

St. Stephen's Anglican Church
A parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church (A.C.N.A.)
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The Fifth Sunday after Easter
Commonly Called Rogation Sunday

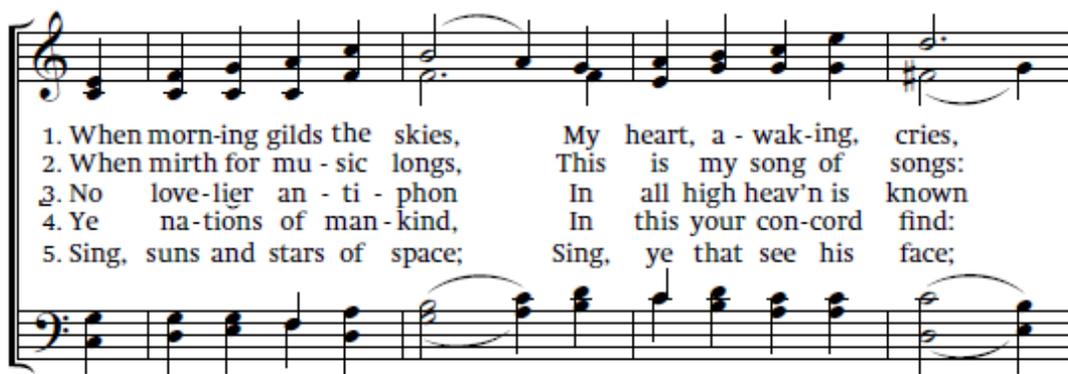


The 17th day of May, A.D. 2020
Ante Communion
Broadcast Booklet

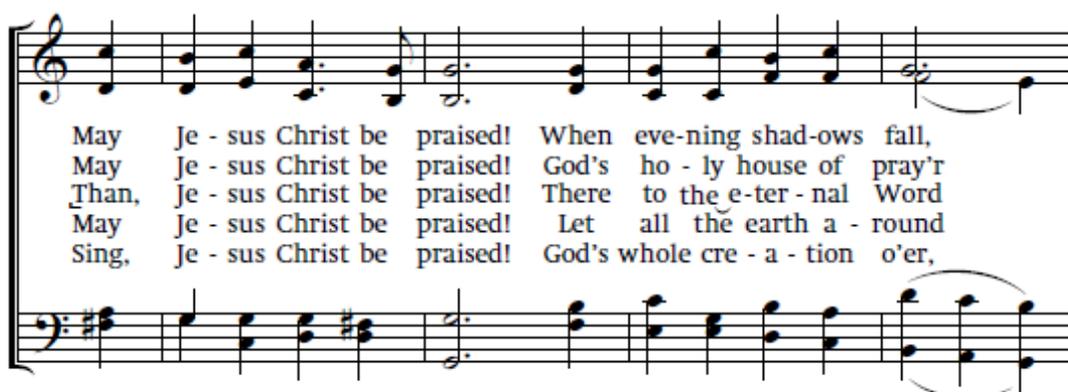
THE ORDER FOR
The Administration of the Lord's Supper
or
HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE
The Rev. Mr. Calvin Basil

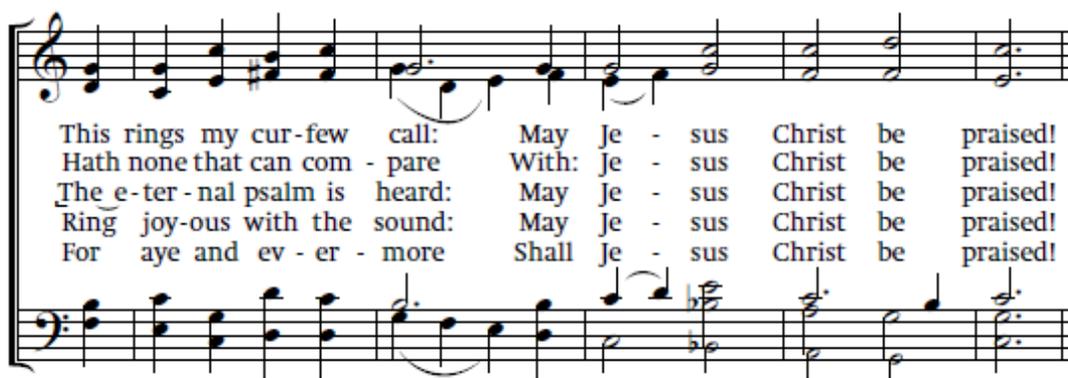
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN.



