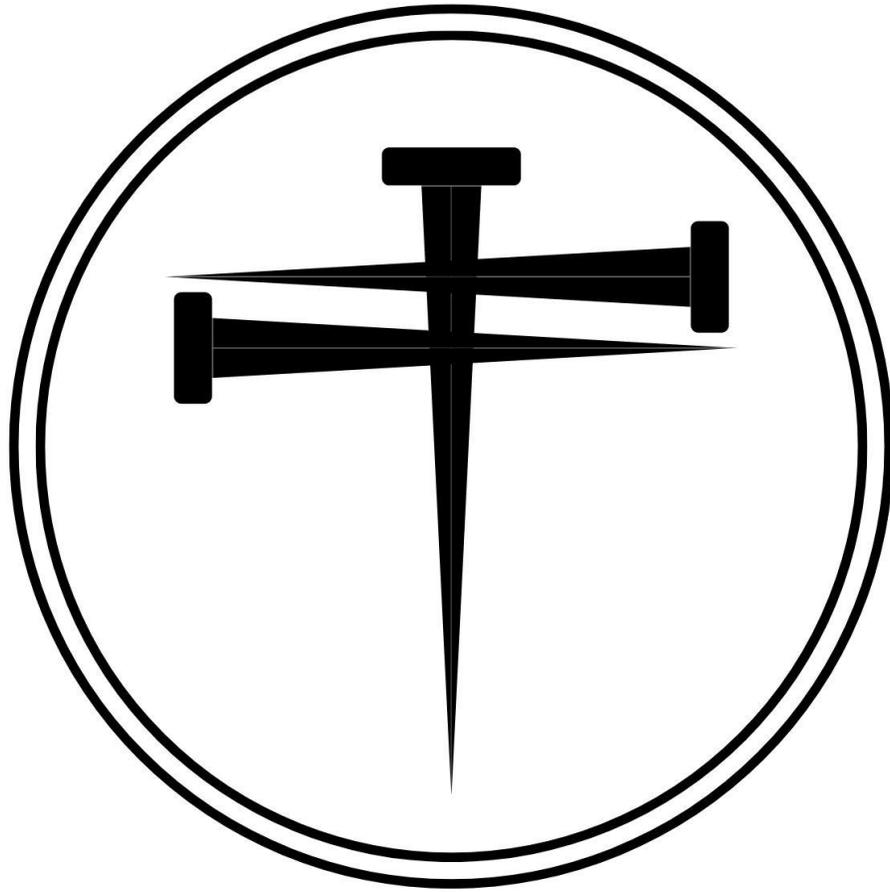


Fifth Sunday of



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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.

CHORAL PRELUDE

Praise God, Ye Lands

GATHERING HYMN

#666 Out of the depths I call

OPENING BLESSING

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

AN OPENING SENTENCE (Hebrews 4:14,16)

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

KYRIE

Deutsche Messe

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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COLLECT FOR THE DAY—

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you; O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.

O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.

With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Abide with Me v.1

I A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
when o - ther help - ers fail and com-forts flee,
help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then

Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

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Enriching Our Worship

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

V. We make our home in the desert **R. Be our source of Life, O God.**

Those in need of healing or support:

Josh, Joey and Family, Tiffany, Tonya, Stephanie, Dan, Jessica, Casey, Steve, Bernadine, Kristin,
Daniel, Bahati, Jason, Ashley, Braden, Bev, Chris, Jayne, Vance, Aidan, Jeanne, Leon, Larry, Colin,
Connie, Russell, Kadie

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 system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains chords and single notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The treble staff features a final chord, and the bass staff concludes with a sustained chord.

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Lazarus

1 "Come, Laz - a - rus," the Sav - ior called; and
 2 It was no light or eas - y task to
 3 Fill us with your com - pas - sion, Lord, our
 4 Con - vert our wills and make us whole; wean

from the sto - ny grave came forth his friend, from
 wake this one who slept; the Heal - er feigned no
 fear and pride re - move, till all our lives en -
 us from self - ish strife; trans - form each heart and

death un - thrall'd, to show God's power to save.
 cal - lous mask; moved deep - ly, Je - sus wept.
 flesh your word and bear your wounds of love.
 mind and soul with your a - bun - dant life.

5 Then send us forth to show your love
 in every time and place,
 that healed and healing we may prove
 the channels of your grace.

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be-
low; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation for 'The Fraction' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the vocal line with lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line with lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your

The third system of musical notation continues the vocal line with lyrics 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the vocal line with lyrics 'peace, give us your peace.' The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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 wafer (intinct) 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

Et in terra pax

Translation: And on Earth peace to people of good will.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

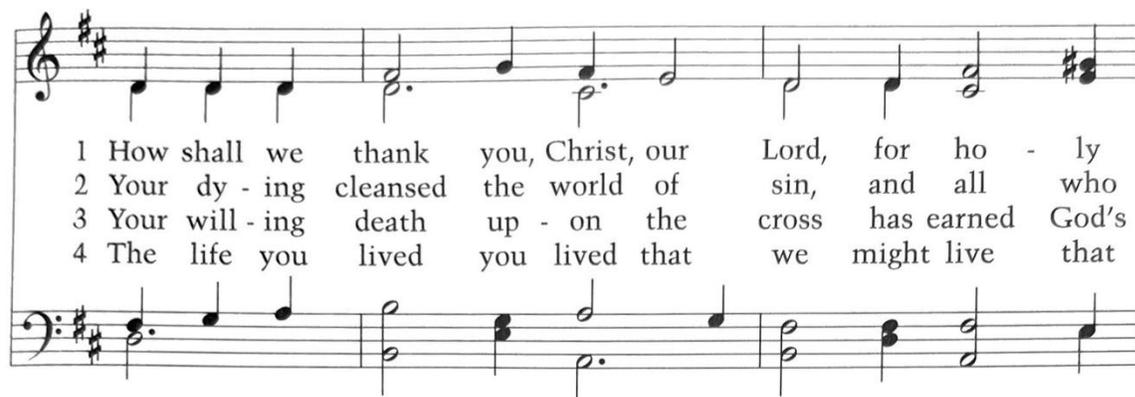
Lord of this feast beyond measure and price;
we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness
so that none might be lost:
liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor,
each receiving from the other
what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER CENTER

