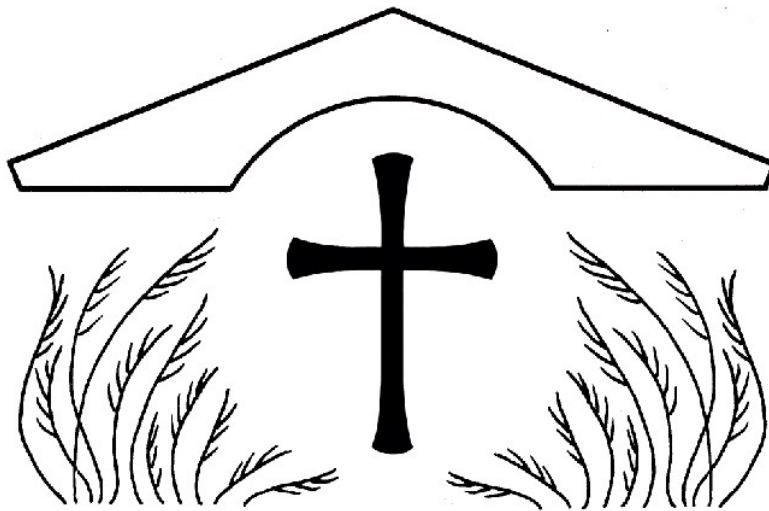


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2024



Ministers

Rector

Deacon

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Minister of Music

Cantor

Administrative Assistant

The People of the Parish

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

The Rev. Kate Sefton

Jean Farmer

Meg Nalley

Miles McKenzie

Kristina Ibarra

Jun Kim

The Gathering of the Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

477 All Praise to thee, for thou, O King Divine

please stand

The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory.

Thanks be to God.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever.

Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no dark desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Cantor or Choir *All*
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor or Choir *All*
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor or Choir *All*
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Summoning God, inviting us to see what we find so hard to notice - the blinders we wear, the lies we accept: as we are held in your gaze, may our faith awaken to see your kingdom growing and heaven open wide; through Jesus Christ, son of Joseph. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL (3:1-20)

please be seated

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139:1-17



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- 1 **O God, you have searched me out and *known me*; ***
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from a-*far*.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my *resting-places* ***
and are acquainted with all my *ways*.
- 3 **Indeed, there is not a word on my *lips*, ***
but you, O God, know it alto-*gether*.
- 4 **You press upon me behind and be-*fore* ***
and lay your hand up-*on me*.
- 5 **Such knowledge is too wonderful for *me*; ***
it is so high that I cannot at-*tain to it*.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your *Spirit*; ***
where can I flee from your *presence*?

- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are *there*; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there *also*.
- 8 If I take the wings of the *morning* *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the *sea*,
- 9 Even there your hand will *lead me* *
and your right hand hold me *fast*.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will *cover me*, *
and the light around me turn to *night*,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the *day*; *
darkness and light to you are both *a-like*.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost *parts*; *
you knit me together in my mother's *womb*.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously *made*; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it *well*.
- 14 My body was not hidden from *you*, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the *earth*.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your *book*; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was *none of them*.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O *God*; *
how great is the *sum of them*!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the *sand*; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like *yours*.

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A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (6:12-20)

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for

food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

please stand

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

please be seated

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon

**Sacred is the call, awesome indeed the entrustment
Tending the holy, tending the holy.**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Common Worship from the Church of England

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to God. Saying,
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The magi came from the east to worship your Son: God, grant to Christians everywhere the
spirit of adoration.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: God, accept the offering of our
hearts and minds at the beginning of this year.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: God, grant
an abundance of peace to your world. We pray especially for the Holy Land, Ukraine, and all
lands torn by war and death.
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: God, look in mercy on all who are
poor and powerless, and all who suffer, especially those we now name...
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: God, protect in your love our
neighbors, our families and this community of which we are a part. We pray especially for
those we love but can no longer see...
Lord of glory, **hear our prayer.**

Presider God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the
Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. In your unfailing love for
us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior
Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Trusting in God's saving grace, let us confess our sins.

Loving God, hear our prayer:

our hearts are heavy.

We have trusted too much in our own strength.

We have hidden our faces from those who suffer.

We have turned away from neighbors in need.

We have given up hope instead of seeking your help.

O God, be gracious to us.

Forgive our sin.

Heal our brokenness,

and fill our hearts with songs of joy. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

PEACE

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*You are invited to pass the peace
distanced and respectfully.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

please be seated

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER—Common Worship from The Church of England (Prayer D)



The Lord_ be with you **And al - so 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 thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.



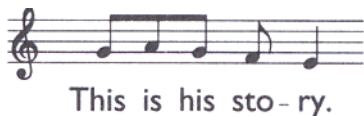
We join with them in hea-ven's song:

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

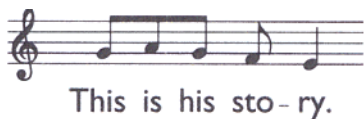
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.



Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.



The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.



Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,

The first staff of music is in treble clef and contains the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note B4, a quarter note C5, an eighth note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The staff ends with a double bar line.

As Christ teaches us, we 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
You are welcome at this table.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. You are invited to come forward when the ushers indicate. Please extend your hands together to receive the bread. If you are gluten free, please let us know. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. If you would like your bread intincted (dipped in the chalice) please let the clergy person with the bread know before the bread is handed to you. It will be intincted for you and handed to you. We are no longer able to allow you to intinct the bread yourself nor are we able to place it in your mouth. Alternately, you may sip directly from the chalice or choose to receive the bread only.

COMMUNION HYMN

Arise, Shine

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Fearfully, Wonderfully Made

You were known, known be - fore birth, wo - ven deep,
 You be - long, you are re - deemed. Loved by God,
 4 When you walk, walk through the flame. God is there,
 deep in the earth. You were formed from star - dust. Sing praise!
 God is well pleased. Now em brace what God has or dained: You are
 7 call - ing your name. God has said, "Do not be a - fraid."
 fear - ful - ly, won - der - f'lly made. Yes you are fear - ful - ly, won - der - f'lly made.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

please stand

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

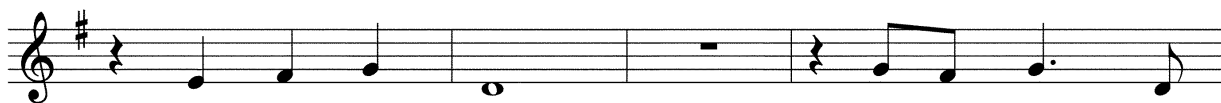
please stand



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.



My hand will save. I who made the
They turn a - way. I will break their
My hand will save. Fin - est bread I



stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Alleluia. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. Go in light and love.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

