

ST. STEPHEN'S

PROPER 23A

October 11, 2020

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 *Chorale Partita 2 on "Deck, Thyself, my soul, with gladness"*
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to God, who is good, *
for God's mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of God *
or show forth all God's praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O God, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So God would have destroyed them,
had not Moses, his chosen, stood in the breach, *
to turn away God's wrath from consuming them.

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 22:1-14

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves,

'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 rejoice in the Lord always,
let us make known our requests to God, the refuge of the poor and needy.

For this holy gathering,
for Michael our bishop, Jennifer our bishop,
Drew our priest, Deby our deacon,
for all bishops, priests and deacons,
and for our postulant Joanna Benskin,
St. Luke's, Shelbyville,
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
the Church of the Province of Uganda,
and for the people of God in every place,
God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For candidates for public office
and for mercy, justice, and peace among all peoples,
God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times,
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 Elinor Balensuela (10/11), Leah Myers (10/14),
and Max Richey (10/16),
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Donald Layton (10/17) and Martha Layton (10/17),
God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For all those in danger and need:
the sick and the suffering, especially persons affected by Covid-19,
prisoners, captives, and their families,
the hungry, homeless, and oppressed,

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, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza,
Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold, Joan Hubbard, David Mier,
the Orndorff family, and Patrick Murphy,

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead,

God of love,

People

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 the king of heaven, who wipes away every tear, hear the prayers we offer this day
and clothe us in robes of white for the wedding banquet of your Son; 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 339, stanzas 1, 3

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded—
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited, be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me, as thy guest in heaven receive me.

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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 *Chorale Partita 1 on "Deck, Thyself, my soul, with gladness"*
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