



SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRS OF SAINT STEPHEN'S

FRIDAY
JUNE 16, 2023
6:30 P.M.

WELCOME TO SAINT STEPHEN'S

The Book of Common Prayer proclaims in the creeds and in our prayers its belief in the "communion of the saints." We speak of the saints as "chosen vessels of God's grace and the lights of the world in their generations."

The saints encourage us; they pray for us; they strengthen us. It is in this spirit that we gather to commemorate the lives and witnesses of the Martyrs of Saint Stephen's: Bart Rainey, Jane Pounds, and Sharon Yeager.

In order for worship to be a space for focus and prayer, please silence your phones.

A Note about the Service

When page numbers are preceded by BCP, this refers to the Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew rack. Service music is found in the red Hymnal 1982 or in the yellow Alleluia III songbook.

PRELUDE *Largo from Winter*
by Antonio Vivaldi

Sicilienne
by Maria Theresa von Paris

"Give Me Jesus"
African American spiritual, arranged by Mark Patterson © 2009 Choristers Guild

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Lift High the Cross" The Hymnal 1982 #473
Text: G. W. Kitchin (1887); alt. M. R. Newbolt; Text © 1950, Hymns Ancient and Modern, admin.
Hope Publishing Co. Tune: *CRUCIFER*, Sydney H. Nicholson (1916); Desc. © 1985 GIA Publications

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of your love in the hearts of martyrs of the Church: Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love as we walk in the wake of Jane Pounds, Bart Rainey, and Sharon Yeager, that we who rejoice in their hospitality and triumph may profit by their example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM

3:1-9

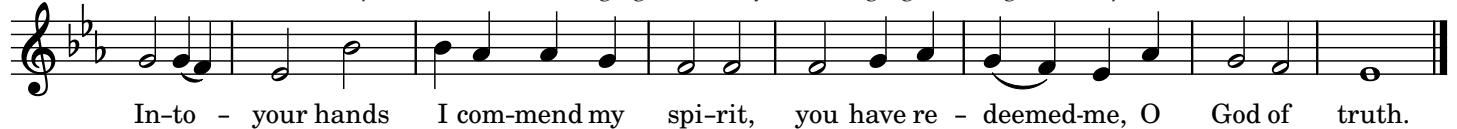
But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.
In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.
For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.
Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.
In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.
Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5

The choir will introduce the Antiphon and then the congregation will join in singing it throughout the psalm.



from *St. Martin's Psalter* by Thomas Pavlechko © 2010 St. James Music Press

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

ANTIPHON

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, O God of truth.

ANTIPHON

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation please remain seated.

SEQUENCE ANTHEM "I Choose Love"

by Mark Miller and Lindy Thompson ©2016 Choristers Guild

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

*In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.*

*When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.*

*In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.*

Congregation please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher;" then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

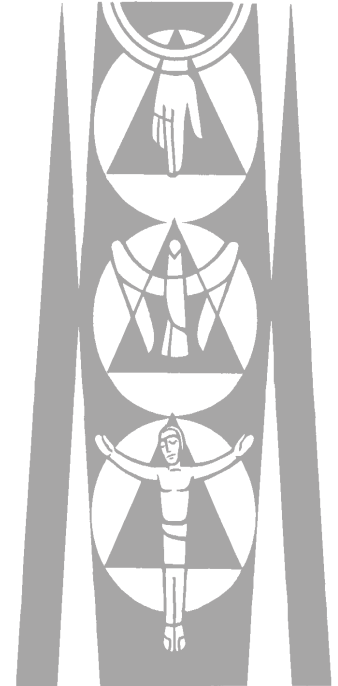
People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. John Burruss

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

*Adapted from the Prayers in An Order of Worship for the Evening,
First Anniversary of the Uvalde School Shooting, St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Uvalde, Texas, May 24, 2023.*

Leader

Gracious and loving God, we come to you with sorrow, gratitude, and faithfulness in our hearts. On this night, one year ago, an unfathomable tragedy broke open the hearts of Saint Stephen's and our community, and of faithful people around the world. Our brokenness and grief opened us to receive your care, the compassion of our neighbors, and the resurrection hope of Christ. Bind us together in your transformative love. Embolden us to turn toward your abiding love, your unending mercy, and your everlasting life.

