3 Epiphany
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 26, 2020
9:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
9:00 a.m.         Holy Eucharist         Rite II

Preludes          Sonata for Flute and Clavier in g minor         J. S. Bach

Introit           Third Song of Isaiah vs. 1, 7, 8, 9, 10         Choir

Arise shine, for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. And Violence will no more be heard in your land, Ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, And all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; By night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, And your God will be your glory.

Hymn              Spread, O spread, thou mighty word         Hymnal 530

The Acclamation
Celebrant:        Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People:           And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Song of Praise    Gloria in excelsis         Hymnal S 280

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Liturgy of the Word (please be seated)

First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

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

Silence
Psalm 27:1, 5-13  Please remain seated for the singing of the Psalm.

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
   the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
   that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
   and to seek him in his temple.
7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
   he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
   above my enemies round about me.
9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
   I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
    have mercy on me and answer me.
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
    Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
    nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
    do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Second Lesson  

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

Hymn  (stand)  I come with joy to meet my Lord  Hymnal 304

The Gospel  

Matthew 4:12-23

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence

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  *(stand or kneel)*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

**Leader:** I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop Shannon; ministries reaching those affected by hunger, homelessness, poverty and addiction; ministries reaching youth and children at risk; Immanuel Church in Bellows Falls; the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; the Interim Ministry Team, the Vestry, the Ministry Discernment Team, and this gathering. Guide and enlighten all in their ongoing work. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Remembering, especially (pause for names) and remembering silently those named by the parish (*Jeff, Sarah, Don, Judy, Lorraine, Jane, Philip, Tom, Judy, Sabrina, Lou, Anne, Laura, Kenng, Ella, Ceil, Callie, Elizabeth, Danielle, Claire, Zachary, Dana, Mary, Barbara, Mike, Peggy, Gay, Tamar, Carolyn*). Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed and those whom we remember now either silently or aloud: ___________________.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud on behalf of those for whom you pray. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially those whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

**Celebrant:** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.
The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People:* Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Offertory

*Celebrant:* All things come from you, O Lord.

*People:* And of your own have we given you.
The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S 125
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.
The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*At the breaking of the bread, a bell will toll. Then there will be a period of silence.*

**Celebrant:** Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**Fraction Anthem**  
*Be known to us*  
Hymnal S 171
The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are welcome at this table. To receive gluten-free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Healing Prayer

Those who wish to have healing prayers are invited to join one of our priests in the Chapel after receiving communion.

Hymn

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful

Taize 47

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near. In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

El Senyor és la meva força, el Senyor el meu cant. Ell m’ha estat la salvació.

En ell confío, i no tinc por. En ell confío, i no tinc por. El Senyor és la meva força, el Senyor el meu cant. Ell m’ha estat la salvació.

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Taize 47
The Postcommunion Prayer  (stand)

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.

Announcements  (please be seated)

The Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ’s bright star enlighten your mind and heart as you strive for
equality, justice and kindness in the world and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer
and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Hymn  (stand)  Will you come and follow me  WLP 757
I but call your name? Will you go where you don’t know and
I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
I but call your name? Will you set the pris’ner free and
I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and
you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and

never be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your
never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do
never be the same? Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in
such as this unseen? And admit to what I mean in
shape the world a-round through my sight and touch and sound in
love and footsteps show, thus I’ll move and live and grow in

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**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

**Postlude**

O Freedom! Adolphus Hailstork

*Celebrant:* The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell

*Preacher:* The Reverend Carole Wageman

*Usher:* Joe McVeigh

*Crucifer/Eucharistic Ministers:* Meg Fitch, John Hammer

*Lectors:* Joe McVeigh, Tom Turley *Intercessor:* Alice Van Tuyl

*Coffee Hour:* Cynthia Watters, Carol Haraden *Altar Guild:* Rex Stratton

*Music Director:* Susanne Peck *Organist:* George Matthew, Jr

*Flutist:* The Reverend Catherine Nichols


**Music Notes:** Prelude: This beautiful sonata BWV 1020, probably written about 1720, may be by Bach or one of his sons. His son-in-law Johann Christian Altnikol, a skilled violinist, organist and singer, also arranged it for violin.

The postlude: Adolphus Hailstork, born 1941 in Albany, NY, is an African-American composer, presently teaching at Old Dominion University, VA.
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The Vestry:  
Class of 2019:  Mary McGuire, Tom Klemmer, Lonnie Fisher  
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Welcome to St. Stephen’s!

It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 9:00 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!

- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. by our wonderful caregiver Ashley Mayo.

- **Children’s “activity bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.

- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten-free bread or grape juice instead of wine, please inform the server at the time of communion.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

This service uses hymnals, which are the large red books in the pew racks or on the pew itself.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers and hymns; you may sit if you prefer.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.