

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



## The Third Sunday of Easter

## The Holy Eucharist Rite II

April 19, 2026 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

*The 8:00 am service is a spoken service*

*Welcome to St. Stephen's! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.  
The service is also found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.  
All are welcome to receive communion.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

**The Prelude**                      Come, ye faithful, raise the strain                      Robert Buckley Farlee

**The Procession In**                      Come, ye faithful, raise the strain                      Hymnal 199

## The Opening Acclamation

*Presider*    Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## The Gloria (8a.m. spoken, 10a.m. sung)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,      and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.      Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,      Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;      you are seat - ed at the

righ - hand - of the Fa ther: re - ceive our prayer.      **3**      For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - - - - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm**

*Dilexi, quoniam*

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

## The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Sequence Hymn

Now the green blade riseth

Hymnal 204

## The Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

*Clergy* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things

and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage

## **The Nicene Creed**

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

Form VI

BCP 392

*(The congregation will join in saying names in **bold**)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Wyatt, Scott, Stephen, Tami, Mike, Karen, John, Candy, Chris, Uri, and Tatiana.**

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Sue.**

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died especially **Elsie**, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Capital Campaign Prayer**

*Most holy, loving and life-giving God,  
We give you thanks for the cloud of witnesses, past and present,  
who by their generosity of Spirit have given us a Sanctuary, a  
Light on a Hill, that welcomes and embraces all who seek communion  
with You and with one another. Bless us, yet again, as we look  
forward and prepare for the future through this Capital Campaign,  
that we may remain grateful for the past and ever-growing in  
faithful ministry beyond our walls.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and through the  
grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **The Peace**

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

## **The Liturgy of the Table**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

### **The Offertory Anthem**

Easter Anthem

William Billings

### **The Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures  
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: praise  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

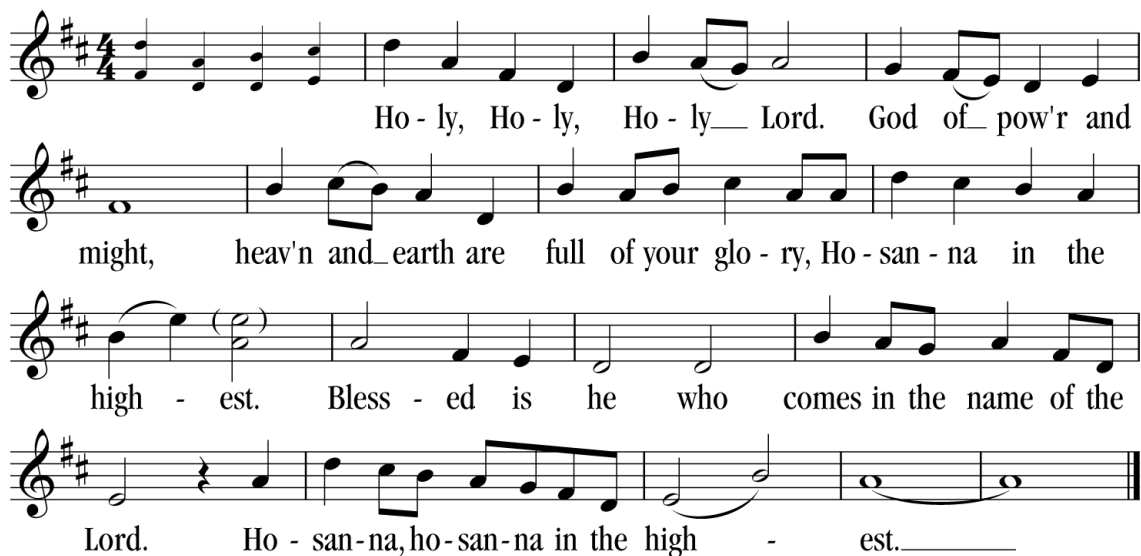
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

*People* It is right to give God 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and  
might, heav'n 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, ho-san-na in the high - est.

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:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again;

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. AMEN.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*All are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you desire prayers of healing by the laying on of hands, please proceed to the Mary Corner after receiving Communion.*



## Announcements

### Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Together

Our capital campaign is underway, and we look forward to everyone's participation. The initial gatherings to share ideas and gather input have sparked thoughtful and lively conversation, thank you to our gracious hosts and all who have taken part. We look forward to welcoming others at the remaining gatherings over the next two weeks in April. The Kickoff Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Please RSVP by April 27. If you did not receive an invitation, kindly email the church office. Thank you for being part of this important effort. This is our moment to honor what has been entrusted to us—and to build faithfully for the future we share.

