

**August 16, 2026
10:00 AM**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15**



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

7269 Santa Teresa Boulevard
San Jose, CA 95139
(408) 629-1836
www.ssitf.org

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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

Thou, Whose Almighty Word

John Marriott (1780-1825)

H #371

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 God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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: S280



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.

The musical score is written on ten staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some longer note values. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in measures 10, 14, and 20. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

All: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Reading

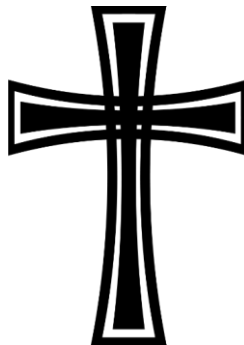
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

All: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Please stand

Gospel Gradual:

A Gentile Woman

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.44

EVENTIDE
William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1. A Gen - tile wo - man came to Christ to glean
2. She came a - lone, a na - tive fo - reign - er,
3. The gift she sought that day she got by faith

the leav - ings of the Mes - si - an - ic Feast,
and made no claim of the kin or com - mon creed.
that would not bend or break or turn or tire.

and Je - sus marked her loud, de - ter - mined prayer
She on - ly brought a par - ent's sim - ple plea:
And Je - sus spoke the words she came to hear,

and his dis - ci - ple's cry her prayer should cease.
her child was sick and she would in - ter - cede.
"It shall be done for you as you de - sire."

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

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

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Peggy Bryan

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 (Form III)

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Lector: For our Diocesan Disaster Relief Coordinator and members of our diocese who volunteer in response to the many disasters of hurricane, flood, fire, earthquake, tornado and other calamities: *Episcopal Relief and Development.*

People: **That your presence may accompany them always.**

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

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

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

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

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

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest;

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

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

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

Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
The People may add their own petitions:

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
 Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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

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**

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 the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn:

In Boldness Look to God

MORNING SONG

Mary Louise Bringle (c) 2002

Voices Found #94

mel. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)
harm. Thomas Foster (c) 1984

The musical score is written for voices in a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two staves per part. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line breaks corresponding to the musical phrases.

In bold-ness look to__ God for__ help, like wo-men fold who dared:
In bold-ness lean on__ God for strength, and heal-ing from dis - ease,
In bold-ness, learn of__ God the__ truth of Ma-ry's bet - ter part:
In bold-ness, love, nor__ count the__ cost. Con - front the world's harsh stare:

to__ ask that__ Je - sus heal a__ child, that crumbs of grace be shared,
of__ mind and__ bo - dy, heart and__ will, whose bond - age Je - sus frees.
by__ fear and__ cen - sure un - de - terred, de - ter - mined in__ her heart
like__ one who washed the feet of__ Christ, and wiped them with__ her hair,

that__ out - cast__ ones be wel comed to the feast God has__ pre - pared.
Reach out and__ touch the hem of__ Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
to__ kneel at__ Je - sus' feet and__ learn the wis-dom he__ im - parts.
poured per - fume to a - noint her__ Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

Doxology (Old 100th):

**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 Liturgy of the Eucharist: Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

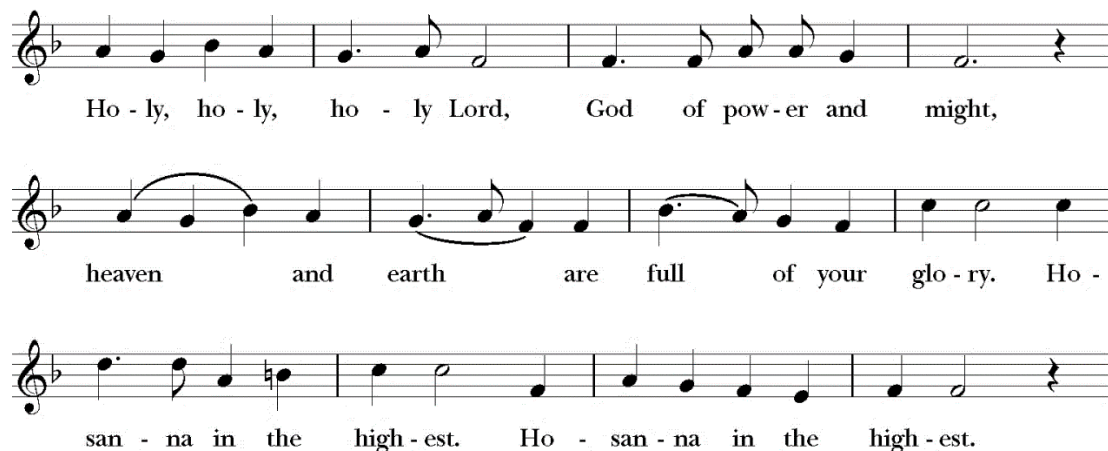
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

