

The Fifth Sunday after the
EPIPHANY

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING HYMN

#594 God of Grace and God of Glory

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.

GLORIA

Mass for Grace



Glo- ry, hal - le- lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, ___ Glo- ry,



Glo - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —



1. Glo-ry to God — in the high - est and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —



2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, — we give thanks, — we praise you for — your glo - ry.



Unison



3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,



Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry,



Glo - ry ha - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 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,



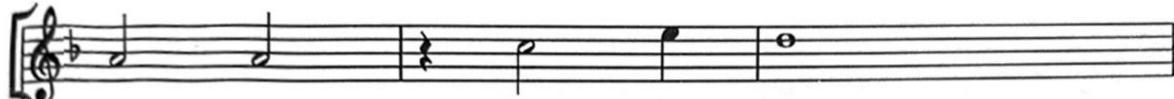
7. You a-lone _ are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the



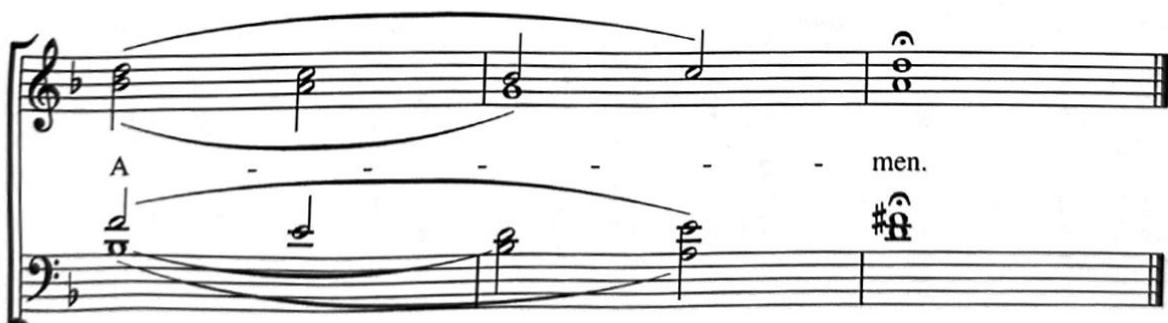
glo - ry of _ the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we



praise your Ho - ly name, _ Glo - ry, Glo - ry ha - le-lu - jah, Lord we



Praise your Ho - ly name.



COLLECT FOR THE DAY—

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Israel's jealous God, giver of love's law, in whom there is no blandness, no dullness of oppression; liberate us from all that numbs compassion to find in your commands light undimmed and flavor unrestrained; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. **Amen.**

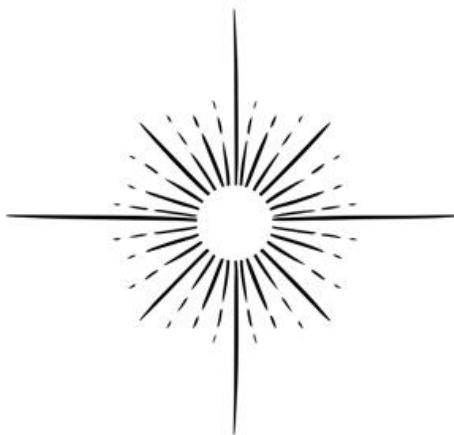
THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

People: Thanks be to God.



THE PSALM

Psalm 112:1-9



Alleluia! Happy are they who fear **God**
and have great delight in the **commandments**!
Their descendants will be mighty in the **land**;
the generation of the upright will be **blest**.*
Wealth and riches will be in their **house**,
and their righteousness will last for **ever**.
Light shines in the darkness for the **upright**;
the righteous are merciful and full of
compassion.*
It is good for them to be generous in **lending**
and to manage their affairs with **justice**.
For they will never be **shaken**; the righteous
will be kept in everlasting **remembrance**.*

They will not be afraid of any evil **rumors**;
their heart is right; they put their trust in **God**.
Their heart is established and will not **shrink**,
until they see their desire upon their
enemies.*

They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness stands fast for **ever**;
they will hold up their head with **honor**.
The wicked will see it and be **angry**;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away,
the desires of the wicked will **perish**.*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

People: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal Alleluia



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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

