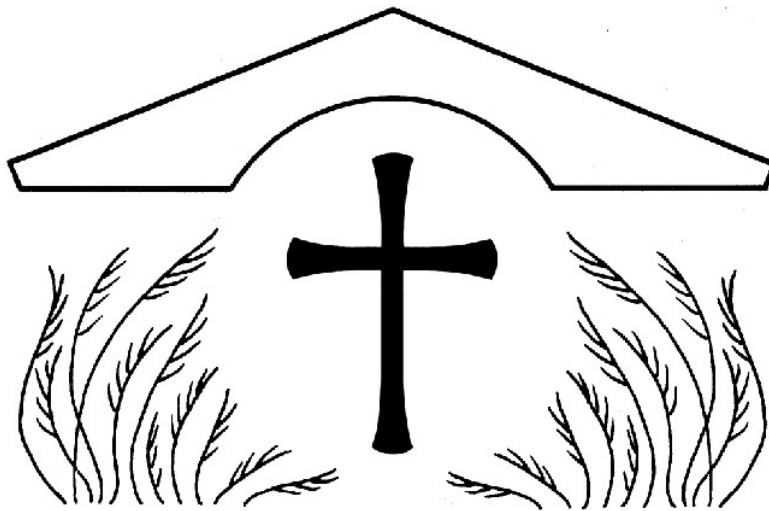


# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 21, 2024



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Junior Warden

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Cantor

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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

470 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*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.

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## The Liturgy of the Word

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord of time fulfilled, who was not born an angel but walked the common earth: with those you called by the lakeside may we share your mission to bring good news to all, to let the world know that God is among us; through Jesus Christ, the one who reigns. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JONAH (3:1-5, 10)

*please be seated*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

People

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 62:6-14



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- 6 For God alone my soul in silence *waits*; \*  
truly, there is my *hope*.
- 7 God alone is my rock and my *sal-vation*, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be *shaken*.
- 8 In God is my safety and my *honor*; \*  
God is my strong rock and my *refuge*.
- 9 Put your trust in God always, O *people*; \*  
pour out your hearts before the One who is our *refuge*.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting *breath*, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be *trusted*.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a *breath*, \*  
all of them *to-gether*.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty *pride*; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart up-*on it*.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I *heard it*, \*  
that power belongs to *God*.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O *God*, \*  
for you repay everyone according to their *deeds*.

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A READING FROM PAUL’S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (7:29-31)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

*please stand*

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

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Kate Sefton

*please be seated*

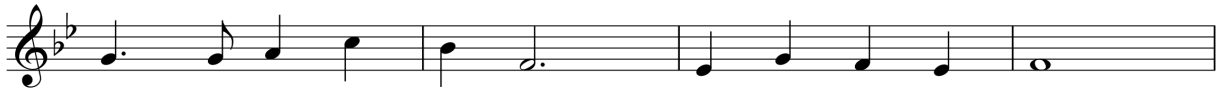
*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon*

*Refrain*

What does it mean to fol - low Je - sus? What does it mean to go his way?



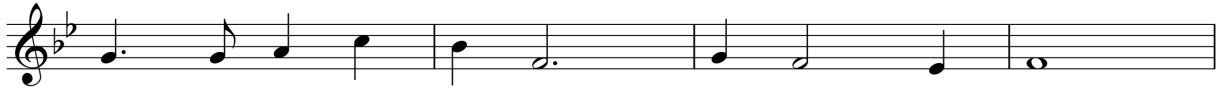
What does it mean to do what he wants me to, ev - 'ry day? ev - 'ry day?



I can love my neigh - bor, just as Je - sus said.  
I can say I'm sor - ry when I've done some wrong.



I can help my broth - er, see that he is fed.  
I can sing his prais - es in both words and song.



I can show my sis - ter kind - ness and care.  
I'll be friends with oth - ers who aren't like me.



I can show my friends that I know how to share.  
They be - long to Je - sus: we all do, you see.

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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 SOLO

Pescador De Hombres  
Cesareo Gabaraín

*please be seated*

DOXOLOGY

*please stand*

**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.**



**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.**

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.



This is his sto-ry.



**This is our song: Ho-san - na \_\_\_ in the high-est.**

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.



This is his sto-ry.



**This is our song: Ho-san - na \_\_\_ in the high-est.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.



This is his sto-ry.



**This is our song: Ho-san - na \_\_\_ in the high-est.**

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.



This is his sto-ry.



**This is our song: Ho-san - na \_\_\_ in the high-est.**

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,



Fa-ther, Son \_ and Ho-ly Spi-rit:



**Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and power**



**be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A - men.**

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.*

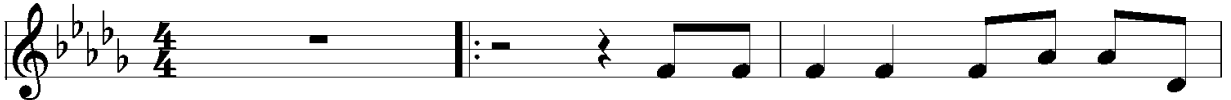
## COMMUNION HYMN

### Arise, Shine

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Will You Come and Follow Me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum-mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



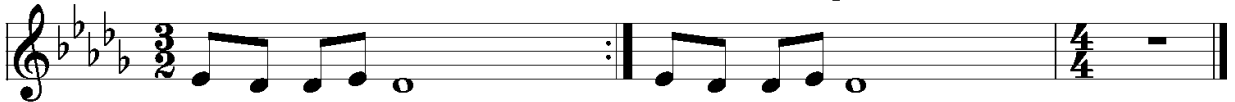
nev-er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev-er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev-er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev-er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev-er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4.

5. (Final Ending)



you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

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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

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*please stand*

*Unison* <sup>C</sup>

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -  
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go  
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

<sup>C7</sup>

F C  
 cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will  
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

C/G D9/A G7/B C  
 Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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.**