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak-ing, cries,
 2. When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
 3. No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
 4. Ye na-tions of man-kind, In this your con-cord find:
 5. Sing, suns and stars of space; Sing, ye that see his face;



May Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve-ning shad-ows fall,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of pray'r
 Than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e-ter - nal Word
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 Sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Hath none that can com - pare With: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 The e-ter - nal psalm is heard: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 Ring joy-ous with the sound: May Je - sus Christ be praised!
 For aye and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Priest, turning to the People, rehearse distinctly The Ten Commandments; and the People, still kneeling, shall, after every Commandment, ask God mercy for their transgressions for the time past, and grace to keep the law for the time to come.*

¶ *And NOTE, that in rehearsing the Ten Commandments, the Priest may omit that part of the Commandment which is inset.*

¶ *The Decalogue may be omitted, provided it be said at least one Sunday in each month. But NOTE, That when ever it is omitted, the Minister shall say the Summary of the Law, beginning, Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be said,*

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

¶ *Then shall the Priest say the Collect of the Day.*

OLORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Ezekiel 34:25-31.

And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. And I will raise up for them a plant of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the heathen any more. Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.

¶ *Then shall the Minister read the Epistle, first saying, The Epistle is written in the — Chapter of —, beginning at the — Verse.*

The Epistle. St. James i. 22.

BE ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

¶ *Here may be sung a Hymn or an Anthem. Verses 1-2 shall be sung prior to the reading of the Gospel and verse 3-4 shall be sung following the Laus tibi.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN.

1. Lord, who shall come to thee, And stand be - fore thy face?
2. The man of up-right life, Sin - cere in word and deed,
3. Who hon - ors god - ly men, But scorns the false and vile,
4. Who loves not u - su - ry, Nor takes a base re - ward;

Who shall a - bide, a wel - come guest, With - in thy ho - ly place?
Who slan - ders nei - ther friend nor foe, Nor i - dle tales will heed,
Who keeps his promised word to all, Though loss be his the while,
Un - moved for ev - er he shall be, And stand be - fore the Lord.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains four lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912

Tune: Johann Martin Spiess, 1745; arr. W.H. Havergal, 1847

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¶ Then, all the People standing, the Minister appointed shall read the Gospel, first saying, *The Holy Gospel is written in the — Chapter of —, beginning at the — Verse. The Gloria tibi shall be said [sung] before the Gospel reading and the Laus tibi may be said [sung] after the Gospel.*

Gloria tibi / Laus tibi

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unison

Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.
(Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

The image shows a musical score for a short piece. It consists of a single system of music with a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are 'Gloria tibi / Laus tibi'. The word 'unison' is written above the treble clef staff.

The Gospel. St. John xvi. 23.

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace In the world ye shall have tribulation but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

¶ *Then shall be said the Creed commonly called the Nicene, or else the Apostles' Creed.*

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Welcome & Announcements

In the time of any common Plague or Sickness

O ALMIGHTY God, who in thy wrath did send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness, for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of king David, didst slay with the plague of Pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering thy mercy didst save the rest; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON HYMN.

1. Lord, who shall come to thee, And stand be - fore thy face?
2. The man of up-right life, Sin - cere in word and deed,
3. Who hon-ors god - ly men, But scorns the false and vile,
4. Who loves not u - su - ry, Nor takes a base re - ward;

Who shall a - bide, a wel-come guest, With - in thy ho - ly place?
Who slan-ders nei-ther friend nor foe, Nor i - dle tales will heed,
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¶ *Then followeth the Sermon. After which, the Priest, when there is a Communion, shall return to the Holy Table, and begin the Offertory, saying one or more of these Sentences following, as he thinketh most convenient.*

HOMILY ~ The Rev. Jonathan M. Kell

Offertory & Preparation of the Altar

¶ *Then shall the Priest [or Deacon] say,*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [alms and] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

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

¶ *The recording of the service will be concluded at this point before the service precedes to the Liturgy of the Faithful.*

Announcements

Prayer List: Barbara, Carolyn, Joshua, George, Chester, Hugh, Ruthie, Brooke, Hayden, Patti, Joan, Phillip, Barbara Ann, Joe, Bill, Mark, Jimmy, Sally, Maurice, Lida, Ron, Linda, Gina, Peggy, Jennifer, Kerri, Jan, Mona, Laura, Bettye, Nancy, and Charles; those who continue to be impacted by storms and floods; the men and women of the armed forces and their families; and our fellow Christians under persecution around the world.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in remembrance of Jane Watts Fitts's birthday (1926-2001), by Charlie Fitts.

Notices of Importance

- All Church Activities are currently suspended. By God's grace we will hold service again next Sunday (5/24). If you would like to attend, please watch your email as you will have the opportunity to sign up once again to attend service.
- St. Stephens is now equipped to receive Credit and Debit Card donations. You can make one-time gifts or set up reoccurring donations by visiting our website. www.ststephens1928.org.
- If you would like to receive regular updates regarding the events and ministries of St. Stephen's, sign up for the weekly *ENews*. Go to www.ststephen1928.org and enter your email address.
- If you would like a pastoral visit or to receive the sacrament, please contact Fr. Jonathan.
- Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Church playground. Contact the Church office first.

===== OFFICE HOURS =====

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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