

The Last 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

#129 Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

### 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,

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.

Friend of Moses, strength of Elijah, you go with your people and give them your Spirit: may the Child of your heart transfigure the mortal world that love may know no bounds; through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**



Why are the nations in an **uproar**;  
 why do the peoples mutter empty **threats**?  
 Why do the mighty of the earth rise up in  
 revolt and the rulers plot **together**,  
 against God and against God's **Anointed**?\*

"Let us break their yoke," they **say**;  
 "let us cast off their bonds from **us**."  
 You whose throne is in heaven are **laughing**;  
 you have them in **derision**.\*

Then you speak to them in your **wrath**,  
 and your rage fills them with **terror**.

"I myself have set my **monarch**  
 upon my holy hill of **Zion**."\*

Let me announce the decree of **God**,  
 who has said to me, "You are my Son; this day  
 have I **begotten you**."

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for  
 your **inheritance**  
 and the ends of the earth for your **possession**.\*

You shall crush them with an iron **rod**  
 and shatter them like a piece of **pottery**."

And now, you monarchs, be **wise**;  
 be warned, you rulers of the **earth**.\*

Submit to God with fear, and with trembling  
 bow before the **Most High**,

Lest God be angry and you **perish**,  
 for divine wrath is quickly **kindled**.

Happy are they all who take refuge in **God**!

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

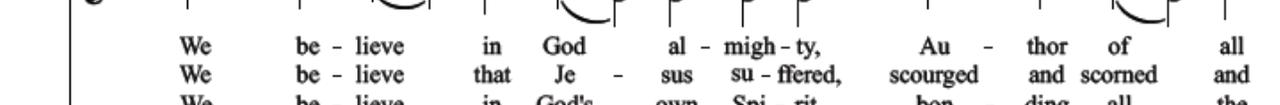
**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

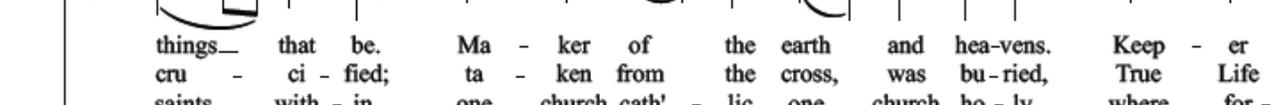
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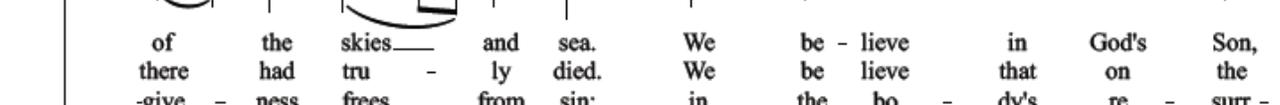
S.A.  We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all  
 We be - lieve that Je - sus su - ffered, scourged and scorned and  
 We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bon - ding all the

T.B. 

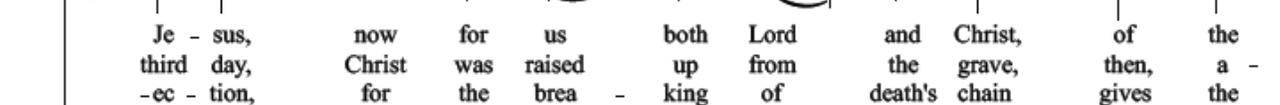
6  things— that be. Ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens. Keep - er  
 cru - ci - fied; ta - ken from the cross, was bu - ried, True Life  
 saints— with - in one church cath' - lic, one church ho - ly, where for -

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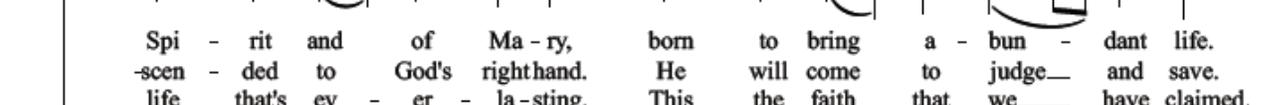
13  of the skies— and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son,  
 there had tru - ly died. We be lieve that on the  
 - give - ness frees— from sin; in the bo - dy's re - surr -

T.B. 

19  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 death's chain gives the

T.B. 

25  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, stran - ers and friends;

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first line. It also consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

