

The Second Sunday after

# Epiphany

January 17th, 2021



**St. Stephen's**

Episcopal Church + Lakeland, Florida

To Love and Serve God and Neighbor

Opening Hymn  
*“Lead On, O King Eternal” verses 1&2*

*Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home:  
through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy,  
the heavenly kingdom comes.*

Opening Acclamation

+ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.**

## Glory to God

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 of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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, worshiped, 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. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

A Reading from First Samuel.

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Eli said, "My son, I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

*(1 Samuel 3:1-10)*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm

139:1-5

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

+ Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### The Holy Gospel

+ + + The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found

Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” Nathaniel asked, “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” And Philip said, “Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” Nathaniel asked, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

*(John 1:43-51)*

The Gospel of The Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

## 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.

### Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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;  
especially those on our prayer list and the suffering people of  
the world.

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

For those serving in the armed forces, those wounded or  
recovering in veterans' hospitals, those serving in combat and  
those serving in safety.

**For the peace and protection of God.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the  
Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Greg our Bishop, David,  
Rob, and Doug our clergy, and for all bishops and other  
ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For our schools, scouts, and all of the children and youth of  
our parish.

**For your grace and their ever growing knowledge and love  
of you.**

For our parish family.

**Bind us together and draw us always closer to you.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*



Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;  
*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

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.  
*(you may add your own intercessions and thanksgivings)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your  
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

+ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with  
repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and  
strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting  
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

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

### The Announcements

Sunday services continue at 9am, 10am, and 11am  
with a Wednesday morning service at 9am. The 9am  
Sunday service will continue to be livestreamed  
on an ongoing basis. Sunday School at 10am.

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 139:1

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up.

### The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an  
offering and sacrifice to God.

(Ephesians 5:2)

### *“Here I Am, Lord”*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night*

*I will go, Lord, If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart*

## The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 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, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

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:

**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 as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### The Family Song

*Here we are, gathered together as a family  
Bound as one, lifting up our voices to the King of kings*

*We sing Abba, Father, holy is Your name  
Abba, Father, holy is Your name.*

These are 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.

Please stay at your seat. The clergy will come to you with the consecrated Bread.

*“Here I Am, Lord”*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
‘Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?  
Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, If You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart  
I will hold Your people in my heart!*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

## Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving

### Birthdays This Week:

Landon Binnion, Bonnie Rowbotham, Lou Alers,  
Saint Jones, Annie Delling, Rob Dillon

### Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Blessing

+ May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

### Closing Hymn

*“Lead On, O King Eternal” verse 3*

*Lead on, O King eternal:  
we follow, not with fears;*

*for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!*

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

