

ST. STEPHEN'S

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Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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The Word of God

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn

"Kyrie Eleison"

WLP 840

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Andrew Miller, virtual ensemble

Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928), from Freedom Mass, based on traditional African melodies.
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The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

peregrine tone

Cantor Sings Hallelujah; All repeat. Cantor sings psalm verses; All sing Hallelujah as indicated.



- 1 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became a sanctuary *
and Israel a dominion.

Hallelujah

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

Hallelujah

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

Hallelujah

7 Tremble, O Earth, at the presence of God, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Hallelujah

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew

18:21-35

One

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

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave,

as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Response

The Rev. Drew Downs

The Nicene Creed

All 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 As we the faithful live to the Lord and die to the Lord,
let every tongue give praise to God and pray for all in every danger and need.

Leader For this holy gathering,
St. John's, Speedway,
the Anglican Church of South America,
and for the people of God in every place,
God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For mercy, peace, and justice among all people,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For those who feast and those who fast,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, especially persons affected by Covid-19,
travelers by land, by water, and by air, prisoners, captives,
and their families, and all those in desperate need,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus,
Robin Rolt, Megan(MEE-gun) Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western,
Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner,
Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden, Jason Paradowski, Ashley Richey,
Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold,
Bill Allen, and Jim Mania (MAN-ee-uh),

God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it,
and for our families, companions, and all we love:
Remember those celebrating birthdays,

especially Kelly Floyd (9/13) and Vickie Balder (9/14),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Bill Denton (9/14), Andrea Bayles (9/17),
and Debbie Nearpass (9/18),
and our postulant Joanna Benskin,

God of love,
Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Presider God of infinite mercy, hear the prayers we offer this day, and as you forgive us teach us to forgive our neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

One Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

One 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 *Standing*

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn 690

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Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932). Text and Music are in the Public Domain

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Spiritual Communion

One Let us pray as one:

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) and *A Prayer Book for the Armed Services 2007*

Lord's Prayer

One As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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.**

Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

One Lord of the Feast,
All **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people*

God's Blessing be with you,
Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you,
now and always. Amen.

(source: Celtic)

Dismissal

One Alleluia, Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



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