

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 *Capriccio VI, part 1, on G* Johann Jacob Froberger (1616-1667)

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

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

Glory to God

Hymn S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

Antiphon: James E. Barrett, adapted

Cantor sings Antiphon; All sing Antiphon; cantor sings psalm verses; All sing Antiphon as indicated



Our eyes look to you, O God, a-wait-ing your fa - vor.

1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you, enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 so our eyes look to you, our God, *
until you show us mercy.

Antiphon

4 Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy! *
We have had more than enough of contempt,

5 too long have we endured the scorn of the indolent rich, *
the derision of the proud.

Antiphon

Alleluia

mode 6

Cantor sings 1st part of Alleluia. All sing entire Alleluia. Cantor sings verse. All sing entire Alleluia.



Abide in me as I abide in you; *
those who abide in me bear much fruit.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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 wait in pregnant expectation for the day of the Lord,
 let us offer prayers to God for all in every danger and need.

Leader For this holy gathering, and the people of God in every place,
 God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church of Ceylon,
 the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
 St. James, Vincennes,
 and for our 7th Street neighbors,
 God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For all peoples and their leaders, and for justice and righteousness 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 the sick and the suffering, 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, Patrick Murphy,
Martha Layton, Don Layton, and Jeff Vicars,

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 William Streeter (11/17),
and those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Leah Myers (11/21),

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 Almighty God, who gave us salvation through Jesus Christ and made us children of light, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring us to the time and season of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 632

O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The Church from our dear Master received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

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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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Capriccio VI, part 4, on G Johann Jacob Froberger (1616–1667)



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