

ST. STEPHEN'S

PROPER 10A

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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

Allegretto from Sonatine 2

Hedwige Chrétien

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn

Kyrie Eleison

WLP 840

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Andrew Miller, virtual ensemble

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The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 124

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



We have es-caped like a bird from the snare of the fowl - er.

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *

let Israel now say;

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *

when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *

in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *

and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters *

have gone right over us.

Antiphon

6 Blessed be the Lord! *

who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *

the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of God, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

Antiphon

Hymn

Cantor

Zimbabwe Alleluia

Andrew Miller,

sing 3 times



Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le-lu- ia. Al- le-lu- ia, Al- le- lu-ia.

The Gospel

Standing

Matthew

16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 offer prayers to God who builds the church of Christ on the rock of faith and gives it the keys of the kingdom.

Leader For this holy gathering,
the Church of the Province of South East Asia,
for the people of God in every place, and for all who seek the Lord,
God of love,

People **Hear our prayer.**

For the light of justice among all peoples,
God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For all persons involved in education:

Remember especially our parish students and teachers in public schools, our colleges,
students, faculty, and staff,

and the Diocesan Campus Ministries,

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For abundant fruits of the earth, and for safety from violent storms,

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

For the sick and the suffering, especially persons affected by Covid-19,
travelers and those on vacation, prisoners, captives, and their families,
and all those in danger and need,

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, Mike Hayden, Jason Paradowski, Ashley Richey,
Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold,
Bill Allen, Jim Mania (MAN-ee-uh), and Kim Wagley,

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 Isaiah Downs (8/23), Peter Reed (8/27),
Christopher Wagley (8/27), James Hunter (8/28),
and Sandy Bush (8/29),
those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
especially Gail Nattkemper (8/29),
those celebrating wedding anniversaries,
especially Leah & William Myers (8/29),
and our postulant Joanna Benskin,

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

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

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Lifting our voices with all creation,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Moses, Peter, 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 incredible sacrifice and saving grace, hear the prayers we offer today and
deliver us from hunger to righteousness; 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

In Egypt under Pharaoh

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(1) In E - gypt un - der Phar - aoh the Is - rae-lites were bound,
(2) From A - fri - ca to gang - planks, a - cross a friend-less sea,
(3) Where- ev - er hurt - ing hu - mans un - just - ly live in pain,



From plagues and trib - u - la - tions no re - spite could be found. Praise
Black cap - tives harsh - ly treat - ed all strug - gled to be free. Praise
The hun - gry, home-less, hope - less, cry out for growth and gain. Praise



God who in sur - pris - ing ways, gave pas - sage through the waves.
God who strength - ened ad - vo - cates with power that does and dares.
God whose great re - deem - ing love each ser - vant free - ly gives.



Our Lib - er - a - tor res - cues, our Lib - er - a - tor saves.
Our Lib - er - a - tor res - cues, our Lib - er - a - tor cares.
Our Lib - er - a - tor res - cues, our Lib - er - a - tor lives!

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!**



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