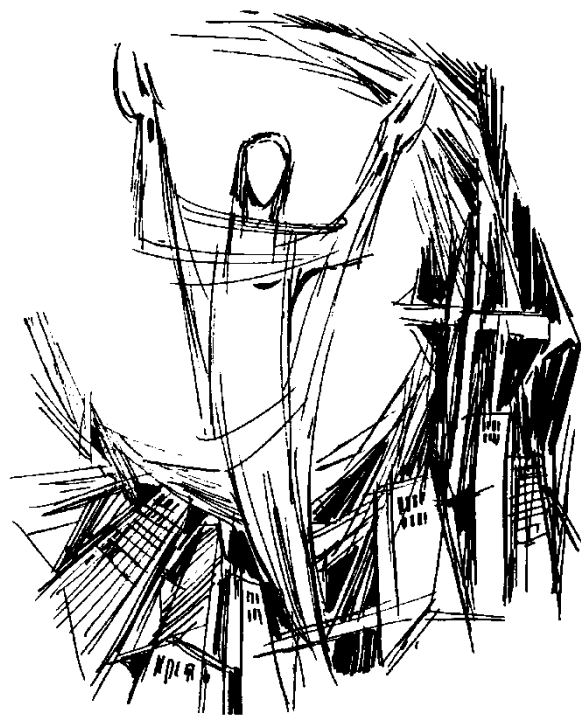


# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Welcoming Worshiping Working

## Virtual Worship for Eastertide April 19 to May 24, 2020



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# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

*Hymn numbers are in a separate booklet.*

## Invocation and Preparation

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and 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.  
 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 Spir-it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Gloria

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The priest says the Collect of the Day, and all respond*

**Amen.**

## The Lessons, Psalm, Sequence Hymn and Gospel

<i>April 19 – Easter 2</i> Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	<i>April 26 – Easter 3</i> Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35	<i>May 3 – Easter 4</i> Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
<i>May 10 – Easter 5</i> Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	<i>May 17 – Easter 6</i> Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	<i>May 24 – Easter 7</i> Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

*At the Gospel:*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*We receive a response to the day's readings from the Preacher.*

## The Nicene Creed

*All standing and facing the altar:*

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Risen Lord, we pray for Your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that, our Vestry, Lay Ministers, those of the many ministries at St Stephen's,  
and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;  
**That Your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for (*our clergy*)  
and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
and for our partner parish of Winchcombe in England,  
and for those who minister in our partner Diocese of Gloucester.  
**That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for the President, our Legislators in Washington, DC,  
the Governor and our State Legislators, the Judiciary  
and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in Your sight.**

Have compassion on [*...those in need are named here...*]  
and those persons whom the congregation now names...  
and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give eternal rest to [*...those who have died are named here...*]  
and those persons whom the congregation now names...  
and to all the departed.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence is kept during which the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. The Celebrant adds the concluding collect.*

Jesus Christ,  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at Your feet;  
for You are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*There is no Confession during the Easter Season.*

## The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

### Birthdays

O God, our times are in Your hand:  
Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.*  
as s/he begins another year.  
Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness  
all the days of his/her life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage  
that in it is represented the spiritual unity  
between Christ and His Church:  
Send therefore Your blessing upon these Your servants,  
that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other  
in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Music

Please sing along with the Organ and Choral Scholar.

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Al-le - lu - ia, al-lel - lu - ia, al-le - lu - a. Al-le - lu - ia!

## The Offering of the Gifts

\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)  
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

# The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 4 from Scottish Liturgy 1982 (The Scottish Episcopal Church)*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to You, Author of all being.

Your power sustains, Your love restores, our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work, from chaos bringing order and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope.

He lives in us that we may walk in light.

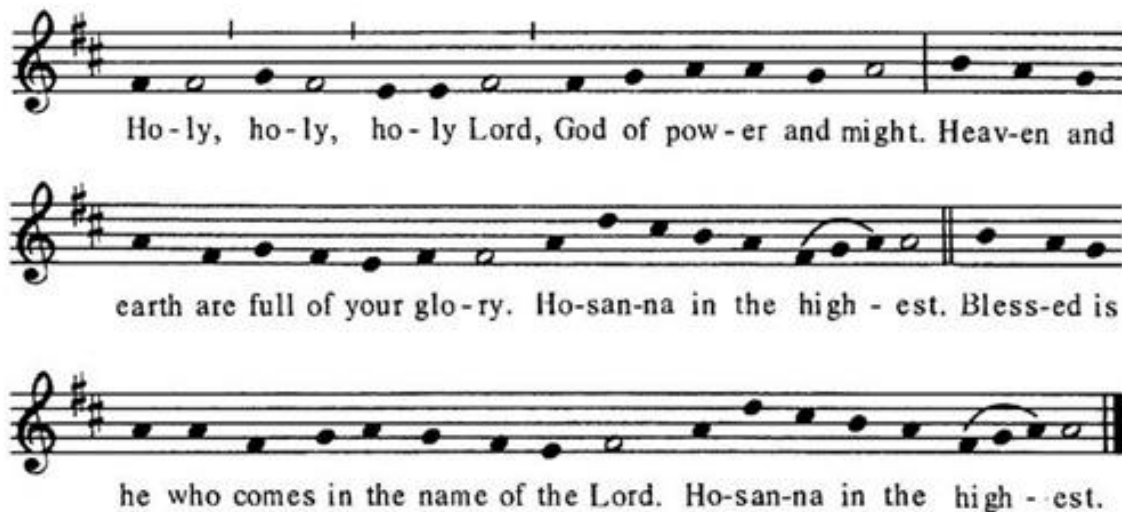
Your Spirit is fire in us, Your breath is power to purge our sin and warm our hearts to love.

As children of Your redeeming purpose,

freed by Him who burst from the tomb and opened the gate of life,

we offer You our praise, with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of Your unending glory:



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



Praise and thanksgiving be to You, Lord of all,  
for by the Cross, eternal life is ours, and death is swallowed up in victory.  
In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the mystery dawned that He whom they had loved and lost  
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making Himself known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples, welcoming weary fishermen on the shore,  
He renewed the promise of His presence and of new birth in the Spirit  
who sets the seal of freedom on Your sons and daughters.

Before He was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which slaves walked free,  
at supper with His disciples He took bread and offered You thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

>RING BELLS<

After supper, He took the cup, He offered You thanks, and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

>RING BELLS<

We now obey Your Son's command.

We recall His blessed passion and death, His glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of His Kingdom.

Made one with Him, we offer You these gifts,  
and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God,  
and send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by His life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,

and we may be kindled with the fire of Your love  
and renewed for the service of Your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to Your praise and glory;

may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in Your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters, living and departed.

>RING BELLS A LOTT!!!<

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,

>RING BELLS THRU AMEN!!!<

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You,  
Lord of all ages, world without end.

**Amen.**

## 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 Breaking of the Bread

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

*During the Communion anthem, we will spend time in Adoration of the Sacrament. While not a custom in traditional Anglicanism, this time of self-isolation is an appropriate time to look upon the Sacrament of Bread and Wine, Body and Blood, and reflect on your relationship with Jesus.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do,  
to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with His new life;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Dismissal

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Notices

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On **Wednesdays**, join Morning Prayer at 12:15 on Facebook Live or Zoom (*not both*).

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