

**May 5, 2024
10:00 AM**

**The Sixth
Sunday of Easter**

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:

Love Astounding

Jeannette M. Lindholm

Voices Found #143

HOLY MANNA
fr. *Southern Harmony*, 1835

1. Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found-ing li - mits_ fear - ful minds im - pose.
2. Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,
Love re - new - ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows
faith re - gain - ing, hope pro - claim - ing; Love has taught us, we be - long
Love's trans - form - ing, heal - ing good - ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle grace,
safe with - in Love's tend - er keep - ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em - brace.
Love de - fend - ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain (Harmony, S.A.B.)

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise #346

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abiding love, you choose us as your servants and dare to call us friends: take our fragmented hearts, commanding them to love, making whole our joy, our life reborn in you; through Jesus Christ, who laid down his life for us. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm:

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand



Gospel Gradual:

From a Time Beyond Beginnings

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 89

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
11th century

1. From a time be - yond be - gin - nings when all worlds were yet un - formed,
2. From the deep and word - less long - ings of the pri - mal wa - king soul,
3. From to - day's un - fold - ing mo - ments round - ing from the re - cent night,

through the fire of first cre - a - tion when our a - toms swirled and swarmed,
through the years of flu - ent con - science when the pro - phets' thun - der rolled,
through the sum of all to - mor - rows ris - ing dim or break - ing bright,

through the cool - ing of the pla - - - - - nets
to the days when Je - sus' wis - - - - - dom
to the point where ev - ery end - - - - - ing

long be - fore a heart was warmed: We are loved. Ah, we are loved.____
wove our rem - nant spi - rits whole: We are loved. Ah, we are loved.____
ga - thers in - to end - less light: We are loved. Ah, we are loved.____

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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:
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

Leader: Gracious and loving God, your Son Jesus has laid down his life and called us his friends, and you have promised to give whatever we ask you in Christ's name: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say:

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Your Church is the community of those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, and you have taught us that we have been born of God: Help us to show our love for you, O God, by loving your children and thus fulfilling Christ's command. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Dunstan's of Carmel Valley. For Stepping Stones and all our prison and jail ministries; for military, prison and hospital chaplaincies.

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: You have shown your righteousness openly in the sight of the nations, O Mighty One, and with your right hand and your holy arm have you won for yourself the victory: Extend your dominion over all the earth and imbue all in authority with your Spirit of love and compassion, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: All creation witnesses to God's goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world and its fragile environment, and grant to all your children their necessities for daily life and peaceful freedom from all that may threaten.

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: You have taught us to keep your commandments by abiding in your love, O God: Bless this community with such faithfulness that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer.

(You are invited to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: Accept our grateful thanksgivings as we lift up our voice, rejoice and sing.

(You are invited to offer your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Leader: We entrust to your never-failing victory those who have died.

(You are invited to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud.)

Let our faith in you witness to the victory that conquers the world.

Praise the Lord,

People: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Celebrant: Blessed One, you have loved us, chosen us, and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may abide in your love and know the joy of your friendship, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

Frank von Christierson (1900-1996)

H #705

FOREST GREEN, English melody

adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

1. As those of old their first_ fruits_ brought of vine- yard, flock, and field to
3. With gra - ti - tude and hum - ble_ trust we bring our_ best to thee to

God, the giv - er of_ all_ good, the source of_ boun-teous yield; so_
serve thy cause and share_ thy_ love with all hu - man - i - ty. O_

we to - day_ our_ first_ fruits_ bring, the wealth of this good land, of
thou who gav - est_ us_ thy_ self in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop_ and_ home, of mind, and_ heart, and hand.
us to give our - selves_ each_ day un - til life's_ work is done.

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

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

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

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

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 all 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. **Amen.**

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

People and Celebrant

**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 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:

Nothing Distress You

Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
tr. by Colin P. Thompson

Voices Found #146 (alternate tune)

BUNESSAN
Gaelic melody

♩ = 108

1. No - thing dis - tress you, no - thing af - fright you
2. Lift your mind up - ward, fair are his man - sions,
3. See the world's glo - ry! Fad - ing its splen - dor,
4. Love in due meas - ure meas - ure - less good - ness;
5. Hell may as - sail you, it can - not move you;

ev - ery - thing pas - ses, God will a - bide.
no - thing dis - tress you, cast fear a - way.
ev - ery - thing pas - ses, all is de - nied.
pa - tient en - deav - or, run to love's call!
sor - rows may grieve you, faith may be tried.

Pa - tient en - deav - or ac - com - plish - es all things;
 Fol - low Christ free - ly, his love will light you,
 Look ev - er home - ward to the e - ter - nal;
 Faith burn - ing bright - ly be your soul's shel - ter;
 Though you have noth - ing he is your trea - sure:

who God pos - ses - ses needs naught be - side.
 no - thing af - fright you, in the dark way.
 faith - ful in pro - mise God will a - bide.
 who hopes, be - liev - ing, ac - com - plish - es all.
 who God pos - ses - ses needs naught be - side.

The Tree of Life My Soul Hath Seen

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise, #401 (alt. tune)

Anonymous

from a collection of Joshua Smith, New Hampshire, 1784

THE EIGHTH TUNE

Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

1. The tree of life my soul hath seen, la - den with fruit and al - ways green:
 2. His beau - ty doth all things ex - cel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
 3. For hap - pi - ness I long have sought, and plea - sure dear - ly I have bought:
 4. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dy - ing faith a - live;

the trees of na - ture fruit - less be com - pared with Christ the ap - ple tree.
 the glo - ry which I now can see in Je - sus Christ the ap - ple tree.
 I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the ap - ple tree.
 which makes my soul in haste to see to be with Christ the ap - ple tree.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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:

Come We That Love the Lord

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

H #392 (alternate tune)

ST. THOMAS

Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

1. Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing that ne - ver knew our God;
3. The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low;
4. Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne.
but chil - dren of the heav - en - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
ce - les - tial fruits on earth ly ground from faith and hope may grow.
we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Sunday, June 9th – Picnic at St. John's after the service
- Sunday, June 16th – Pride Potluck at St. Stephen's after the service

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