

# 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

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

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

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

*One* The Lord be with you.

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

*One* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people,

unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of God, our God, \*

**who is the Holy One.**

1 God reigns, let the people tremble. \*

**God is enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

2 God is great in Zion \*

**and is high above all peoples.**

3 Let them confess the Name, which is great and awesome; \*

**God is the Holy One.**

4 "O mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*

**you have executed righteous justice in Jacob."**

5 Proclaim the greatness of God, our God, and fall down before God's footstool; \*

**God is the Holy One.**

6 Moses and Aaron among the priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon the Name, \*

**they called upon God, who answered them.**

7 God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

**they kept the testimonies and the decree that were given to them.**

8 O God, our God, you answered them indeed; \*

**you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of God, our God, and worship him upon the holy hill; \*

**for God, our God, is the Holy One.**

## The Gospel

*Standing*

Matthew

22:15-22

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*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 remember before God all who labor in the faith and love of Jesus Christ and all in every danger and need.

For this holy gathering,  
our parish, St. Stephen's,  
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,  
the Episcopal Church,  
and the people of God in every place,  
God of love,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

For all peoples and their leaders,  
for candidates for public office,  
and for mercy and justice in the world,  
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times,  
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

For doctors, nurses, and hospital staff,  
and for all who work in the medical arts,  
God of love,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the sick and the suffering,  
especially persons affected by Covid-19,

travelers and refugees, prisoners and their families,  
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, 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 our city and those who live in it,  
and for our families, companions, and all we love:

Remember our postulant Joanna Benskin,  
those celebrating birthdays,  
especially Mollie Richey (10/19), Alexis Fagg (10/21),  
and Carolyn Steinbaugh (10/23),  
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,  
especially Tad Itamura (10/18),

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.

**To you, O Lord.**

Presider Loving and true God, who raised your Son from the dead, hear the prayers of those he  
has chosen and make us imitators of the Lord;  
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.**

## Holy Communion

*We will commune with the bread we have brought as an offering to God. Please hold up the bread you have brought. If you do not have bread, you may take some of the bread from the basket provided.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### **Sanctus**

*All* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Mystery of Faith**

*All* Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.  
*Celebrant* ...through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **AMEN.**

## 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 God of abundance,

All **you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God!**



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