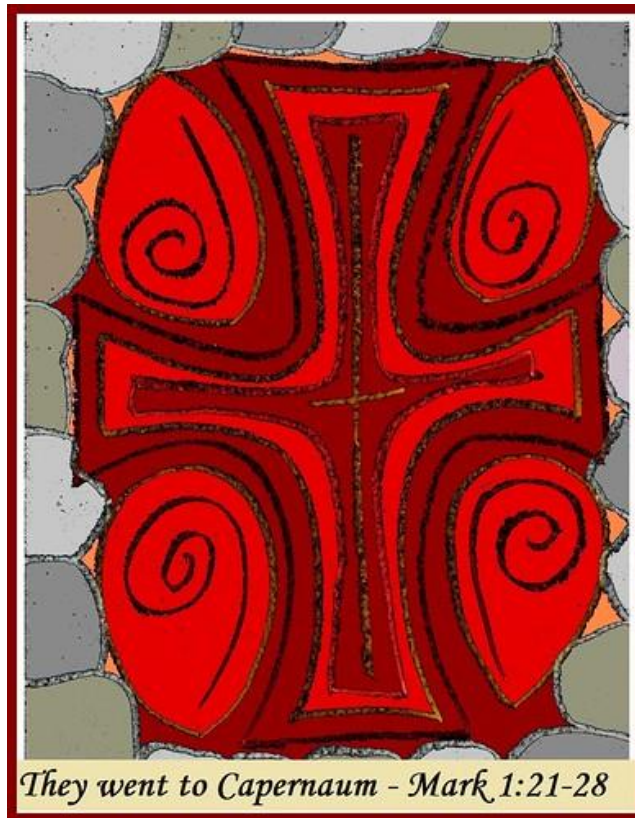


**January 28, 2024
10:00 AM**

**The Fourth Sunday
after the Epiphany**

Holy Eucharist



St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church

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**We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.**

WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn:

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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MOSCOW
Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

1. Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Collect for Purity

All

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



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of liberation, confronting the powers that exclude the unclean and bind us to death: may we receive your word of authority, your rule of peace, your earthy holiness, which comes not to destroy but to set us free; through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

Psalm:

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

The Sabbath Called Its Children

Michael Hudson, 2004 AURELIA
Song for the Cycle, p. 72 Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

1. The Sab-bath called its child - ren, and one stood up to teach who made the an - cient
2. Com - pas-sion, was the an - swer, com - pel - ling - ly re - vealed as this man, bruised and
long - ings seem sud - den - ly in reach. A voice lashed out to coun - ter, a -
bro - ken, was in that mo - ment healed. Then Je - sus left the peo - ple, a -
wash in an - i - mus: "Why should the High and Ho - ly as - so - ci - ate with us?"
mazed by what they saw, to con - tem - plate God's good - ness in si - lence and in awe.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Savior.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, let us pray for all who need the cleansing power of the Holy One of God.

For the church and all who seek the truth of God. For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Lucinda our Bishop, for Karen our rector, and for priests, deacons, and all who minister in Christ. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, for our Retired Clergy and their service to the Church.

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For prophets in every land who rebuke the spirits of greed and violence, oppression and despair.

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those requiring ongoing care, for those burdened by anguish or illness, and for those who care for them with love and healing.

(please add your own petitions silently or aloud)

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those seeking a deeper faith that they may experience the liberation of the spirit.

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For those who have died and are in the presence of God's holy power.

(please add your petitions silently or aloud)

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the many blessings of our lives, for ourselves and all those we love.

(please add your own thanksgivings silently or aloud)

People: **God, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: God our Teacher, speaking with holy authority, liberating us from the forces of evil, hear the prayers we offer this day and give us courage as we proclaim your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

(There will be a moment of silence)

People: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.



Offertory:

God, Creator, Source of Healing

Voices Found #93 (alternate tune)

BEECHER

Brigid Pailthorp

John Zundel (1815-1882)

1. God, cre - a - tor, source of heal - ing here we pray for whole-ness and health.
2. Je - sus, known to friend and seek - er ex - er - cis - ing heal - er's art,
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, bring us whole-ness, come with your trans-form - ing love;

Guide our work, our thoughts, and feel - ing, guide the shar - ing of our wealth.
maya the strong sup - port the week - er show - ing love with head and heart;
give us free - com, hope and bold - ness, raise our eyes to see from a - bove;

Give dis - cern - ment in our de - cis - ions give com - pas - sion in our care;
give fresh en - er - gy and pur - pose when un - reas'ning blocks your grace,
shape our sys - tems, in - sti - tu - tions, clar - i - ty our blind of sight,

rec - on - cile our strife and di - vis - ions as we search for means to share.
spare us harm, in dan - ger a - lert us, show the ra - diance of your face.
as we seek God giv - en so - lu - tions, help us greet the just and right.

Doxology (Old 100th):

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

The musical score is written for a two-part vocal setting in 3/4 time, featuring a soprano and an alto. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the left hand.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,____

hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. John and St. Stephen and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.
Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

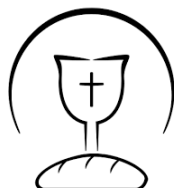
Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Communion Hymns:

Love of the Father

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #610

EVENTIDE

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

alternate tune

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. Love of the Fa - ther, Love of God the Son, from whom all came, in
2. Thou the all - ho - ly, thou su-preme in might, thou doest give peace, thy
3. Pur - est and high - est, wis-est and most just, there is no truth save
4. E - ter-nal Glo - ry, let all thee a - dore, who art and shalt be

whom was all be - gun; who form - est heaven - ly beau - ty out of
pres - ence mak - eth right; thou with thy fa - vor all things dost en -
on - ly in thy trust; thou dost the mind from earth - ly dreams re -
wor-shipped ev - er - more: us whom thou ma - dest, com - fot with thy

strife, cre - a - tion's whole de - sire and breath of life.
fold, with thine all - kind - ness free from harm wilt hold.
call, and bring, through Christ, to him for whom are all.
might, and lead us to en - joy thy heaven - ly light.

Glorify Your Name

Renew! #37

Donna Adkins, 1976

1. Fa - ther, we love you, we wor-ship and a - dore you, glo - ri - fy your
2. Je - sus,
3. Spi - rit,

name in all the earth; glo - ri - fy your name,

glo - ri - fy your name, glo - ri - fy your name in all the earth.



Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Compassionate and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us,
and reconciled your people to yourself.
May we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.
Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love. Amen.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Mission Song:

God's Holy Ways are Just and True

Psalm 111,
para. Barbara Woollett, c. 1984

Renew! #115

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

mel. fr. *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623

1. God's ho - ly ways are just and true, his pro - mis - es are ev - er new,
2. Bring back to mind his grace and love, our needs pro - vi - ded from a - bove;

O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Let ev - ery heart with prais - es sing, and
O — praise him, al - le - lu - ia! He kept his word and Je - sus came to

make this house with voi - ces ring: O — praise him, O —
make a peo - ple for his name;

praise him! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Tuesday, February 13th – Pancake supper at St. John's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, February 21st – Lent soup and supper at St. John's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, February 28th – Lent soup and supper at St. Stephen's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 5th – Lent soup and supper at St. John's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 13th – Lent soup and supper at St. Stephen's, 6pm.
- Wednesday, March 20th – Lent soup and supper at St. John's, 6pm.

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