

# ST. STEPHEN'S

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## The Word of God

Prelude

*Communion #5 from Heures Mystiques*

Léon Boëllmann

*One* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*All* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## Song of Praise

WLP 822

Through north and south and east and west  
May God's immortal name be blessed: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Till ev'rywhere beneath the sun,  
God's reign begins; God's will is done:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## The Collect of the Day

*One* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*One* Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## First Reading

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1, 5, 6, 39-41, 43-45

tone 5

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



Ha-le-lu - jah, Ha-le-lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah!

1 Give thanks to God and call upon the Name; \*  
make known God's deeds among the peoples.

5 Remember the marvels done, \*  
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,  
6 O offspring of Abraham, the servant, \*  
O children of Jacob, the chosen.

### ***Hallelujah***

39 God spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  
40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
God satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
41 God opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.

### ***Hallelujah***

43 The people were led forth with gladness, \*  
the chosen with shouts of joy.  
44 God gave the people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
45 that they might keep the statutes \*  
and observe the laws.

### ***Hallelujah***

## **The Gospel**

*Standing*

Matthew 20:1-16

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have

made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*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* Let us offer prayers for all who labor in the vineyard of the Lord  
and for all in every danger and need.

*Leader* For this holy gathering,  
St. Matthew's, Indianapolis,  
the Dioceses of Brasilia and Haiti,  
the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan,  
and for the people of God in every place,  
God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all peoples and their leaders, for candidates for office,  
and for justice, mercy, and peace in the world,  
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 all who work for daily wages, and for their employers and managers,  
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 the sick and the suffering, especially persons affected by Covid-19,  
travelers and the victims of war, prisoners and refugees, and the dying and dead,  
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,

Joan Hubbard, and David Mier,  
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 Zachary Willis (9/22) and Lindsey Fagg (9/26),  
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,  
especially Lindsay Stergar (9/26),  
and our postulant Joanna Benskin,  
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* Gracious and merciful God, who honors the last as well as the first, hear the prayers  
we  
offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom;  
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 482**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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## 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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