



SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II AND BAPTISM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Processional Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #180 - He is risen, he is risen!*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened  
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - dian - t brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,  
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er  
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore - sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*; Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

## **The Word of God**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

*The Celebrant may say*

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.***

*All say together a song of praise*

**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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.*** [The people may be seated]

**A Reading from the Book of Acts (10:34 - 43),**

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        ***Thanks be to God***

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."

14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:

16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.

18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

### **A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians (15:19 – 26),**

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #195* - Jesus lives! thy terrors now

1 Je - sus lives! thy ter - rors now can no long - er,  
 2 Je - sus lives! for us he died; then, a - lone to  
 3 Je - sus lives! our hearts know well nought from us his  
 4 Je - sus lives! to him the throne o - ver all the

death, ap - pall us; Je - sus lives! by this we know  
 Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart may we a - bide,  
 love shall sev - er; life, nor death, nor powers of hell  
 world is giv - en: may we go where he has gone,

thou, O grave, canst not en - thrall us. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - ry to our Sa - vior giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tear us from his keep - ing ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 rest and reign with him in hea - ven. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Christian Furchtegott Gellert (1715-1769); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt. Music: *Mowsley*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)  
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**[Please stand for the proclamation of the Gospel]**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1 – 18)  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other

disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Reader*            The Gospel of the Lord  
***People***            **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## **Sermon**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:*

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Carbon Matthews to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

**People**      **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the Father?

**People**      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People**      **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*      Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People**      **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant*      Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People**      **I will, with God's help.**



*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Baptism

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses or pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Carbon Matthews, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*Amen.*

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying*  
Carbon Matthews, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people [Please stand, as you are able]*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**      *And also with you.*

## Offertory Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #184 - Christ the Lord is risen again!*



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross

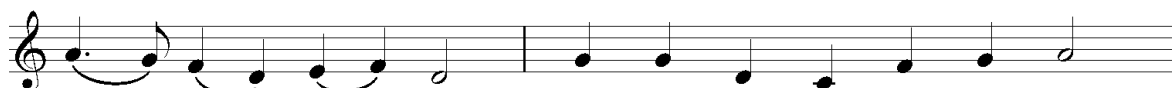


Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

### *Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 Al - le - lu - ia!



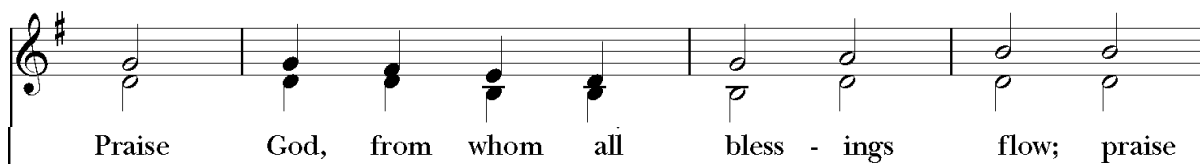
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



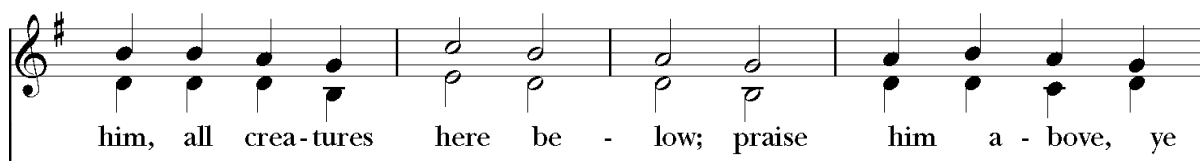
Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Anthem



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 *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## Eucharistic Prayer B [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 Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord, you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*Then the Celebrant continues* [People may stand or kneel]

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the

prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent Him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before He died for us, 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, according to His command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember His death,  
We proclaim His resurrection,  
We await His coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and His Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in His sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through Him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

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

*Officiant and People*

**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**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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.

*Celebrant then says*

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.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

### **Post-Communion Prayer [People may stand or kneel]**

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.

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

### **Churchy Term of the Week – Paschal Candle**

A large candle that symbolizes the risen Christ. It is often decorated with a cross, symbols of the resurrection, the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, and the year. The term “Paschal” concerns Easter or Passover. At the Easter Vigil, the Paschal candle is lit from the new fire. It is carried by the deacon, who pauses three times and sings or says, “The light of Christ,” and the people respond, “Thanks be to God.” The Paschal candle is carried by the celebrant if there is no deacon.

After it is carried to the chancel, its flame may be used to light candles held by members of the congregation. This symbolizes the spreading of the light of Christ into the congregation and the world. The *Exsultet* is sung or said after the Paschal candle is placed in its stand. It is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services from Easter through Pentecost (BCP, pp. 285–287). After the Easter season, the Paschal candle is typically placed near the font. It should burn at baptisms, representing the new life in Christ that we share in baptism. The newly baptized person may be given a small baptismal candle that is lit from the Paschal candle. It may also be carried in procession at burials and placed near the coffin as a symbol of resurrection life.

Adapted from Don S. Armentrout’s *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians* Church Publishing Inc., 2000.



# Recessional Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #207* - Jesus Christ is risen today

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Latin, 14th cent.; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt. St. 4, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Easter Hymn*, from *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; adapt. *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749, alt., desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950 Copyright © Hymns Ancient and Modern Limited. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

*Celebrant*      Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

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Easter Flowers

## More Announcements...

### Camp Marshall News!

This summer the Diocese of Montana will be offering youth and family camps once again at Camp Marshall, which is located on Flathead Lake near Polson. This year there is a special program that can reduce the cost of camp to just \$100 per camper (or family of campers for family camps). This is an exciting option and just talk to Father Stephen for more information and a form. Stephen and Joan Yetter will be clergy for the Junior/Middler Camp! The church will also cover \$50 of the remaining fee through the rector's discretionary fund, so **the final cost per camper will be just \$50** (and if that remaining part is a difficulty, please speak to Father Stephen).

### 2022 Camps:

Junior/Middler Camp (Entering grade 3rd to 8th)	June 26 - July 1
Senior High Camp (Entering grade 9th to 12th)	July 10 - 15
Family #1	June 19 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>
Family #2	July 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>

### Save the Dates!

July 25 – 29 – Day Camp at Saint Stephen's (more info to come)

September 11 – Bishop's Visitation

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### What is Pledging?

According to *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church: A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians* by Don Armentrout, a pledge is “a commitment to give one's **time, talents, and money** as an expression of faith and a personal response to God's generosity. Parish members are encouraged to make an annual stewardship pledge. This pledge represents their specific Christian commitment to “work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God” (BCP, p. 856). Parish budgets are prepared in light of the pledges received from the members. A pledge is a statement of intent, not a legal obligation. It can be changed at any time.”

### How can I do it?

At Saint Stephen's there are several ways to give:

- Placing cash or checks in the collection plate which is then presented at the end of the offertory during the Eucharist liturgy
- Mailing checks
- Donating via PayPal

### PayPal? What?

Pay Pal is an online platform for processing payments made via credit card, bank account, or other means. You can use the QR code on the back of any bulletin at Saint Stephen's to be taken to a PayPal site (or app if you have it installed) where you can then donate to the church online. You can also setup automatic giving this way too. The church does pay a small fee of 1.9% + \$0.49 per transaction for credit cards. There is a way around this if you use a bank account... but talk to Father Stephen about that.



*"Woman, Why Weepest Thou?" by Fritz von Uhde, ~late 19<sup>th</sup> century*

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