

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 10, 2018, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



*The sermon at Capernaum*

**Our Mission** is to be one with God and humanity in Christ  
by living the Gospel with love and compassion.

**Our Vision** is to become comfortable with Jesus Christ  
and boldly proclaim Him.

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!** It is a joy to have you worship with us this morning. We believe everyone who comes through our doors as our guest is sent to us by God. So welcome, and if this is your first time with us, we ask that you please sign our guest book (include your mailing address/zip code) in the Narthex before you leave. Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship after the service this morning.

Our sincere thanks to our hosts for today...

*Sue Crouch & Mike Raley—8:00 am*

*Larry & Rosalie Dye—10:30 am*

### **WHY ARE YOU HERE?**

As you come in this morning and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here this morning?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God this morning?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God this morning?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today is a reminder to me that another week has ended, and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

*Canon Wilmot—a son of God*

### **BROAD SHOULDERS**

**What is the Broad Shoulders Birthday Fund?** ... Several years ago the Vestry approved funds contributed to Broad Shoulders be used for unbudgeted needs of St. Stephen's for buildings, grounds, or special projects. At the beginning of 2004, Fr. Merchant challenged everyone to contribute \$1.00 for each year of life or whatever one could afford, to the Broad Shoulders/Birthday Fund. A contributor has the opportunity to provide a special remembrance in personal thanksgiving or as a memorial, and he/she has the choice of having their remembrance mentioned in the Sunday bulletin.

2018 Broad Shoulder Donations as of May 31, 2018 total: \$1,082

On the first Sunday of each month a flag is raised and flies until the next month. The flag that is flying for the month of June is raised by Cheryl & Alan Brugier, in loving memory of Sgt. S. Laurence Johannan, U.S. Army Air Corps.

*When you come in before the Worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During the Worship, be ready for God to speak to you. After the Worship, we invite you to fellowship with one another, especially those God has brought to us — visitors.*

*Parishioners, please wear your name tag. If you cannot find yours, please call the office and another one will be made for you.*

**✝ This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.**

Prelude

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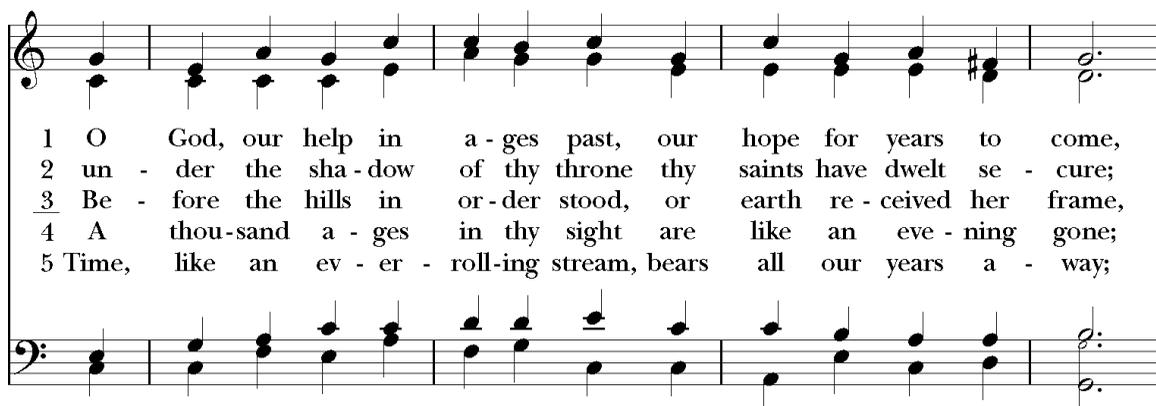
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## The Word of God

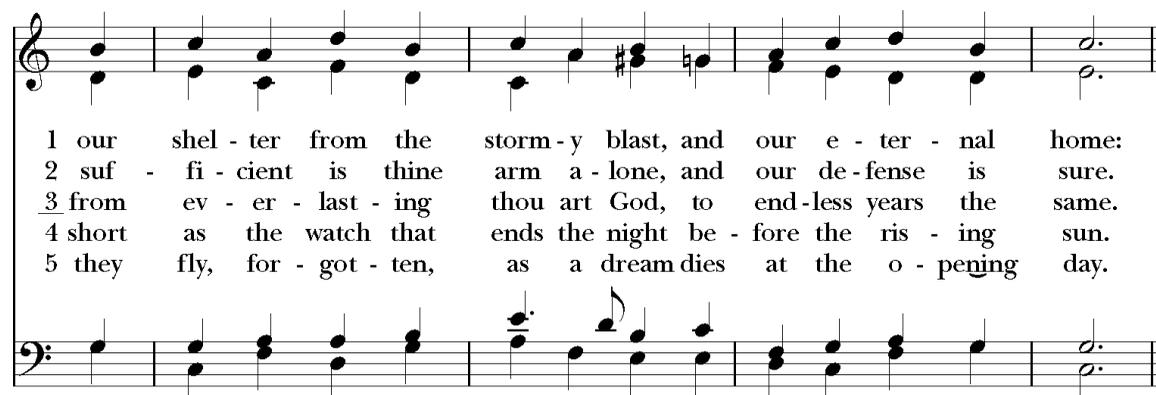


Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Hymnal 680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

