Williams



1. There is a good - ness in the ground, a gen - er - os - i - ty of
2. There is a spark shot through our core, a strong com - pas - sion - lit de -
3. God fits a bless - ing in all things; through all the world we see and



earth; a for-est shows it in the seed that sleeps and springs to sum-mer birth.
sire; we see it as the Breath of God sweeps by to bright - en us like fire.
know, there is the wond - er - ful in - tent to warm and wake, to live and grow!

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:

The Church's One Foundation

H #525

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

AURELIA
 Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly Name she and bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food;
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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 10:00am at ***St. Stephen's***. Joseph and Kaylyn Eswine will be baptized! (There is plenty of room for parishioners from both churches to attend the in-person services.)

All are welcome!