

The Fifth 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

#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.

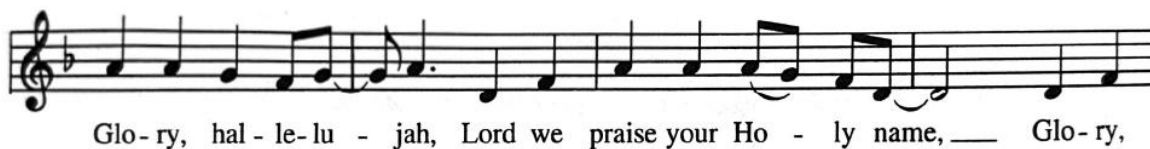
## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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.

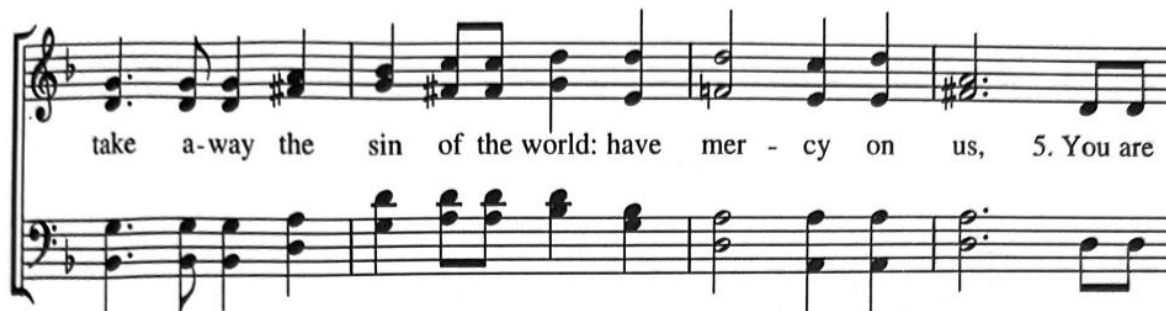
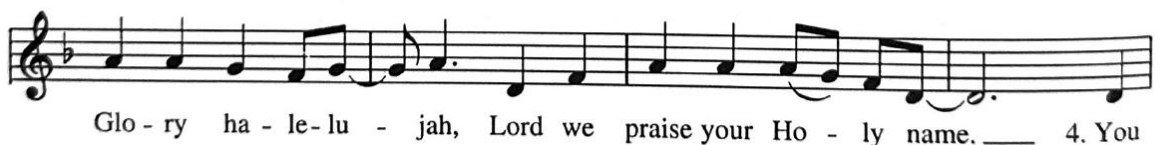
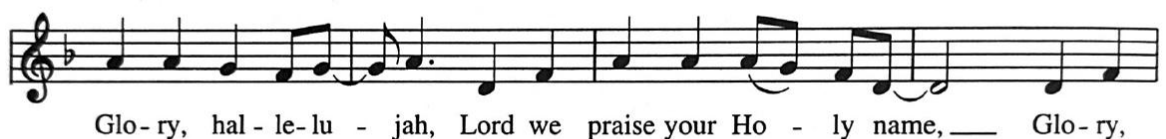
## GLORIA

*Mass for Grace*





*Unison*





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,



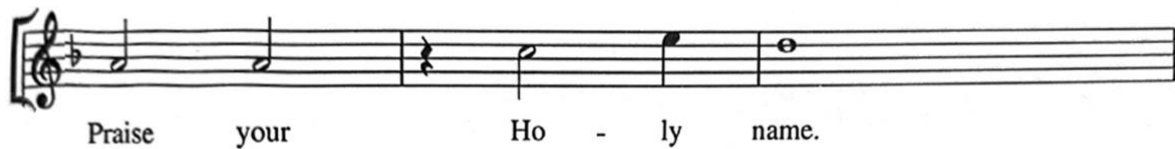
7. You a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the



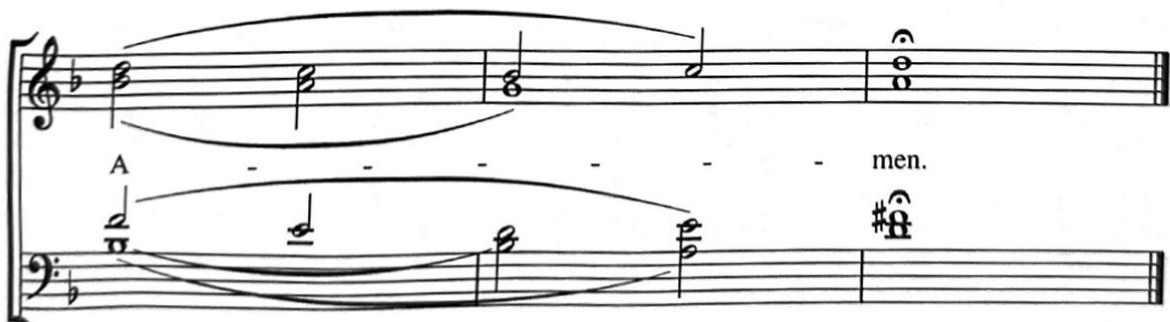
glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we



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



Praise your Ho - ly name.



A - - - - - men.

## 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

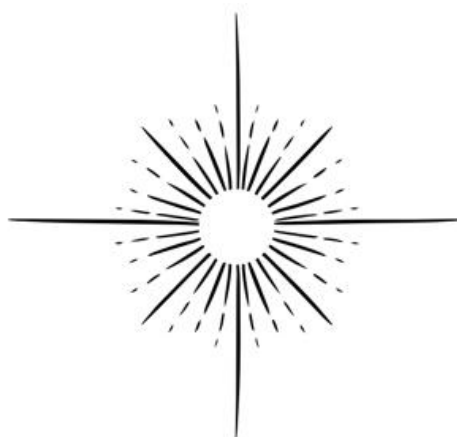
Isaiah 58:1-9a

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.**





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*



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

# NICENE CREED

Werde Munter

S.A. We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all  
We be - lieve that Je - sus su - ffered, scourged and scorned and  
We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bon - ding all the

6  
S.A. things— that be. Ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens. Keep - er  
cru - ci - fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bu - ried, True Life for -  
saints— with - in one church cath' - lic, one church ho - ly, where for -

13  
S.A. of the skies— and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son,  
there had tru - ly died. We be lieve that on the  
- give - ness frees— from sin; in the bo - dy's re - surr -

19  
S.A. Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the  
third day, Christ for was raised up from and the grave, then, a -  
- ec - tion, for the brea - king of death's chain gives the

25  
S.A. 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

*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, strang - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass line is: G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter).

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

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter). The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass line is: G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter).

## OFFERTORY

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

## DOXOLOGY

*Tallis Canon*

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

TB

4

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

T.B.

## 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, 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

Voice

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

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*

*All*

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

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  
stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious 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 - y a 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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