## OFFERTORY

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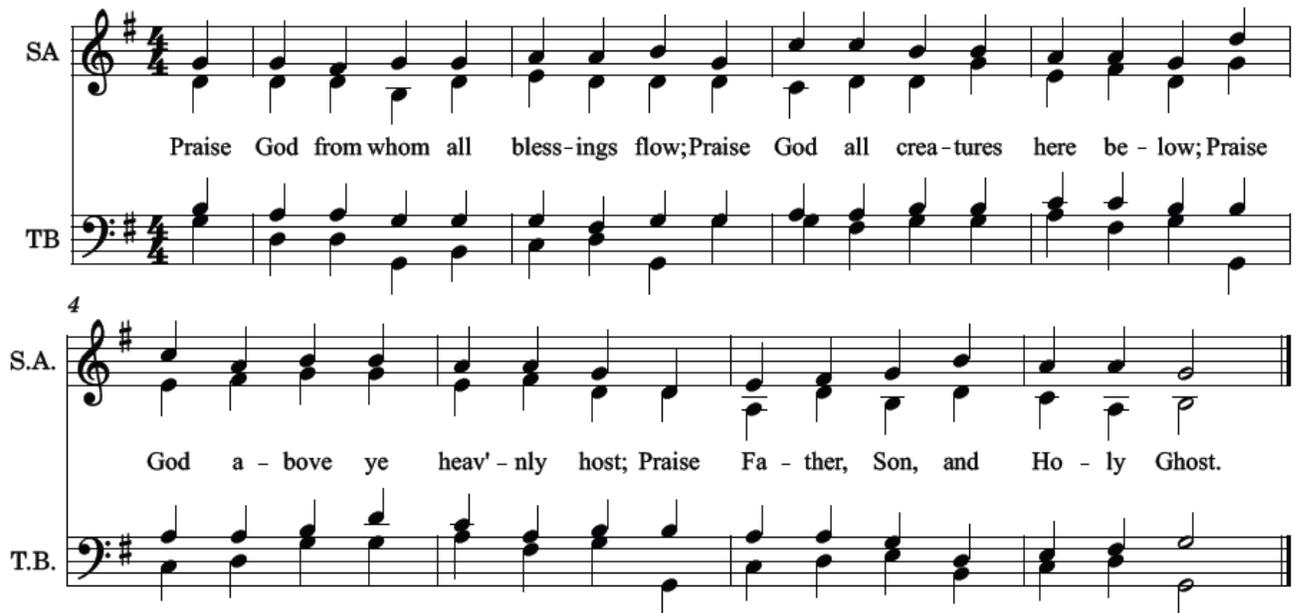
## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Praise Ye the Lord of Heaven

*Please stand and sing:*

## DOXOLOGY

*Tallis Canon*



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

TB

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Heav - en and earth \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ filled with your glo -

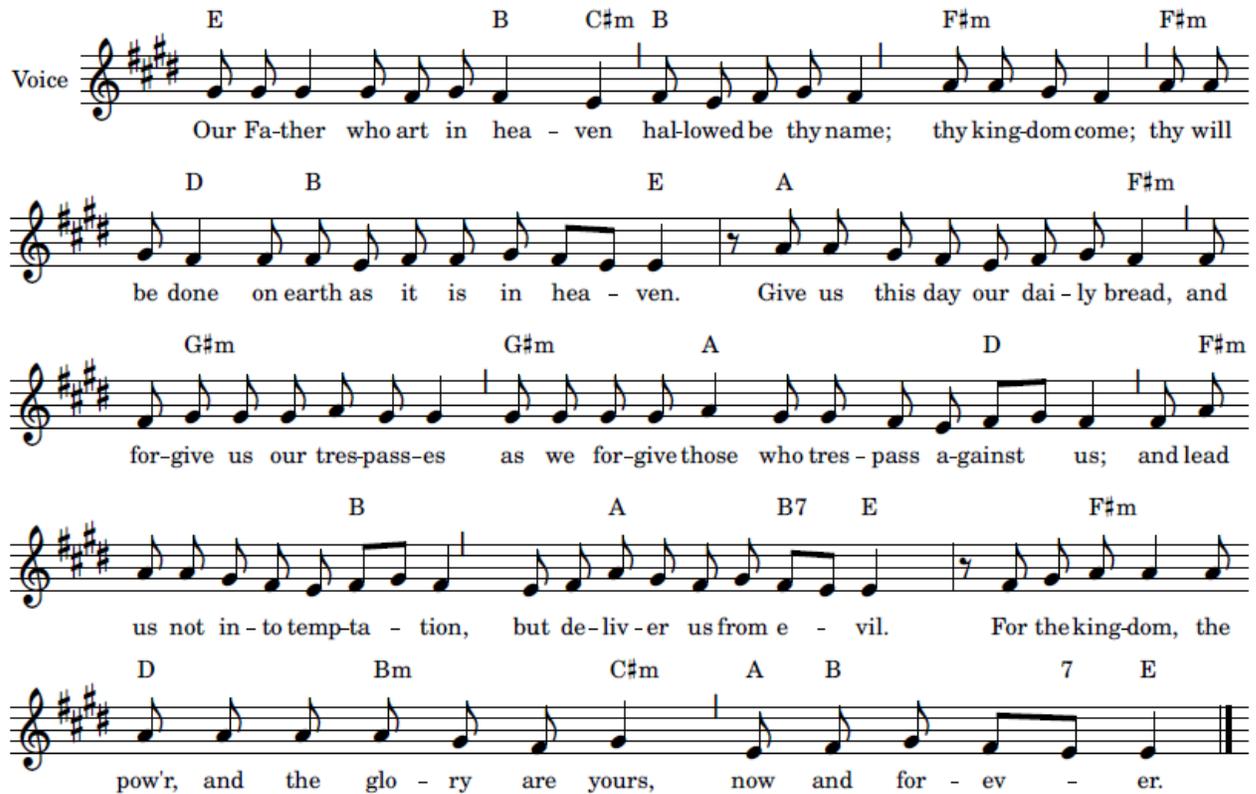
ry. Ho - san - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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." The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The vocal line features a melodic line with some grace notes and slurs. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

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-gainst 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 ANTHEM

But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own

## 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

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## BLESSING

## SENDING HYMN

#7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

## SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God

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

SATURDAY

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Greg Stevens | Suzie Jefferies

**Ushers**

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SUNDAY

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Charlotte Lamp | Sheryll Shepard

**Ushers**

XXX | XXX

**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

\*Section Leaders

**St. Martha's Altar Guild**

Pam Bernardo | Karen Bushnell | Vanita Davis | Lyla Henderson | The Henry Family | Suzy Jefferies

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