

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 3, 2018, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



The Man with the Withered Hand

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...

Jay & Linda Crocker—8:00 am

Marion Catanzaro & Barbara Connerty—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

Be Thou My Vision

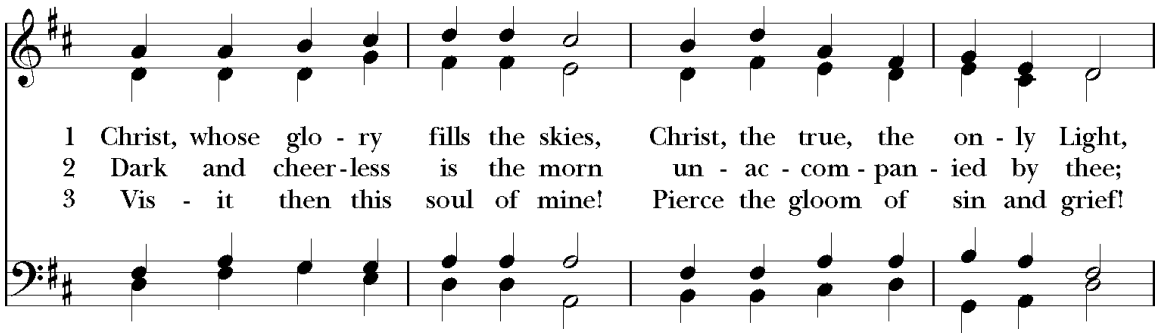
by Donald Busarow

The Word of God



The Disciples Plucking Corn on the Sabbath.

Opening Hymn *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Hymnal 7



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



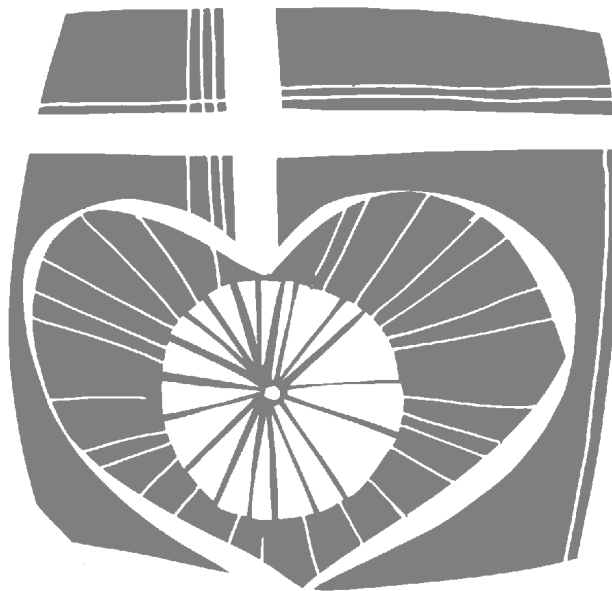
Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect 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.**



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

*6 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high
 the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

The Collect for the Second Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; 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 Book of the Prophet Samuel 3:1–20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.” As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 81:1—10

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

- L Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- C Raise a song and sound the timbrel, *
the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- L Blow the ram's-horn at the new moon, *
and at the full moon, the day of our feast.
- C For this is a statute for Israel, *
a law of the God of Jacob.**
- L He laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, *
when he came out of the land of Egypt.
- C I heard an unfamiliar voice saying *
“I eased his shoulder from the burden;
his hands were set free from bearing the load.”**
- L You called on me in trouble, and I saved you; *
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- C Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: *
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- L There shall be no strange god among you; *
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- C I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”**

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 4:5–12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me,

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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 2:23—3:6

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Hymn

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.*

❖ 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, especially Lois (“Aunt Lois”) Brock;

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: Ron Smith (6/3), Kathy Fillian (6/4), Maryanne Dauer (6/5), Rosemary Lewis (6/5), Elisabeth Strillacci (6/5), Tommy Mizell (6/7).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Gary & Tami McCourt (6/7), Peter & Cathy Fellows (6/8), David & Carolyn Huyck (6/9), Henry Saunders & Donna Dowell (6/9).

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: **Jim & Barbara** Haslett, **Michele & Jim** Hennessey & **Isabella, Clayton** Herring, **Ron & Sylvia** Herring, **Merye-lou** Heston, **Bea** Hickey, **Gloria** Hickey, **Pat** Hilliard, **Rose** Hobbs, **Margaret & Buck** Holcombe.

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.

(10:30 service)

❖ **Baptism of Dreama** ❖

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 **Precious Lord, Take My Hand** by Thomas Dorsey

10:30 service ~ Celia Lienau, soloist

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

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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.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

LEVAS 146

Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee, O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace, My all in all.

Teach me to live, dear Lord, Only for thee,
As thy disciples lived in Galilee;
Then, all my struggles o'er, Then, vict'ry won,
I shall behold thee, Lord, The living one.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Hymnal 490

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

*In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

There is a Balm in Gilead

LEVAS 203

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the holy spirit
Revives my soul again.

Refrain

If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all.

Refrain

Don't ever be discouraged
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.

Refrain

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.



O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle,
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway,
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me
listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

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

Chaconne

by Louis Couperin

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 honor of our

56th Wedding Anniversary on June 2nd.

Jim & Nancy Salters

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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	Will Bridges & Sara Binkley	Sue Poss & Ron Hall
Lector	Jim Ginley	
Greeters	Maggie Warren & Celia Lienau	
Ushers	Ron & Jean Oliver	
Treasury	Sue Crouch	Miriam Tramonti & Jane Buckner
Acolytes	Joe Lenhard, Maggie Pepin, & Gabbie Pepin	
Altar Guild	Marilyn Brucks, Carolyn Huyck, Babs Raley, & Dorothy Waite	
Flower Guild	Maggie Warren, Dorothy Doty, Maryanne Dauer, & Christine Goodfellow	

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All of God's people (St. Stephen's Parish Family), Ministers
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The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Rector

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