For Sharon, Bart, and Jane, that they may be given entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of all your saints;

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through your mercy, rest in peace.

For all who grieve the death of family and friends; remember them in your mercy, nourish them with patience, comfort them with a sense of your goodness, lift up your countenance upon them, and give them peace;

Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

For all who were injured or suffer in body, mind, or spirit as a result of the shooting, that they may be comforted, healed, and given courage and hope;

Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

For Birmingham, for Alabama, for the United States, and for all who live here; that our divisions may be healed, our trust in one another restored, and our bonds of mutual affection renewed; that peace may prevail with righteousness, justice with order, and all people may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity;

Lord, hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

For nonviolence toward ourselves in our thoughts, words, and actions, that there may be peace within us;

Guide us, O God, in your way, truth, and life.

For nonviolence toward all creation in our thoughts, words, and actions, that there may be peace around us;

Guide us, O God, in your way, truth, and life.

For a faith demonstrated not just in our thoughts and prayers but also in our words and actions;

O Christ, inspire and empower us.

For the will and the wisdom to end gun violence in this country;

O Christ, inspire and empower us.

For actions that promote and respect the sanctity and dignity of every human being;

O Christ, inspire and empower us.

For justice and peace among all people;
O Christ, inspire and empower us.

For your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven;
O Christ, inspire and empower us.

For all who work for unity, peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all people;
We thank you, God.

For all first responders, law enforcement officers, nurses, physicians, and counselors who respond to acts of violence and care for those in need,
We thank you, God.

For the Vestavia Hills Police Department, volunteer chaplains of Vestavia Hills, the clergy of the Diocese of Alabama, and for the people of other worshipping communities who supported us with their prayers and acts of kindness;
We thank you, God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of every person, revealing the image of Christ;
We thank you, God.

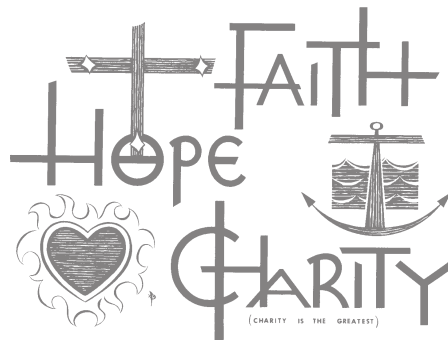
For the will to be the light of the world;
Give us strength, O God, to let our light shine before others.

For the will not to hide our lamp under a bushel basket;
Give us strength, O God, to let our light shine before others.

For the will to give light to all in the house, and to offer a place to all who come to your table;
Give us strength, O God, to let our light shine before others.

Following a period of silence, all pray together,

O Lord our God, you have called us, the people of Saint Stephen's, to be a public face of Christ. Open our hearts and minds to the holiness of each person we meet. May our lives and works lead others into the transformative love of Christ. Inspire us with compassion and imagination to care for those in need. Let the beauty of holiness shine in our lives, our worship, and this sacred space. All this we ask in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is observed.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE OFFERTORY

Thank you for your continued support of God's work through Saint Stephen's. The offering today will go to support the Labyrinth Memorial Garden.

If you've come prepared to honor God with your giving today, you may place an offering in the offering plate, mail a check to the church, scan the code below, or visit ssechurch.org/give.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM**“Like a River”**

Traditional Spiritual; arranged by Tim Osiek; edited by Dan Forrest © 2018 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*I've got peace, like a river, like a river in my soul.
I've got peace, like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.
When the world closes in, feel the stillness within.
I've got peace, like a river, like a river in my soul.*

*I've got love, like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love, like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.
When you're lost and alone, let the waves bring you home.
I've got love, like an ocean, like an ocean in my soul.*

*I've got joy, like a fountain, like a fountain in my soul.
When your hope nearly dies, just remember, once again you shall rise!*

*I've got joy, like a fountain. Love, like an ocean. Peace, like a river,
in my soul.*

