



TRINITY SUNDAY

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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING HYMN

#29 O Trinity of Blessed Light

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

mf
Glo - ry to God in the high - est! Peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y

God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we

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

mp
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.

mf
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, for you a-lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus

Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, 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.

Trinity of love, disposing the powers of hate and isolation; gathering creation in the bonds of mutual care: through the waters of baptism may our relatedness be reborn in justice, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, who is with us always. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORY

Psalm 8:4-9

The musical notation is for a responsory in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the vocal line and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and moving lines. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the piano part. The lyrics are: "O Lord, our God, _____ how won - der - ful your name in _ all _ the earth!"

When I behold the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place—what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? **R.**

You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet. **R.**

All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fishes of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. **R.**

Cantor

Re - joice and sing, all the earth, _____ for the
 night is gone! _____ Our God has raised_ us
 up from death in Christ Je - - - sus the Son. _____ *D.S.*

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

NICENE CREED

In Babilone

1 We be - e - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - th - or of all
 2 We be - e - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged a - nd scorned a - nd
 3 We be - e - lieve in God's o - wn Spi - rit, bond - i - ng all the

thi - ngs th - at be, Ma - k - er of the earth and hea - vens,
 or - u - oi - fi - ed; Ta - k - en from the cross, was bu - ried,
 sa - ints wi - th - in one church oath - olic, one church ho - ly,

Kee - per of th - e sky and sea. We be - lieve in God's Son,
 True li - fe there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the
 Where for - give - ness frees from sin. In the bo - dy's re - sur -

Je - sus, Now for us both Lord and Chr - ist, of the Spi - rit
 third day. Christ was raised up from the gr - ave, then as - cend - ed
 rec - tion for the breaking of death's oh - ain. Give the life that's

and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life. ___
 to God's right hand, He will come to ___ judge and save.
 ev - ver last - ing. This the faith that we ___ have olaimed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

V. Blessed are you Three in One. **R. Draw us closer to you, O God.**

Those in need of healing and support:

Chrystal, Judy, Susan, Greg, Mary, Thea, Jill, Bishop Gretchen

THE PEACE

WELCOME SONG

God Welcomes All

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the song 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and the key of D major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the score, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with chords.

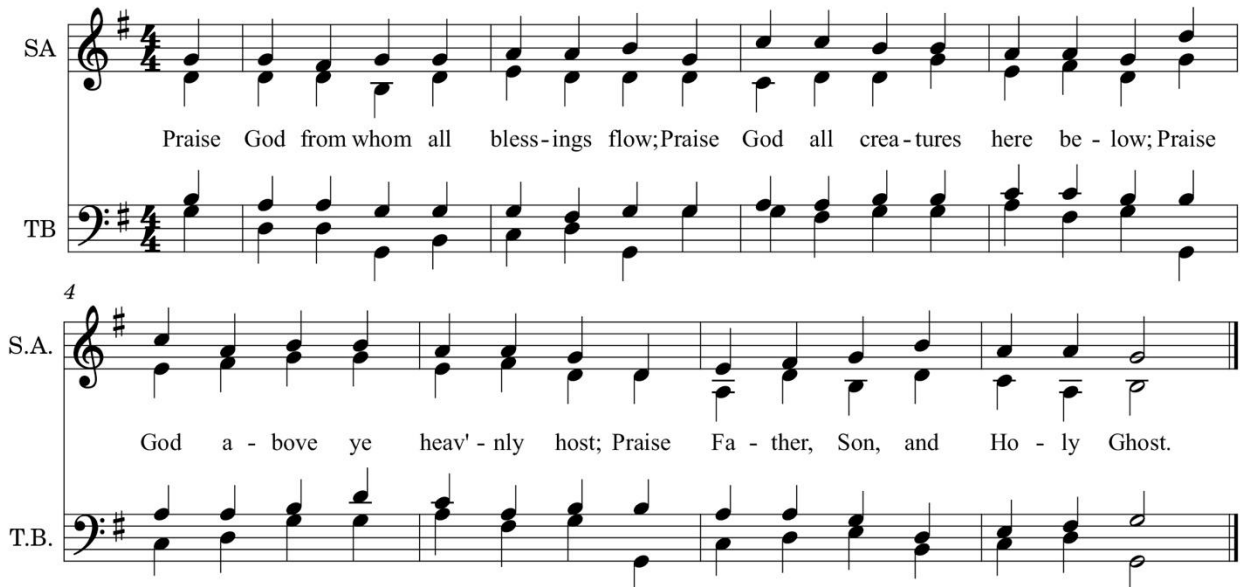
OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN

#366 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

DOXOLOGY



SA
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here be low; Praise

TB

4
S.A.
God above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy 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

Heritage Mass



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. —

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. — Ho-san-na! Ho-

san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord. — Ho-san-na! 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

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
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

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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 HYMNS

One Bread, One Body

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,

one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

to Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all. One
 gath-ered to one, for all.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Summons

1. Will you come and fol - low Me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, Your sum - mons ech - oes true When You but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 You And nev - er be the same. In Your

let My love be shown, Will you let My
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where Your love and

name be known, Will you let My life be
 tract or scare? Will you let Me an - swer
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, Through My sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in Me?
 prayer In you and you in Me?
 mean In you and you in Me?
 sound In you and you in Me?
 grow In You and You in me.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER CENTER

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

BENEDICTION ANTHEM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

SENDING HYMN

Come Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy Name to sing,
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, by heaven and earth a - dored;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To Thee, great One in Three, the high - est prais - es be,

help us to praise. Fa - ther whose love un-known all things cre-
our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless; come, give thy
in this glad hour: thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more; thy sov - ereign ma - jes - ty may we in

at - ed own, build in our hearts thy throne, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess; stab - lish thy right - eous - ness, Sa - vior and friend.
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of power.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

SATURDAY

Eucharistic Ministers
Tim Farley | Karen Williams

Usher
Mary Hedrick

SUNDAY

Eucharistic Ministers
Libby Beck | Kathleen Henry

Ushers
Jaki and Roger Lake

St. Stephen's Choir

Sopranos: Esther Matuku | Cassie Roeder | Grace Rowe* | Maude Hales
Altos: Suzanne Capstick | Zenny Chen | Scarlett Hepworth* | Debbie Campbell
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Logan Shevalier, Choral Director | Christian Skok, Music Director
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