

# ST. STEPHEN'S

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## Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 31, 2021

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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

*One* Arise, shine, your light has come.  
*All* **And the glory of God has risen upon you.**

*One* Behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
*All* **deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

*One* Over you the Lord will rise, \*  
*All* **God's glory will appear upon you.**

### The Collect of the Day

*One* God be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*One* Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who

speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.  
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 111**

- 1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

## **The Gospel**

Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed,

and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee..

*One*                The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*                 **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Response & Annual Meeting**

**Prayer** From The New Zealand Prayer Book

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life, when you act there is justice and love; grant that your love may be present in our meeting, so that what we say and what we do may be filled with your Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Open of Business**

Appoint Clerk  
Cast Ballots

### **Reports**

Presentation of Budget  
Rector’s Address

### **Close of Business**

## **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**

*Deacon* In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, let us pray for all who need the cleansing power of the Holy One of God.

*Leader* For the church and all who teach the truth of God,  
especially the Anglican Church of Brazil,  
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,  
St. Paul's, Columbus, and our 7th Street neighbors.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

For prophets in every land who rebuke the spirits of greed and violence,  
oppression, and despair.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those burdened by anguish or illness,  
and for those who care for them with love and healing.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price,  
Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Martha Hafner,  
Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold,  
David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Dave Thomas, Matt Goodwin, John Newlin,  
Rosemary Curtis, and Bill Curtis.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For married couples and all companions growing together in selfless love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dead in the presence of God's holy power.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves and all those we love,  
those celebrating birthdays,  
especially Tad Itamura (2/1) and Ann Murphy (2/5),  
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,  
especially Kerri England (2/1) and Deby Veach (2/1),  
and those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,  
especially Gary Acree (2/1).

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering 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* God our Teacher, speaking with holy authority, liberating us from the forces of evil, hear the prayers we offer this day and give us courage as we proclaim your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

## **Prayer**

*One* God of love and new life, you have given us the greatest gift in the incarnate Christ, and offered him to us in the most humble way. Lead us to know the divine presence in our mundane lives, spark our wonder so that we may see you in our neighbors, and enlighten our hearts to proclaim with joy his presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Presider* May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*One*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*All*             **Thanks be to God!**



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