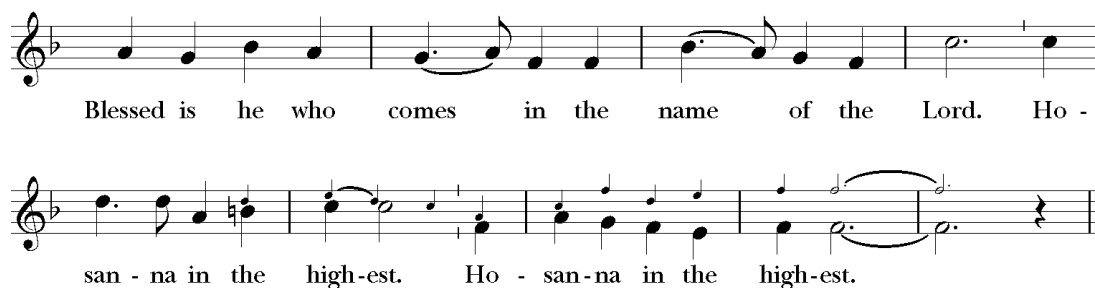
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

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.**

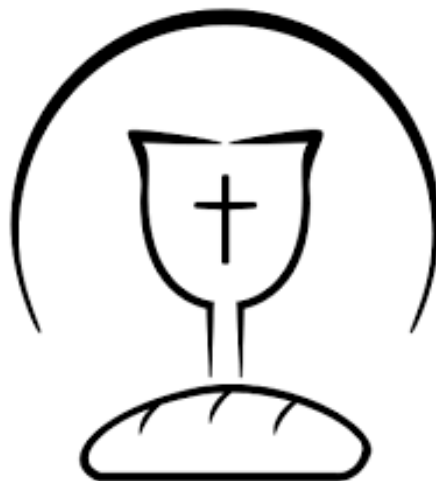
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



Communion Hymn:

O Spirit of the Living God

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

H #531

MELCOMBE
Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

1. O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in all thy plen - i - tude of grace,
2. Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to preach the re - con - cil - ing word;
3. Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing light; con - fu - sion, or - der in thy path;
4. Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the tri - umphs of the cross re - cord;

wher - e'er the foot of man hath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
give power and unc - tion from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
souls with - out strength in - spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
the Name of je - sus glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

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:

Christ is the World's True Light

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

H #542

ST. JOAN

Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

$\text{♩} = 42$

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in 3/4 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 42. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining two lines. The lyrics are: 1. Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion, 2. In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ing, 3. One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who won thee; the Day-star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion; the whole world com - plete, from sun - rise to its set - ting; cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to ploughshare beat the sword, to prun - ing hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come Prince of Peace, and reign.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group at St. John's, 10:00 am
- Sunday, August 23rd – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am
- Sunday, August 30th – Holy Eucharist, Rev. Peggy Bryan Presiding
- Sunday, September 6th – New Creation Church
- Sunday, September 13th – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am
-

Vestry Members

Janet Thorsrud, *Senior Warden* • Anthony Francis • Andy Lief, *Treasurer/Finance*