PRESENTATION HYMN**“Doxology”**

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, melody from *Auserlesen Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughn Williams © Oxford University Press, used with permission.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Tonight's Eucharistic Prayer is an adaptation of the prayer "Remembering War and Commemorating Those Who Have Died in War," by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher from the book *Eucharistic Prayer*, Wm. Eerdmont, 2016

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of the living and the dead, in Abraham you called a people to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation; and yet that people were often at war, and suffered and inflicted great loss and grief. Your prophets proclaimed a day when swords would be turned into plowshares. In the cross of Jesus you took into your own body the hatred and cruelty and violence of humankind, and responded with sacrificial forgiveness and redeeming resurrection. You showed us a love than which there is no greater, as your Son laid down his life for his friends. And so we thank and praise you, with all the company of heaven, in the eternal song of the angels.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

God of resurrection, in Jesus you suffered the horrors of conflict, in betrayal and brutality and injury and agony. Together with his friends he shared a meal that showed us how to remember, and so to piece together the hopes and dreams and bodies and loves broken by violence and death. Send your Holy Spirit on all who remember in sadness, that their mourning may be turned to deeper trust in you.

By that same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Redeeming and reconciling God, your love is made manifest when enemies become friends and woundedness turns to healing. Bless all those who live with the daily grief of losing a precious person to gun violence. Strengthen any who carry injuries in body, mind, or spirit. Make our church worthy of the blood shed by your martyrs, Jane, Bart, and Sharon, that those who have given much find honor, any who are brokenhearted find wholeness in you, and all who work for peace are empowered by your Spirit; until the day when there is no more violence or war, and your gentle paths lead us to togetherness in you, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

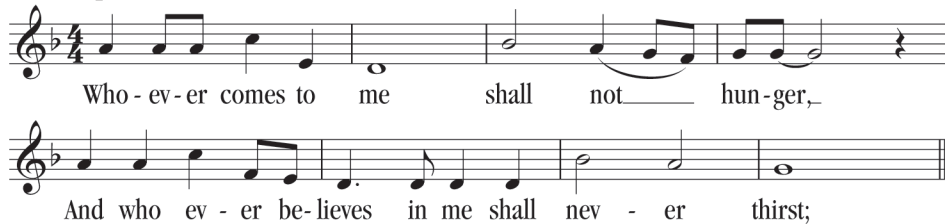
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Whoever Comes to Me” by Arlen Clarke © St. James Music Press

The choir will introduce the antiphon and then the congregation will join in repeating it.



Cantor: Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me to your holy hill;

Antiphon

THE INVITATION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

All who seek Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail by indicating need to one of the clergy.
It is our custom at Saint Stephen's to remain kneeling or standing
at the altar rail until all have taken communion.*

If you need assistance, an usher can let the clergy know and they will bring Communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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"Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend"
by Pepper Choplin © 2018 Beckenhorst Press, Inc.

*Sweet are the prayers of a friend,
How sweet, how sweet are the prayers,
are the prayers that are offered up by a friend,
by a friend who calls, calling up to heav'n,
calling, "Lord - come down, come down and bless again."*

*Friends pray for healing,
they pray revealing the heavy burdens of our souls.
They pray for courage, unfailing courage,
asking God to make us whole.*

*O how sweet are the prayers,
are the prayers that are offered up by a friend,
by a friend who calls, calling up to heav'n,
calling, "Lord - come down, come down and bless again."*

*Friends pray us through troubles,
through all our struggles, when life seems to fall apart.
They pray us through grieving, always believing,
Our God can heal the broken,
the broken heart, God can heal the broken heart.*

*How sweet, are the prayers,
are the prayers that are offered up by a friend,
by a friend who calls, calling up to heav'n,
calling, "Lord - come down, come down and bless again."
Come, come down and bless again.*

Sweet are the prayers of a friend, for a friend.

“Be Not Afraid”

by Robert J. Dufford © 1975, 1978, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP Publications

Alleluia III Songbook #19

You shall cross the barren desert, but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety, though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands, and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain:

Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell, and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you. *Refrain*

“Surely the Presence”

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Alleluia III Songbook #155

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love;
And it brings God’s peace as quietly as a dove.
I can see the glow of angel’s wings shining brightly from above.
Surely the spirit of the Lord is here in love.

Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart;
and it’s here when we’re together or apart.
I can feel the brush of angels’ wings, and I know how great Thou art.
Surely the blessing of the Lord is in my heart.



"It Is Well with My Soul"

Alleluia III Songbook #100

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873) Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss (1876) *Public Domain*

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well
With my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul. *Refrain*

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Alleluia III Songbook #69

Text: Suzanne Toolan Text ©1971 GIA Publications Tune: Suzanne Toolan; arr. Betty Pulkingham; Music © 1970, 1975
Celebration.

I am the bread of life.
They who comes to me shall not hunger;
they who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:

And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

Refrain

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world.

Refrain

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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.**



THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices"

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1862) Tune: *HYMN TO JOY*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1824) *Public Domain*



1.Hark! the sound of ho - ly voic - es, chant - ing at the crys - tal sea,
2.Pa - tri - arch, and ho - ly pro - phet, who pre - pared the way for Christ,
3.March-ing with thy cross, their ban - ner, they have tri - umphed fol - low - ing
4.Now they reign in heav'n - ly glo - ry, now they walk in gold - en light,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to thee!
king, a - pos - tle, saint, con - fes - sor, mar - tyr and e - van - gel - ist,
thee, the Cap - tain of sal - va - tion, thee, their Sa - vior and their King.
now they drink, as from a riv - er, ho - ly bliss and in - fi - nite;



Mul - ti - tude which none can - num - ber like the - stars in glo - ry stands,
saint - ly maid - en, god - ly - ma - tron wi - dows - who have watched to prayer,
Glad - ly, Lord, with thee they - suf - fered; glad - ly - Lord, with thee they died;
love and peace they taste for - ev - er, and all - truth and know - ledge see



clothed in white ap - par - el, hold - ing palms of vic - t'ry in their hands.
joined in ho - ly con - cert, sing - ing to the Lord of all, are there.
and by death to life im - mor - tal they were born and glo - ri - fied.
in the be - a - tif - ic vi - sion of the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Rondeau
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As you leave the Nave, we invite you to join us outside as Bishop Curry offers a blessing for our Memorial Labyrinth Garden. Please bring your bulletin so that you may follow along and participate in the liturgy there.

All: The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

Celebrant: Show me the path of life.

People: In your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures evermore.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, said to us, "I am the way, the truth, and the life:" Bless and make this labyrinth to be a sacred path that reveals your way, your truth, and your life, that it may lead and guide us to you. Be always near us that we may find you in this place. Draw us to you when we come to seek comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May we walk this path that we may be sanctified and made one with you and one another.

Send your holy angels to help and defend us on life's journey. In our earthly pilgrimage may we always be surrounded and supported by the love, prayers, and witness of Jane Pounds, Bart Rainey, and Sharon Yeager, and all your saints in heaven and on earth.

All this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All: The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

Celebrant: We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have built this labyrinth garden and beautified this space to be a place of prayer and contemplation. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Adapted from a service of blessing for the labyrinth and prayer garden at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Uvalde, Texas (May 1, 2014), written and compiled by the Rev. Michael K. Marsh, Rector.

Please join us on the patio for a reception and fellowship following the service.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



If you would like to learn more about The Episcopal Church, or how you can become a member of Saint Stephen's, please visit ssechurch.org

To complete an online visitor card, please scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera. We look forward to hearing from you!

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We have currently raised one-third of the funds needed to fund the project. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please visit ssechurch.org/labyrinth

We thank all of those who are serving in our worship service this evening.

Celebrant	The Right Reverend Dr. Glenda S. Curry
Preacher	The Reverend John B. Burruss
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Acolyte Coordinator	Michael McGovern
Lectors	Jim Murray, Ashley Haynes
Intercessor	Thomas Pankey
Eucharistic Ministers	Ann Carpenter, Melville Newman
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5:00 p.m. Celtic Eucharist — Nave
6:00 p.m. Simple Community Supper — Parish Hall
Nursery Available at 10:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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