

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



Our Mission is
to be one with God
and humanity in Christ
by living the Gospel
with love and compassion.



Our Vision is
to become comfortable
with Jesus Christ
and boldly proclaim Him.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

As we gather for worship, we want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- The Standing Committee of The Diocese of SC issued precautionary measures in August, which have not changed. One of these measures is to wear masks indoors. The letter in its entirety can be found here: <http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org/news-blog/standing-committee-provides-update-on-covid-19-guidance>;
- Please turn off or silence your electronic devices; and
- We strongly encourage you to enter the sanctuary in silence as you prepare for worship. Attempting to speak with others in church while wearing your mask can lead to an increase in volume, which in turn interrupts others in prayer. Thank you.

✝ *This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.*

Prelude

Flutes

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

✝ *Announcements* ✝

For those in church, please stand.

Opening Hymn ***Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies***

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Word of God

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

† Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People continue

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.

To be said, all standing

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for The Second Sunday After Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine
with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People ***Amen.***

The Lessons

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 62:1—5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5—10 *To be read responsively.*

L Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**C Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.**

L How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**C They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

L For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

**C Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Celebrant and People

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:1—11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

For those in church, please stand.

When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,

✝ *(on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,*

✝ *(on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and*

✝ *(over the heart) in my heart to live it.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2:1—11

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

❖ Sermon Dick Warner ❖

Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.

For those in church, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

We bow for the following two lines in bold.

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 *For those in church, please sit or kneel.*
The Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Leader Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Ruth our Bishop, Wilmot our Priest, Dick our Celebrant, and for all Bishops
and other Ministers;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for
Joseph our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the
men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who
serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to
remember them in our prayers, especially our families, friends, and loved
ones.

Lord in your mercy

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for:

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

**Additional Prayers*

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Bruce Wilt (1/18).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Will Bridges & Glenda Scherer (1/20).

LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.

INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

Leader A Prayer for **Wilmot**, our Priest.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity. Be present in your goodness with your servant Wilmot that his illness may be banished, and his strength restored; and that, his health being renewed, he may resume his faithful service as minister to this congregation and this community and that he may continue to bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen**

As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Don & Ellen** Sturges, **Ted & Judy** Tattersall, **Sondra** Taylor, **Tracy** Thompson, **Phyllis** Tiller, **Miriam** Tramonti, **Dorothy** Waite, **Donna** Walsh, **Ed** Walton, **Barbara** Ward.

Celebrant and People

Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant continues

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

People Amen.

For those in church, please stand.

The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

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



At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says

Celebrant ***God is Good!***
People ***All the Time!***

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy

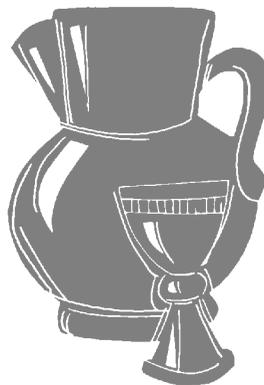
Nicaea

Choral Ensemble

For those in church, please stand.

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People— to be said
Bow during the underlined text*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

For those in church, please sit, kneel, or remain standing.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. *Amen.***



The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant and People—to be said

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

*This is the Lord's 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 who 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.*

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
Til you know Him in His fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Refrain

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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 Celebrant gives the blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near, and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

For those in church, please stand.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

Celebrant We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

People By living the Gospel with love and compassion.

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Benediction *to be sung*

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.**



Closing Hymn ***Joyful, Joyful***

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Postlude

Prelude in G Major

Johann S. Bach

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!



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St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church , Shallotte, NC
Director of Music/Organist: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.

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