*The People standing, the Celebrant says:*  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
***People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant and People say*  
**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.**

*Song of Praise*      ***I've Got Peace Like a River***      LEVAS 201

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

## The Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**



## The Lessons

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel 8:4–11:15*

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 138**

*(to be read responsively by the Lay Reader and the Congregation)*

L I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**C I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

L For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

**C When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.**

L All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**C They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

L Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**C Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

L The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O LORD, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

*Celebrant and People*

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

*A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 4:13—5:1*

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture —“I believed, and so I spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord

**People      Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

***Trust and Obey***

LEVAS 205

When we walk with the Lord

In the light of His word,

What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will,

He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,*

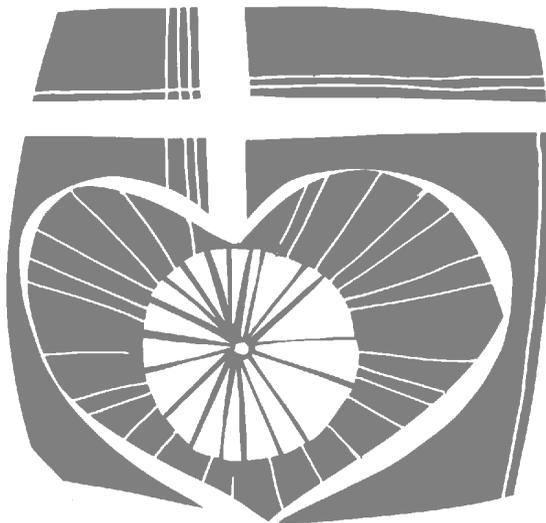
*for there's no other way*

*To be happy in Jesus,*

*But to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear,  
Not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss,  
Not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blest if we trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*



*When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,*

- ✝ (on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,*
- ✝ (on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and*
- ✝ (over the heart) in my heart to live it.*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 3:20–35*  
**People      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

## Sermon Hymn

But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay;  
For the favor He shows,  
And the joy He bestows,  
Are for them who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey,  
for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.*

When in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do,  
Where He sends we will go,  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

*Refrain*

❖ Sermon      Wilmot T. Merchant, II      ❖

*Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

*(We bow for the two lines in bold.)*

**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.*

**The Prayers of the People** *(Please sit or kneel)*

*The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader      The Lord be with you.

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

Leader      Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

**People**    ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People**    ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Gladstone our Bishop, Wilmot our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People**    ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for Donald our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

**People**    ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People**    ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People**    ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People**    ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People**    ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to remember them in our prayers, especially:

**Barbara** Allen, **Jack** Babb, **Mike** Baker, **Mary Ann** Berthrong, **Joyce** Burns, **Mary** Christensen, **Jack** Connell, **Andy** Dauer, **Sophie** Davenport, **Dorothy** Doty, **Darlene** Eichler, **Lib** Gerald, **Bob** Grady, **Ruth** Haffield, **Merje-lou** Heston, **Gloria** Hickey, **Charlotte** Houghtaling, **Sheryl** Jeffords, **Joan** Jones, **Cathy** Kahl, **Dick & Margaret** Koenig, **Bob & Jennifer** Landers, **Lee** Lang, **Bobbie & Wes** Lybrand, **Donna** Mathis, **Eugenia** Merchant, **Jackie** Mills, **Doerthe** Needham, **Ron** Oliver, **Art** Perry, **Sue** Peterson, **Naomi** Reese, **Agnes** Samuel, **Rod & Joan** Saunders, **Lynn** Simmonds, **Elisabeth** Strillacci, **Gilbert** Taylor, **Roger & Lynn** Thompson, **Ginny** Vrydaghs, **Dorothy** Waite, **Donna** Walsh, **Barbara** Ward, **Maggie** Warren, **MaryJane** Wilson.

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in Your mercy.

**People      Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina. Today we are praying for:

Lord, in Your mercy.

**People      Hear our prayer.**

*\*Additional Prayers*

**LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.**

**LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** Barbara Connerty (6/10), Al Hosier (6/10), Sandy Jenkins (6/11), Marion Catanzaro (6/13), Betsy Barr (6/14), Beth Callaway (6/14), Pat Hilliard (6/14), Dennis Davidson (6/16).

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** Gina & James Benson (6/11), Dick & Margaret Koenig (6/13), Jay & Linda Crocker (6/15).

**LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

**INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.** As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Al Hosier, Lewis & Charlotte Houghtaling & Alayna, Dick & Carole Hunter, David & Carolyn Huyck, Sheryl Jeffords, Sandy Jenkins & Zoe, Joe & Nancy Johnson, Judy Johnson, Joan Jones, Cathy Kahl.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and people*

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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.