**Sunday Forum – Today following the 10 a.m. service.** Join Karl Belgum in the conference room as he continues the discussion of Mary Magdalene and what happened after the resurrection.

### Upcoming Events

Women's Brunch	SF Yacht Club	May 2, 9:00 a.m.
Confirmation	Grace Cathedral	May 2, 10 a.m.
SF-Marin Food Bank	San Rafael	May 2, 12:00 p.m.
Capital Campaign Kickoff Dinner	SF Yacht Club	May 13, 6:00 p.m.

### Giving to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

If you would like to donate this morning, but are not carrying cash, feel free to donate with this QR code:



WiFi Guest Network: St Stephens Guest (password: allarewelcome)

## Music Notes

Welcome to worship at St. Stephen's! Worship in our tradition is participatory, so you are encouraged to join in the singing of the hymns and liturgy as they appear in the bulletin and the Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks in front of you. If a hymn has harmony indicated, you're welcome to sing it on the inner stanzas, leaving the first and last stanzas for unison singing.

Last Sunday's inclusion of "Joy to the World" as one of our hymns brought a text and tune typically heard at Christmas into an Easter lens. Our sequence hymn today does something similar: **Now the Green Blade Riseth** is clearly an Easter text, yet it is paired with a French Christmas carol.

John Macleod Campbell Crum first published the text with the same tune in 1928. Educated at New College in Oxford, Crum was ordained an Anglican deacon in 1897 and a priest in 1900. He served several churches and was canon of Canterbury from 1928 to 1943. The imagery of buried grain is continued throughout the hymn, right down to the rhyme scheme (consider adding a layer of authenticity to the slant-rhyme scheme by rhyming slain with a-gain, been and green).

The Christmas origins of the tune (Sing we now of Christmas) have not stopped multiple Easter uses of the melody- some hymnals make tiny alterations to our much beloved "Welcome Happy Morning" (Hymnal 179) to make it work with this tune as well.

See you at rehearsal, in worship, and at work in the world,

Brad

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# JOIN THE ST. STEPHEN'S TEAM AT THE SF-MARIN FOOD BANK!

## Monthly Volunteer Opportunity

THANKS TO ANGELA SHIH, THERE IS NOW A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERING AT THE SF-MARIN FOOD BANK!

ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT IN JULY-2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY), FROM 12:00 - 2:00 PM., JOIN WITH 10 VOLUNTEERS (AGES 8 AND ABOVE) FROM ST. STEPHEN'S AND OUR MARIN NEIGHBORS TO SUPPORT THOSE FACING FOOD INSECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. YOU MAY BE ASKED TO SHELF, BAG, OR LOAD GROCERIES IN CARS.

YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR ONE MONTH OR MORE ON OUR WEBSITE. GO TO THE EVENTS PAGE AND CLICK ON CALENDAR. WE HAVE ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY. OTHER DATES AVAILABLE:

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ANGELA SHIH AT [ANGELA.FIFI@YAHOO.COM](mailto:ANGELA.FIFI@YAHOO.COM)

## Serving in Worship

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
<b>Minister of Music</b>		Dr. Brad Schultz
<b>Verger</b>		Jo Ann Haseltine
<b>Readers</b>	8 a.m.	Karen Gullett Ewa Zoborowski
	10 a.m.	Andrew Purvis Gretchen Lang
<b>Intercessors</b>	8 a.m.	Ewa Zoborowski
	10 a.m.	Chris Simpson Brent
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Kathy Winkler Chris Simpson Brent
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Barbara Garcia-Romero PJ Perring Barbara Gloger Linda Berg Nora Noguez Ellee deGroot
<b>Ushers</b>		Le Tran-Thi Chris Porter Laura Porter
<b>Coffee Connections</b>	Team 7	Laura Porter, Lead
<b>Streamers</b>		Regan Moore
<b>Newcomers Greeter</b>		Cary White

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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If you need assistance during the week, please call or email the church office. Our telephone number is 415-435-4501 and the email address is [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org).

If you would like to reach a member of the staff by email, please use their first name (only) followed by [@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:@ststephenschurch.org).

The church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you call and no one is available to answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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