



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. STEPHEN'S
Episcopal Church

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
MAY 12, 2024 | 10:15 A.M.

This is God's house and all are welcome here. The service will be conducted according to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book in the pews. Music is found in the blue Hymnal. Notes about "Children in Worship" can be found on the back cover of this bulletin.

PRELUDE

Concerto no. 1 in D major, BWV 972 (based on Vivaldi Concerto, op. 3 no. 9)
I. Allegro; II. Larghetto

J. S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 483

St. Magnus

The head that once was crowned with thorns

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,

1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE | Hymnal S 236

Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the
 depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

A Collect for Mother's Day

O God, who longs to gather us up under Her wings, you have promised to comfort us as a mother comforts her child. Help us this day to remember in gratitude all our mothers and those who have mothered us when we needed it most; through Jesus Christ, our True Mother, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM I

Beatus vir qui non abiit



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the / counsel • of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor / sat • in the / seats • of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the / law • of the / Lord, *
and they meditate on his / lāw / day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with / leaves that • do not / wither; *
— / everything • they / do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not / so • with the / wicked; *
they are like / chaff • which the / wind • blows a/way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judgment / comes, *
nor the sinner in the / council / of the / righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the / way • of the / righteous, *
but the / way of • the / wicked • is / doomed.

THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 603

St. Botolph

When Christ was lifted from the earth

1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "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. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****THE SERMON**

Logan Pollock

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BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE | FORM IV

BCP 388

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.*People* **And also with you.****ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS****OFFERTORY**

Jerusalem

Southern Harmony

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, he whom I fix my hopes upon;
His track I see, and I'll pursue the narrow way till him I view.

Refrain

*I'm on my journey home, to the new Jerusalem
So, fare you well, I am going home.*

The way the holy prophets went; the road that leads from banishment.
The King's highway of holiness, I'll go, for all his paths are peace.

This is the way I long have sought, and mourned because I found it not;
My grief a burden long has been because I was not saved from sin.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS | Hymnal S 125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed 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 LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER (S152) Ambrosian Chant; adapt. Martens
Cantor

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request at the rail. Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, which can be indicated by simply crossing your arms over your chest.

HYMN 602

Chereponi [Jesu, Jesu]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
- 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
- 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.

BLESSING FOR THE ASCENSION

May the risen Christ who has passed into the heavens clothe you with power from on high; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

HYMN 539

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

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J. S. Bach

III. Allegro

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Leo and Charlee Culp by David and Sydney Culp.*

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the service.

MINISTERS OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Sanford Key
PREACHER & SERVER	Logan Pollock
ACOLYTES	Will Culp, Kajsa Culp, Scarlett Jones, Henry Jones
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Robert Brewer
LECTOR (FIRST LESSON)	Bob Stevens
LECTOR (EPISTLE)	Kajsa Culp
INTERCESSOR	John Haywood
GREETER	Lucy Petruccelli
USHERS	Allen Fuller, Jack Pless
ALTAR GUILD	Claudia Bond, Cindi Easterling
LIVESTREAM	Jonathan Robichaud

INTERCESSIONS

In an effort to lift up the immediate prayer requests of our parishioners and their family and friends, we will be listing new additions to the intercessions for a three-week period in the bulletin. The full prayer list will be included in our Thursday Healing Service and can be found using the QR code to the right.

Members of our parish community: **Judy, Nancy, Rena, Ruth, Tammy**

For friends and family members of our parishioners:

Allen, friend of Martina

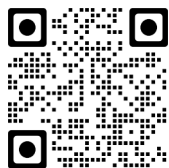
Steve, brother-in-law of Claudia

Gene, friend of Martina

Tom, friend of Martina

Stephen, son of Jackie

Birthdays: **Lizzie Almasy, Andy McDaniel, Peter Bressler, Frank Lyon, Robert Renquist**



Intercessions

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

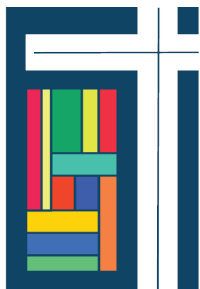
Children are welcome and encouraged to worship with us.

Children are naturally curious—and naturally wiggly. One way to help them engage is to sit close to the front where it is easier for them to see. Children will learn the most about worship from watching you singing, praying, and responding. And it's okay to quietly explain what's going on. We also have red activity bags available in the Narthex. If you feel that at some point, you need to leave worship with your child, please come back when they (and you) are ready.

Nursery/Childcare

Nursery/childcare is available for preschool-aged children in the Annex. Once you enter the red double doors under the breezeway, you'll see the Nursery immediately in front of the entrance. If you need help finding it, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or greeter.

It is our desire that everyone join us for Holy Communion.



WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's welcomes all visitors. We hope your worship experience with us today is meaningful and spirit-filled, and we invite you to return often and become an active member of our parish family. Help us get to know you by filling out a Visitor Card from the slot in your pew and placing it in the offering plate. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour and visit with us over refreshments immediately following the service.



Calendar



The Windowpane:
Announcements