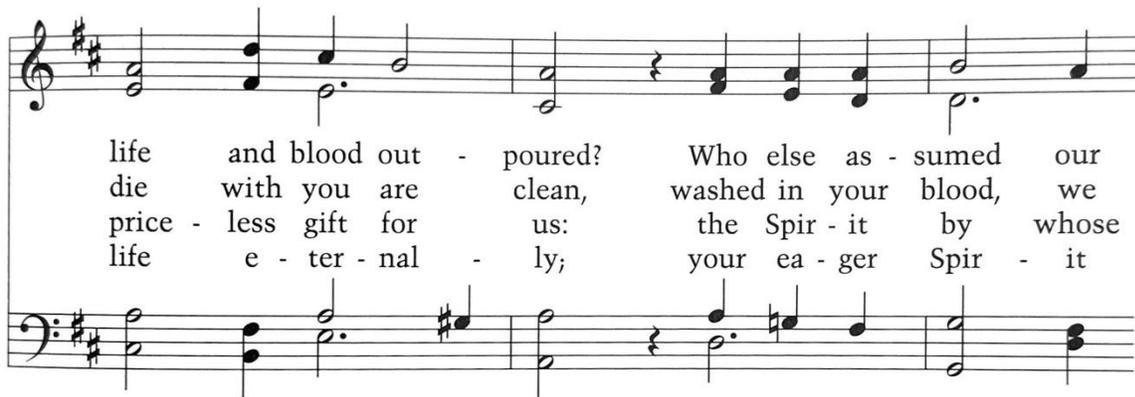
BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

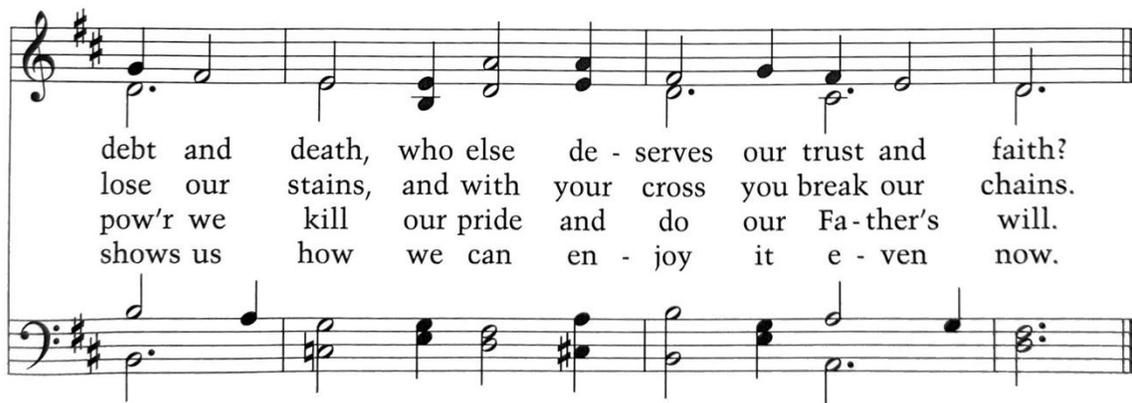
How Shall We Thank You



1 How shall we thank you, Christ, our Lord, for ho - ly
2 Your dy - ing cleansed the world of sin, and all who
3 Your will - ing death up - on the cross has earned God's
4 The life you lived you lived that we might live that



life and blood out - poured? Who else as - sumed our
die with you are clean, washed in your blood, we
price - less gift for us: the Spir - it by whose
life e - ter - nal - ly; your ea - ger Spir - it



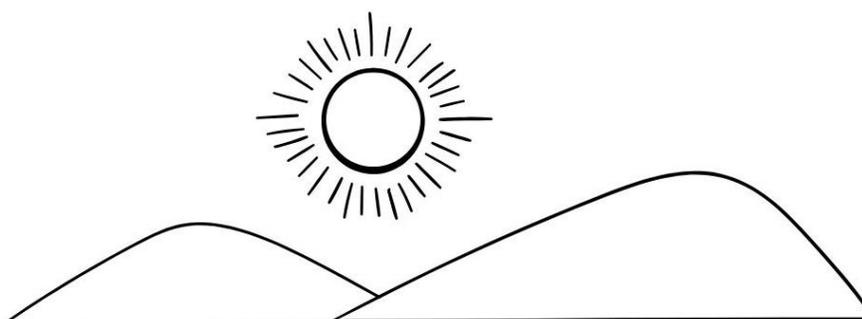
debt and death, who else de - serves our trust and faith?
lose our stains, and with your cross you break our chains.
pow'r we kill our pride and do our Fa - ther's will.
shows us how we can en - joy it e - ven now.

5 How shall we praise you, Christ, our Lord,
for holy life and blood outpoured?
Who else assumed our debt and death,
who else deserves our trust and faith?

THE SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God



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

SATURDAY

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