



THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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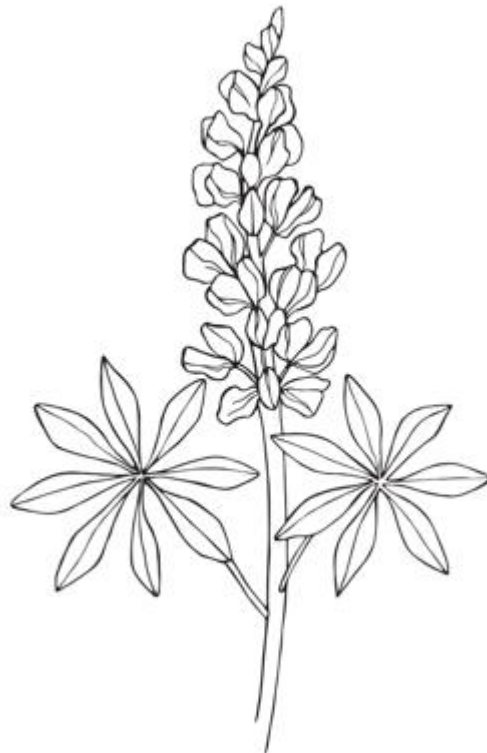
St Stephen's is called, with God's help, to follow Jesus, and to be a source of transformation and Christian hope and inspiration to those within our community and those in our respective neighborhoods.



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.



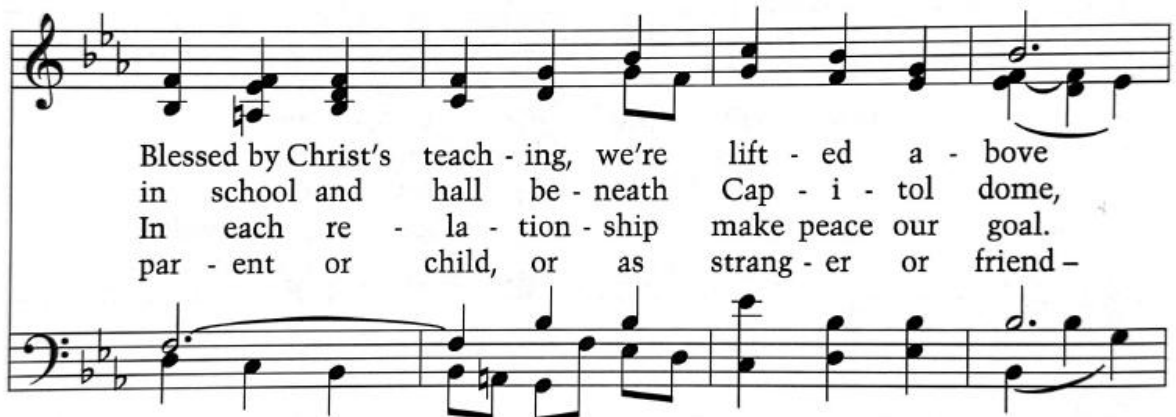
GATHERING HYMN

God, Teach Us Peacemaking

Unison



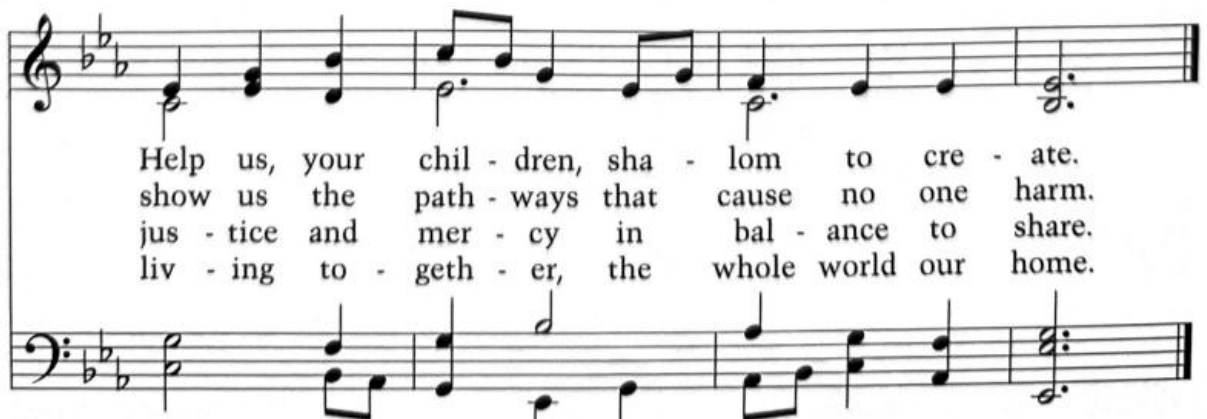
1 God, teach us peace - mak - ing, jus - tice and love.
2 God, teach us peace - mak - ing in church and home,
3 God, teach us peace - mak - ing in ev - 'ry role.
4 God, teach us peace - mak - ing un - to the end -



