



The Second Sunday after the  
**EPIPHANY**

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

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*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.*



Welcome! If you are unfamiliar with the rituals of the Episcopal Church, simply let the congregation carry you in worship. The order of worship is found in this service booklet and the hymns are in the blue hymnal in your pew.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### GATHERING HYMN

#542 Christ Is the World's True Light

### OPENING BLESSING

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Kenyan Anglican Church*

Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.



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 FOR THE DAY—**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

You, who teach us a new song, and train our feet to follow: meet us in our searching and turn our eyes and hearts to the one who gives his life for the world; through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.  
**Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

Psalm 40:1-12



I waited patiently for you, O **God**;  
you stooped to me and heard my **cry**.  
You lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the  
mire and **clay**;  
you set my feet upon a high cliff and made my  
footing **sure**.  
You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise  
to our **God**;  
many shall see, stand in awe, and put their trust in  
**you**.  
Happy are they who trust in **you**;  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false  
**gods**.  
Great things are they that you have done, O **God**,  
how great your wonders and your plans for **us**;  
there is none who can be compared with **you**.  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them,  
but they are more than I can **count**.  
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you

have given me ears to **hear you**);  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not  
**required**,  
and so I said, "Behold, I come. In the roll of the  
book it is written concerning **me**:  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep  
in my **heart**.'"  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great  
**congregation**;  
behold, I did not restrain my **lips**,  
and that, O God, you **know**.  
Your righteousness have I not hidden in my **heart**;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your  
**deliverance**;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great **congregation**.  
You are the Holy One; do not withhold your  
compassion from **me**; let your love and your  
faithfulness keep me safe for **ever**.

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Seek Ye First*

1

1 Seek ye — first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

2

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

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

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

**Clergy:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

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

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**Clergy:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE HOMILY



NICENE CREED

*Hyfrydol*

D A D Em D A D Em D

1 We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all  
 2 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and  
 3 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

Bm A D A D A D A D Em

things that be. Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er  
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life  
 saints with - in one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for

D Bm A D F#m Bm Em A

of the sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus,  
 there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day  
 give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion,

D Bm Em Bm Asus A D/A Em/A

now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it  
 Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed  
 for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's

D/A A D G D/A A D

and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life  
 to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save  
 ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*V. Let us pray;* **R. Hear us, God of Glory**

## CONFESSION

*Enriching Our Worship*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

## THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be always with you

**And also with you**

## WELCOME SONG

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The image shows a musical score for the song 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

## OFFERTORY

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# OFFERTORY HYMN

# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

# DOXOLOGY

*Maryton*

S  
A  
T  
B

Praise God from whom all ble - ssings flow. Praise God all crea - tures here bel - ow.

9  
Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## SANCTUS

S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore in remembrance of Christ, we proclaim the great mystery  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther who art in hea - ven hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will  
be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and  
for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres - pass a-against us; and lead  
us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the  
pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

## THE FRACTION

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ is manifest at this table.

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

## HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is the Host of this Holy Feast: All are welcome to receive God's blessing. You may choose to receive wine from the little cups or from the common chalice. To receive from the chalice, please help guide the cup by grasping the bottom of the cup. Please do not dip your bread (intinction) into the cup. Gluten-free hosts are available—please mention your need for a gluten-free host to the clergy distributing the Body of Christ when you approach to receive Holy Communion.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

We Sing One Common Lord

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*(found by Linda Besse from Grace Episcopal Church, Vineyard Haven, MA)*

**God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PARISH PRAYER CENTER

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN-** *See Last Page*

**Thanks to all those who serve in St. Stephen's liturgical ministries!**

### St. Stephen's Choir

Sopranos: Esther Matuku | Cassie Roeder | Grace Rowe\* | Maude Hales  
Altos: Suzanne Capstick | Zenny Chen | Scarlett Hepworth\* | Debbie Campbell  
Tenors: Trevor Bushnell\* | Kelson Johansing | Dan Roeder  
Basses: Marc Anthony | Chuck Harris | Mike Henneberry | Nathan Hoyt\* | Don Lamp  
Logan Shevalier, Choral Director | Christian Skok, Music Director  
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### St. Martha's Altar Guild

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Pam Strickland | Karen Williams

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SENDING HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus4 Em

1. Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2. Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3. Long - ing for food, — man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus4 Em Am7

1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone —
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus4 D

1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. —
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. —
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. —
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone. —
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. —

REFRAIN

G C G Em Bm Em Am7 D  
 Christ, be our light! Shine out through the dark, shine! —

Descant

Melody

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.

G Dsus4 D Em Em7/D C Am7 D G Am7/G G

Christ, — be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. —

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God