

ST. STEPHEN'S

PROPER 15A

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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

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Calvin Hampton

Music: *St. Helena*, Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

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One
All

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Hymn

"Kyrie Eleison"

WLP 840

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Andrew Miller, virtual ensemble

Music: Betty Carr Pulkingham (b. 1928), from Freedom Mass, based on traditional African melodies.

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The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

First Reading

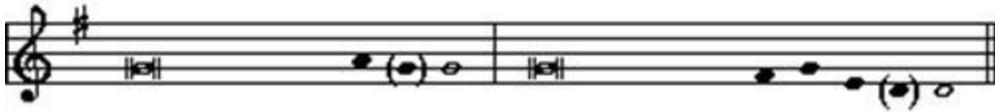
Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.



Cantor Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live to-gether in unity!

All It is like fine oil up-on the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Cantor upon the beard of Aar-on, *
and runs down upon the col-lar of his robe,

All like the dew of Her-mon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

Cantor There God has ordained the bles-sing: *
— life for evermore.

All Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when kindred live to-gether in unity!

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 15:10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of

the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 Like the Canaanite woman, let us shout to the Lord for mercy and offer prayers for all in desperate need.

Leader For this holy gathering,
the Scottish Episcopal Church,
and for the people of God in every place,
God of love,

People Hear our prayer.

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice,
and peace in the world,
God of love,

People Hear our prayer.

For all persons involved in education:

Remember especially our parish students and teachers in public schools,
our college students, faculty, and staff,
and the Diocesan Campus Ministries,
God of love,

People Hear our prayer.

For travelers and those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms,
God of love,

People Hear our prayer.

People For dogs, and all domestic and wild animals,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

People For the lame, maimed, blind, mute, and all those with handicaps,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

People For the sick and the suffering,
especially persons affected by Covid-19,
prisoners and their families, foreigners and outcasts,
and all in danger and need,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

People 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, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner,
Ellie Thomas, Mike Hayden, Jason Paradowski, Ashley Richey,
Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold,
Bill Allen, Jim Mania, and Kim Wagley,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

People For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead,
God of love,
Hear our prayer.

People For our city and those who live in it,
and for our families, companions, and all we love:
Remember those celebrating birthdays,
especially Martha Layton (8/18) and William Hughes (8/22),
those celebrating wedding anniversaries,
especially Karen & Reginald Rutherford (8/19),
and our postulant Joanna Benskin,
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 of infinite love, who heals those who call on you, have mercy on us miserable sinners and grant our prayers for all the world; 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 380

Text & Music in Public Domain

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.;
harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?–1561?)

1. From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!
2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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!**

Organ

Trumpet Tune

Daniel Read 1757-1836



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