

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

Prelude

Elévation

Adolphe d'Hulst

17 January 1851-25 December 1916

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-4,12-16

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our ancestors have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God, *
and the wonderful works God has done.
- 12 God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 God split open the sea and let them pass through; *
and made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 God led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 God split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

16 God brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Hymn

Zimbabwe Alleluia

Andrew Miller, Cantor

sing 3 times



Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le-lu- ia. Al- le-lu- ia, Al- le- lu-ia.

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew

21:23-32

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 Giving glory to God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the company of the holy angels, let us pray for all the concerns of the world.

Leader For Michael our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop,
Drew our priest, Deby our deacon,
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons,

for this holy gathering,
St. Michael's, Noblesville,
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
the Province of the Episcopal Church of 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 mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples,
God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth and for this good and bountiful world,
God of love,

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 especially Mary Ruth Mier (9/28) and Sheila Carl (10/03),
and our postulant Joanna Benskin,

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For all those in desperate need: the sick and the suffering,
especially persons affected by Covid-19,

prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppre,

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, 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 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, who calls on us to do your will in the vineyards of this world, hear the prayers we offer this day and receive all peoples 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 686

**Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, surely to arrive at home.**

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to save my soul from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735–1790)

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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!**

Postlude
Telemann

Fuga 1 on F#

Georg Philipp

1681-1767



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