

**SING TO THE LORD
A NEW SONG**



October 18, 2026
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St Stephen's is called, with God's help, to follow Jesus, and to be a source of transformation and Christian hope and inspiration to those within our community and those in our respective neighborhoods.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR SUNG MORNING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preceding the service, a singing bowl will be rung as we prepare ourselves interiorly for worship.

GATHERING HYMN

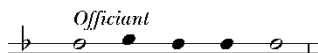
#48 O Day of Radiant Gladness

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces sung by All

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Officiant



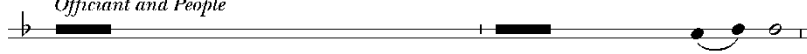
Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

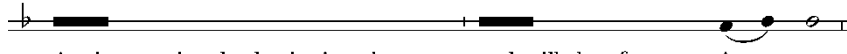


And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

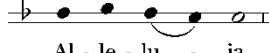


Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Except in Lent, add:

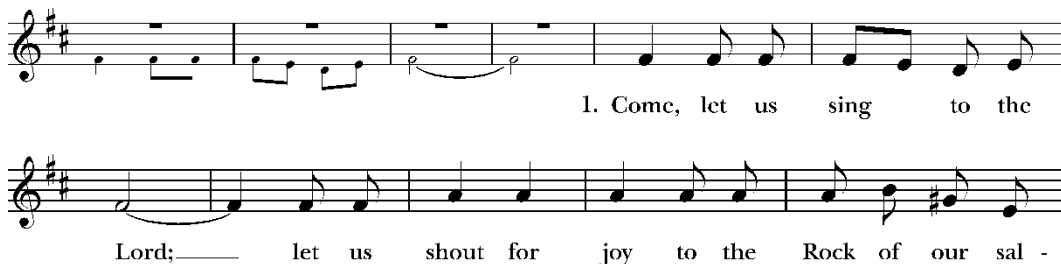


Al - le - lu - ia.

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Venite sung by All

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1. Come, let us sing to the

Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -

va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the

Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all

gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The

sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have

mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the

knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For

he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his

pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice!

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Sing to God a **new song**;
sing to God all the whole **earth**.
Sing and bless God's holy **Name**;
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to **day**.*

Declare God's glory among the **nations**,
God's wonders among all **peoples**.
For God is great and greatly to be **praised**,
more to be feared than all **gods**.*

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but **idols**,
but it is God who made the **heavens**.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's **presence**!
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's **sanctuary**!*

Ascribe to God, you families of the **peoples**,
ascribe to God honor and **power**.
Ascribe due honor to God's holy **Name**;
bring offerings and come into God's **courts**.*

Worship the Most High in the beauty of **holiness**;
let the whole earth tremble before **God**.
Tell it out among the nations that God **reigns**!
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved,
and will judge the peoples with **equity**.*

Let the heavens **rejoice**,
and let the earth be **glad**;
let the sea thunder and all that is **in it**;
let the field be joyful and all that is there**in**.*

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for **joy**,
before God, who will **come**,
who will come to judge the **earth**.
God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with **truth**.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**,
and to the Holy **Ghost**.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall be**:
world without end. **Amen**.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains; I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron; I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name; I give you a title, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Magnificat (the Song of Mary) *sung by the Choir*

Setting by Philip Wilby

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are the Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Nunc dimittis (the Song of Simeon) *sung by the Choir*

Setting by Philip Wilby

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE HOMILY

Scarlett Hepworth

APOSTLES CREED

All stand

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,**

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Salutation & Lesser Litany *sung by all*

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The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Detailed description: This block contains three musical staves. The first staff is labeled 'Officiant' and has a solid black rectangular block representing a long note. The second staff is labeled 'People' and has a solid black rectangular block representing a long note. The third staff is labeled 'Officiant' and has a solid black rectangular block representing a long note. Below the staves, the text 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.' is written.

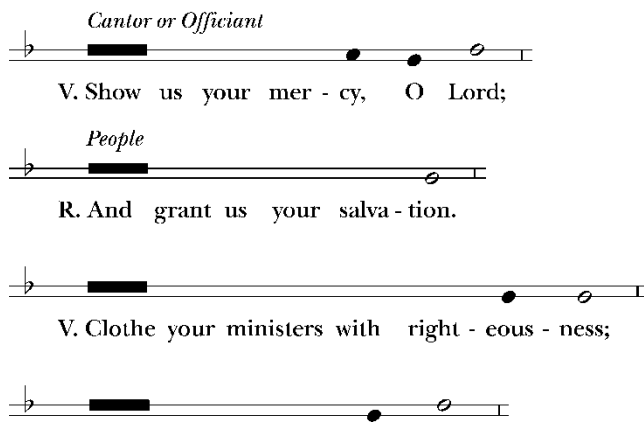
The Lord's Prayer *chanted by all on a monotone*

Officiant: Our Father,

All: 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.

Suffrages *sung by all*

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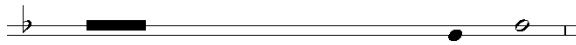
V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salva - tion.

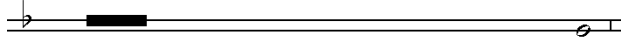
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

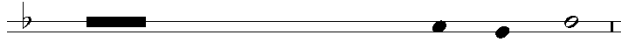
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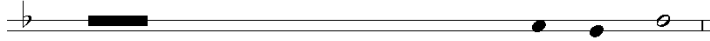
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



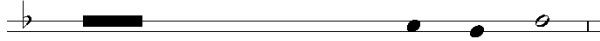
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



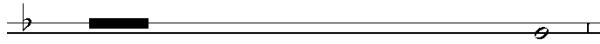
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



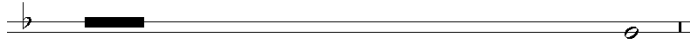
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. (monotone)

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (monotone)

COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (monotone)

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN

#665 All My Hope on God is Founded

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low; Praise

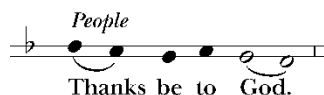
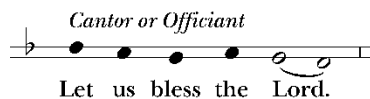
God a - bove ye heav' - nly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

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THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the ministers and choir process out.