

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 3, 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

Two Settings of "This Joyful Eastertide"

Allan Bullard
John Ferguson

The Procession In

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

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

right-hand-of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

The Psalm

In te, Domine, speravi

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

- 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.
- 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.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal 518

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

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*(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 **Barbara, Kyle K., Wyatt, Scott, Stephen, Suzette, Tami, Mike, Karen, John, Candy, Chris, Uri, Tatiana, and Dick.**

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 **Victoria and Karen.**

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died 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 How lovely is Thy dwelling-place Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;

My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

Blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise thy name evermore.

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

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

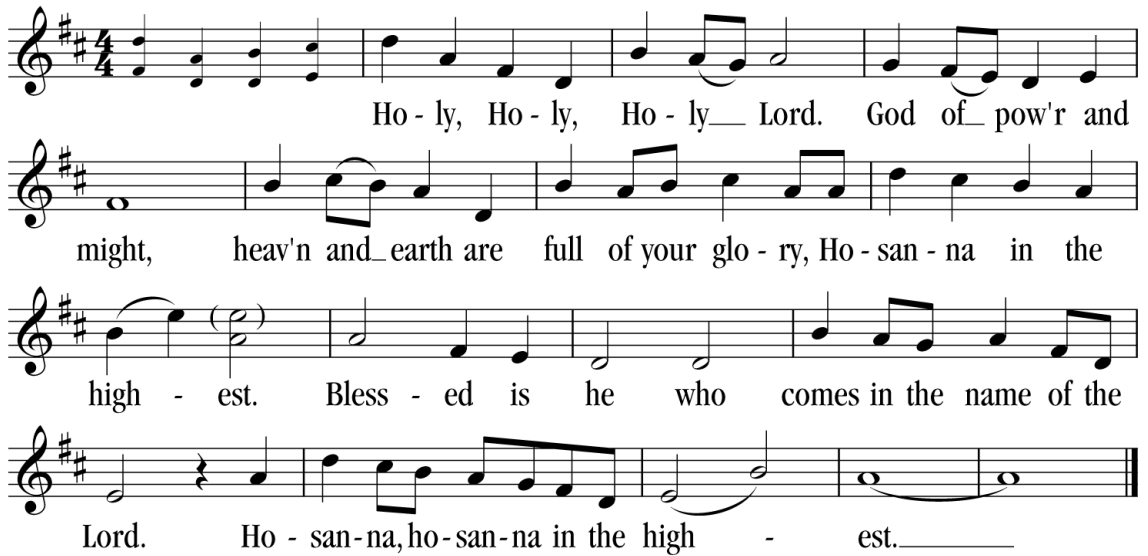
Presider Lift up your hearts.

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.

The Distribution of Communion

The Anthem

At the font we start our journey

David Cherwien

1. At the font we start our journey
In the Easter faith baptized;
Doubts and fears no longer blind us
By the light of Christ surprised.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Hope held out and realized.

2. At the pulpit we are fashioned
By the Easter tale retold
Into witnesses and prophets
By the power of Christ made bold.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.

3. At the altar we are nourished
With the Easter gift of bread.
In our breaking it to pieces
See the love of Christ outspread.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Life embraced, yet freely shed.

4. At the door we are commissioned,
Now the Easter victory's won,
To restore a world divided
To the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia, alleluia. Easter's work must still be done.

-Jeffrey Rowthorn

The Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

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Presider Let us pray.

People 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

The Procession Out

This joyful Eastertide

Hymnal 192

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

The Queen's Procession

Oliphant Chuckerbutty

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to
the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Peggy Purvis by
Andrew Purvis and Gretchen Lang

Birthday Blessings

Victoria Coad May 4

Karen Gullett May 7



The Capital Campaign is nearing its official launch. A lively turnout joined the final of seven input gatherings at the Brents' home on Sunday. Each session brought thoughtful feedback and strengthened connections across our community. We're grateful to all who hosted these conversations, including the McCaskill/Matori, Dalzell-Piper, Dugan, Purvis/Lang, Sennett, Seage, and Brent families.

If you weren't able to attend, Vestry members and others will be available during Coffee Connections to walk through the plan and answer questions. Copies of the project booklet, summarizing the ten proposed initiatives, will be on hand. A summary of feedback from the sessions will be shared separately.

Next up is the Campaign Kickoff Dinner on May 13 at the San Francisco Yacht Club. Those who have RSVP'd positively can look forward to an evening celebrating where we are as a church and the future we're building together. If you're unable to attend, we'll be in touch separately.

Questions are always welcome—please reach out to the Vestry or the Campaign Committee.

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



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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.

Aside from bearing perhaps the most memorable name in organ literature, **Oliphant Chuckerbutty** (short for Soorjo Alexander William Langobard Oliphant Chuckerbutty) lived a vibrant musical life. Born in Paddington, London, Chuckerbutty studied with Julius Epstein, a Croatian pianist who also taught at the Vienna Conservatory (Gustav Mahler was another one of his pupils).

In addition to his work as organist and choirmaster of Holy Trinity in Paddington, a post he held beginning in his graduation year from the University of London in 1909 until 1948, Chuckerbutty started a dance band after the First World War. This eventually morphed into a budding career as a cinema organist, which ran in tandem with his church work. He held occasional cinema posts at the Café Royal on Regent Street, The Ritz in Edgware, the Carlton on Essex Road, and several other cafes and theatres.

In the early 1930s, Chuckerbutty made Holy Trinity an important musical center, with frequent performances of old and new works for chorus and orchestra. Organ recitals were given on a pipe organ that featured a new innovation, also designed by Chuckerbutty. Typically the black notes on organ pedals are raised on the back end and resemble a piano keyboard (this is how the pedal is arranged on our organ here). While white pedal notes can be played with heels or toes, black notes are only playable on the toes. Chuckerbutty raised the black pedal notes on both the front AND the back end closer to the bench, making these notes playable by both the heel and the toe. This is not an innovation that caught on; I've yet to see it anyplace else.

Chuckerbutty's "**Queen's Procession March**" dates to 1952 when he was in his final church appointment at St Mary Oatlands in Weybridge, playing and composing on an organ that did not have the same modification.

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

Brad

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Serving in Worship

Presider		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Minister of Music		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Linda Fairchild Karen Gullett
	10 a.m.	Nora Norguez George Brown
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Karen Gullett
	10 a.m.	Martha Irmer
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Cindy Brown Marjorie Sennett
Altar Guild	Team 4	Martha Irmer Linda Fairchild Michele Larsen Melody Key Joanne Bentley Chris Leyva
Ushers		George Brown Jim Purvis Bill Brinkman
Coffee Connections	Team 3	Laura Porter, Lead
Streamers		Regan Moore
Newcomers Greeter		John deGroot

STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry

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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.

If you would like to reach a member of the staff by email,
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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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