Blessed by Christ's teach - ing, we're lift - ed a - bove
in school and hall be - neath Cap - i - tol dome,
In each re - la - tion - ship make peace our goal.
par - ent or child, or as strang - er or friend -



all thought of ven - geance or en - vy or hate. —
in shop and in - dus - try, cit - y and farm —
Yet give us in - sight that keeps us a - ware —
fill all our hearts with the pow'r of sha - lom, —



Help us, your chil - dren, sha - lom to cre - ate.
show us the path - ways that cause no one harm.
jus - tice and mer - cy in bal - ance to share.
liv - ing to - geth - er, the whole world our home.

OPENING BLESSING

Celebrant: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: The Holy One's love is new every morning.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA

Rutter

Glo-ry to God in the high-est,—
— and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.—
Fa-ther,—
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right
hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.— For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
Lord, 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.

Bountiful God, you call us to labor with you in tending the earth: Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honor and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 137

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps. **R.**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: “Sing for us the songs of Zion!” **R.**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten! **R.**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, if I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. **R.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia No. 1

Refrain (Unison)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord, Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name!

Harmony

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

to Refrain

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

NICENE CREED

Beecher

S
A

We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all things that be.
 We be - lieve that Je - sus su - ffered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 We be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit, bon - ding all the saints with - in

T
B

5

Ma - ker of the earth and hea - vens, Keep - er of the skies and sea.
 ta - ken from the cross, was bu - ried, True Life there had tru - ly died.
 one church cath' - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;

9

We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
 We be - lieve that on the third day, Christ was raised up from the grave,
 in the bo - dy's re - surr - ec - tion, for the brea - king of death's chain

13

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

V. Merciful God, R. Keep your planet and people in peace.

COLLECT

Loving God, Creator of all, we thank you for the beauty of Creation; show us, we pray, how to respect the fragile balance of life. Guide by your wisdom those who have power to care for or to destroy the environment, that by the decisions we make, life may be cherished and a good and fruitful earth be preserved for future generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Season of Creation

Let us confess our sins against God and Creation

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures. We have walked heavily on your earth, overused and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed. Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin. Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody from the first line. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass) in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Laudamus Te

Translation: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You.

Grace Rowe, soprano

Scarlett Hepworth, mezzo soprano

DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Unison

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and

low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly

known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Season of Creation

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

Hymnal S-117

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and
earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the
Lord. 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

E B C#m B F#m F#m
 Voice Our Fa-ther who art in hea - ven hal-lowed be thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will
 D B E A F#m
 be done on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and
 G#m G#m A D F#m
 for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres - pass a-gainst us; and lead
 B A B7 E F#m
 us not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the
 D Bm C#m A B 7 E
 pow'r, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

THE FRACTION

AGNUS DEI

Mass of the Resurrection

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

1, 2 Final

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 (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 HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 3 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

let me bring your love. (love.) Where there is in - ju -
 life let me bring hope. (hope.) Where there is dark - ness,
 ing that we are par - doned, (par-doned,) in giv - ing of our-

ry, your par - don, Lord, and where there's doubt, true
 on - ly light, and where there's sad - ness,
 selves that we re - ceive, and in dy - ing that we're

1, 2 3
 A A7 D D7 to Refrain A A7 D
 faith in you. O
 ev - er joy. O
 born to e - ter - nal life.

Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so much to be con -

soled as to con - sole, to be un - der - stood, as to un - der -

stand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Chords: G, Em7, F#m, Bm7, Em7, A7, D, D7, G, Em7, F#m, Bm7, E, E7, A, Em, A

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER CENTER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

We Shall Overcome

C F C F C Am

We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -

D G D7 G Refrain G7 C/E F C

come some - day! Oh, deep in my heart

F C Am Ddim C7 F C/G G7 C

I do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

We'll walk hand in hand . . . some day!
 We shall live in peace . . . some day!
 We are not afraid . . . today!
 God will see us through . . . today!

SENDING

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