St. Stephen's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 22, 2022 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 worshiping 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.

Prelude **Father, We Thank Thee** **Arr. by Richard Peek**

Simon Ballintoy, Organ

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn **O Jesus, crowned with all renown** **Hymnal 292**

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.
Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Gloria — Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day — BCP 357

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

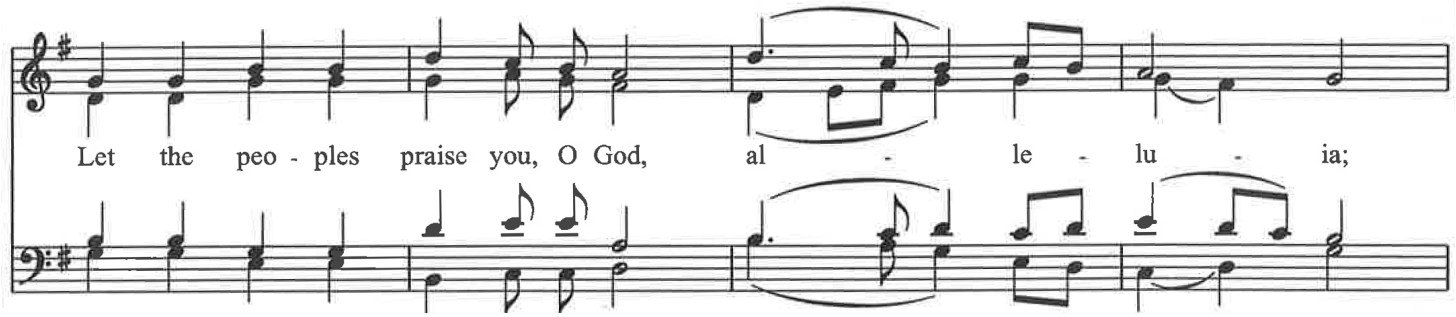
A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles — Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67 — Cantor: Ashton Arndt



1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. ***Antiphon***

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. ***Antiphon***

A Reading from the Revelation to John **Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Chapel

At the beginning of the hymn, the children will follow the small processional cross for Children's Chapel in the Pollard Room.

Sequence Hymn **Christ is the world's true Light** **Hymnal 542**

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
Music: *St. Joan*, Percy E. B. Coller (b. 1895)

The Gospel **John 5:1-9**

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

There was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon **Fr. Bailey Norman**

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 BCP 383

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Ashton, and Steve, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Church of the Good Samaritan, Knoxville; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, and Trinity Church in Pierre, South Dakota; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of the Province of South East Asia, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Joe, our President; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Matthew Doane, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in assisted living and rehab: Earl Eversole, Pat Hartman, and Pat Swinney; for parish members: Jim Hilton, Lill Hise, Jim and Frances Hodges, Marcia and Tim Illingworth, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Robert Graf, Jr., Seth Knazovich, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Dot Skinner, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Blessings for Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

The Peace **BCP 360**

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem **I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light** **arr. Benjamin Harlan**

Parish Choir

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!**

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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,

The Lord's Prayer **BCP 364**

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 Hymns **Savior, again to thy dear Name** **Hymnal 345**

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.
Music: *Ellers*, Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Father, we thank thee **Hymnal 302**

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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 **Sing, my soul, his wondrous love** **Hymnal 467**

Words: Anon., 1800, alt.
Music: *St. Bees*, John Bacchus Dykes (182301876)

Dismissal

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

Postlude **All Things Bright and Beautiful** **Philip Lane**

Simon Ballintoy, Organ

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

The Ambry Candle is given by Carol Skyberg to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birthdays of her daughter, Kathy and son-in-law, Neil.

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