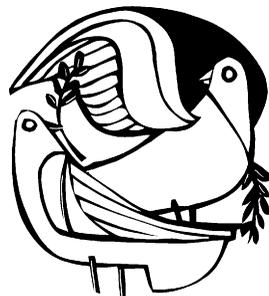
**People**     **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**     **And also with you.**



**At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says:**

*Celebrant*    God is Good!

**People**     **All the time.**

*Please be seated for announcements*

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory            **Thou Art Worthy**            Arr: Powell and Clydesdale

*Will Bridges, saxophone*

*Doxology:*

**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. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer A**

*People remain standing*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations..

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:

*Celebrant and People*

S129

*Bow during the underlined text*

**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.**

*(Please sit, kneel or remain standing.)*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant 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.

**People     Amen.**

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

*Celebrant and People*

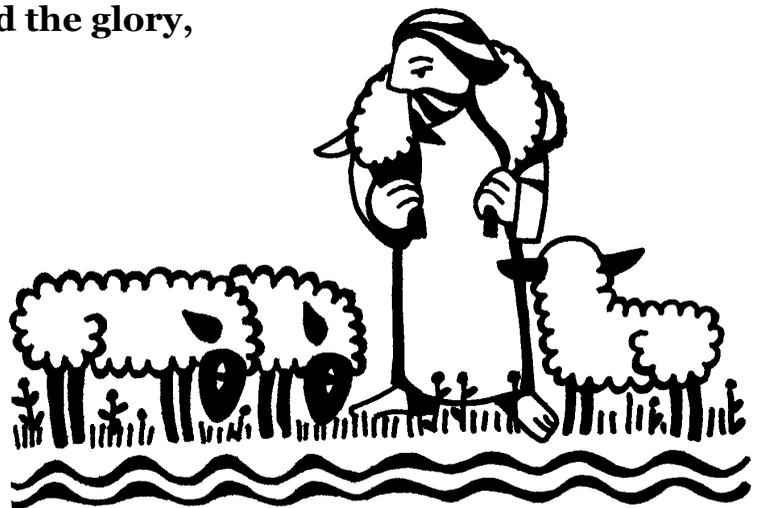
**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever. Amen.**



## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant and People (to be sung)*

S154

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

**Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;**

**There-fore let us keep the feast.**

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*The Celebrant 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.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love Him  
and for those who want to love Him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

***Anointing and Laying on of Hands (8 am service)***

Please come to the rail after communion.

*The congregation is asked to join in singing the communion hymns.*

## ***They'll Know We Are Christians***

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land

### *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride

### *Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one

### *Refrain*

## ***When We All Get to Heaven***

LEVAS 20

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,  
Sing His mercy and His grace;  
In the mansion bright and blessed,  
He'll prepare for us a place.

*When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory.*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,  
Clouds will overspread the sky;  
But when trav'ling days are over,  
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

*Refrain*

Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay;

*Refrain*

Onward to the prize before us!  
Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open;  
We shall tread the streets of gold.

*Refrain*

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

LEVAS 189

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.*

***The People join in saying this prayer***

**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 Celebrant gives the blessing*

The God of peace, who has exalted our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Spirit to lead you into all truth, and boldness to confess that Jesus is Lord; and 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 upon you and your loved ones far and near and remain with all of you for ever.

***People Amen.***

**Benediction** *to be sung (please stand)*

**God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**



# God the Omnipotent

Hymnal 569

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est  
2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en  
3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;  
4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;  
thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;  
yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,  
yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:  
bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:  
false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:  
through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.  
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

*Priest* We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

*People* ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

*Priest* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude ***Finale in Classic Style*** by Gordon Young

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.**

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!

The Altar Flowers are given,

***In loving memory of my parents, Jean  
and Albert Novak, and my brother,  
Albert Jan Novak.***

Barbara Connerty

The Rose on the Altar is given,

***In loving memory of “Buddy.”***

Barbara Connerty



The yellow rose on the altar is given,  
*In loving memory of our dear Mother and  
Grandmother, **Amelia “Babe” Coco.***

Larry, Rosalie & Joe

The following donations to St. Stephen’s have been made,  
***Broad Shoulders ...***

*In celebration of **our birthdays.***

Rod & Joan Saunders

***Memorial Fund ...***

*You will be missed **“Aunt Lois.”***

Mary Jane Wilson

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## PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION

Ministers: The Congregants of St. Stephen's, Family, Friends and Visitors  
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II  
Organist/Choir Director: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

LR/CB	Harvey & Janelle Camp	Henry Saunders & Maryanne Cox
Greeters	Maggie Warren & Celia Lienau	Helen Rapp & Ann Geoghegan
Ushers	Bud & Dottie Nelson	Larry & Rosalie Dye
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Flower Guild Maggie Warren, Dorothy Doty,  
Maryanne Dauer, & Christine Goodfellow

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- ❖ Bill Mann (2020) ❖ Donna Walsh (2020)
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