



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY BAPTISM

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

May 21, 2023 10:00 a.m.

*Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join us in virtual worship. We are delighted that you are here with us! If you are looking for a church home, you will be most welcome to join our church family in worshipping God and in our many ministries to each other and the world around us.*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to receive a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex and will be provided by an usher upon request.*

*For your convenience and others around you, please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins. If you need to answer a call, please do so in the narthex.*

*Please call the clergy or the church office for any information or help we can provide. We invite you to fill out a green visitor card found in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.*

*At this time, masks are optional at our in-person worship services.*

*Today's service music and hymns are found in either the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder, Love, and Praise songbook, located in the pew racks, unless otherwise noted.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ALLELUIA, HEARTS TO HEAVEN AND VOICES RAISE

NORMAN WARREN

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

HYMNAL 296

## HOLY BAPTISM

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 299

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.  
*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of All  
*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Let us pray.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36 (chanted)

BCP 676, 678-677

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \* let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \* as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \* let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \* YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \* God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \* but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \* when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \* you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \* in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \* sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \* he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \* his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \* the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

## BAPTIZED IN WATER

1) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

3) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
born of one Father,  
we are his children,  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

2) Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

## GOSPEL

JOHN 17:1-11

*Gospeller*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

*Gospeller*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

FR. BAILEY NORMAN

## PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The Presider says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

*Sponsors* I present Tatum Noelle Tipton to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Presider asks each candidate when presented*

*Presider* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*The Presider asks the parents and godparents*

*Presider* Will you be responsible for seeing that the person you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* I will with God's help.

*Presider* Will you by your prayers and witness help this person to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* I will with God's help.

*Then the Presider asks the following questions of the candidate.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*The Presider then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Presider* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Presider* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Intercessor* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Presider says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

*The Presider blesses the water, first saying*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Presider touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Tatum, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*When all have been baptized, the Presider says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Presider and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

## THE PEACE

BCP 360

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People* And also with you.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A PRAYER OF ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

PARISH CHOIR

By L.J. White

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CCLI#11498796

Copyright Words: 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House Music: Public Domain.

*The people remain standing. The priest then says*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**

**HYMNAL S 128**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the Presider continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.*

## FRACTION

HYMNAL S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)*

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

HYMNAL 460

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always *Amen.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

HYMNAL 214

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

TUBA TUNE

C.S. LANG

*The Altar Flowers are given by Heather Hartman to the Glory of God  
 in loving memory of Patricia Bonney Hartman on the first anniversary of her passing.  
 The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*