

# 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

*Chant du Matin*

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*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

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.

Grant, Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Here what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 149

tone 5

*Cantor Sings Hallelujah; All repeat. Cantor sings psalm verses; All sing Hallelujah as indicated.*



- 1 Hallelujah! Sing to God a new song; \*  
sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in its Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise the Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.

**Hallelujah**

4 For God takes pleasure in people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

### ***Hallelujah***

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand

7 to wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples,

8 to bind their rulers in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron,

9 inflicting on them the judgment decreed. \*  
This is glory for all his faithful people.

### ***Hallelujah***

## **The Gospel**

*Standing*

Matthew

18:15-20

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*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* Gathered in the name of Jesus, who stands among us with upraised hands,  
let us offer prayers for all in danger and need.

*Leader* For this holy gathering,  
St. Paul's, Richmond,

the Anglican Church of Southern Africa,  
and for the people of God in every place,  
God of love,

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

For all peoples, tribes, clans, and families,  
and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world,  
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 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 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,

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

For our city and those who live in it,  
and for our families, companions, and all we love:  
Remember those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,  
especially Karen Rutherford (9/6),  
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* O Lord our God, who sends your Word among us,  
receive the gift of prayer we offer this day and forgive us our sins and transgressions;  
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 376**

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**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
          hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
          giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

## 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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