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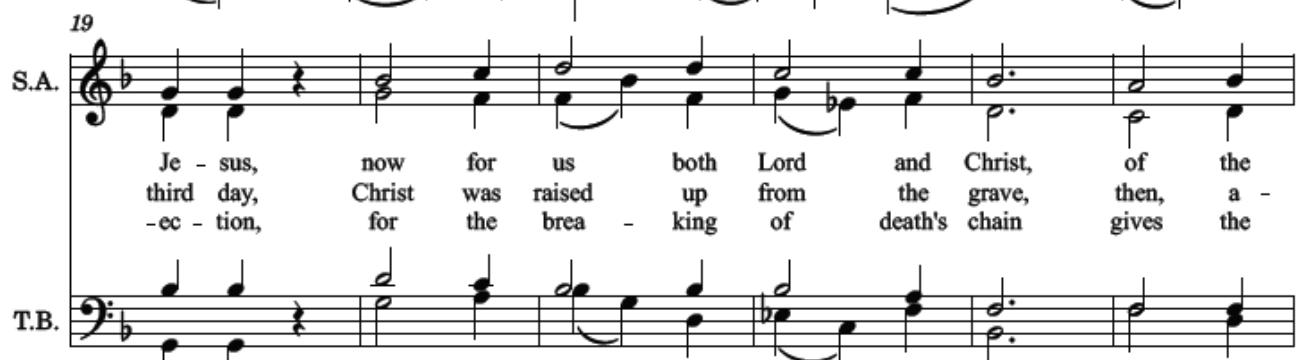
We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all
 We be - lieve that Je - sus su - ffered, scoured and scorned and
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T.B. 

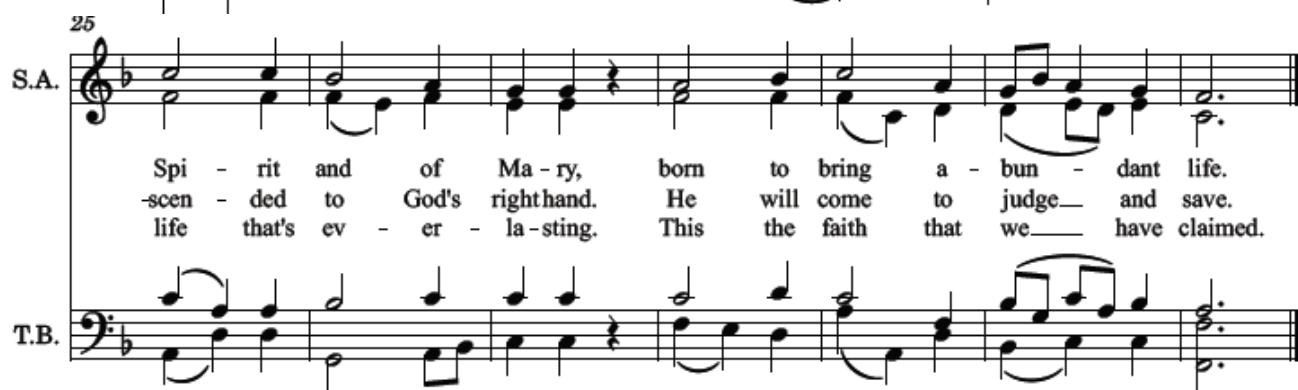
things that be. Ma - ker of the earth and hea - ven. Keep - er
 cru - ci - fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bu - ried, True Life
 saints with - in one church cath' - lic, one church ho - ly, where for -

T.B. 

of the skies and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, the
 there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve in that on the
 give - ness frees from sin; in the bo - dy's re - surr -

T.B. 

Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the
 third day, Christ was raised up from the grave, then, a -
 -ec - tion, for the brea - king of the death's chain gives the a -
 the

T.B. 

Spi - rit and of Ma - ry, born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 -scen - ded to God's righthand. He will come to judge and save.
 life that's ev - er - la - sting. This the faith that we have claimed.

T.B.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONFESSiON

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.

Enriching Our Worship

THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be always with you

And also with you.

WELCOME SONG

God Welcomes All



God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;



God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise

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S.A. T.B.

God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy 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

Mass for a Soulful People

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth ___ are ___ filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is ___ He who ___ comes in the name ___

of the Lord, ___ of the Lord. ___

Ho - san - na ___ in the high -

est, 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 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia, Christ is manifest at this table.
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 HYMN

You Are the Salt of the Earth

Cantor

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: bring forth the
 4 We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple bound for the

All

king - dom of God! Share the fla - vour of life, O peo - ple:
 ci - ty of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
 king - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice
 king - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and love our home-land:

All

life in the king - dom of God!
 shine for the king - dom of God!
 grow in the king - dom of God!
 love is the king - dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the
 king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,
 bring forth the ci - ty of God!

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in.
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the.
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the.
 4. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - .

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so that
 stumbling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 precious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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

This Little Light of Mine

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

Oh _____

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine, _____
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me, _____

Oh _____

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

Oh _____

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it

Oh _____

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God

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

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