

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**JANUARY 29, 2023 • 10:30 A.M.**



**Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has worshipped on this corner of North James and Mulberry Streets in Goldsboro since 1857 — in the same building! We welcome you to our historic building, but more than that, we are happy to have you worship with us.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Pastorale on He Leadeth Me*

Gordon Young

**HYMN 569**

*God the Omnipotent! King who ordainest*

Russia

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

# GLORIA S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a-lone are the Lord, 7. 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
 Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

**The First Reading:** *Micah 6:1-8*

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
 and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
 and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
 and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 15** *Domine, quis habitabit?*

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

**6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:18-31***

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel:** *Matthew 5:1-12* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. David Wylly

## **THE NICENE CREED** (All stand.)

**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 FORM IV**

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Gene Carpenter, Margie Clarke, Sallie Brown Fleming, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Margaret Sharp, Gary Smithwick, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: Ellen Bland, Gaston Lewis, Adam Livengood, Kathryn Sumrell, Henry Smith, JoAnn McRae, Vivian Snyder and Michael Smith.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE CONFESSION**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Celebrant and People**

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you**



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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. (Here a Proper Preface is added.)

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:

### Celebrant and People

## THE SANCTUS S125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Then the Celebrant continues:

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 is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM S166

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*  
 The Gifts of God for the People of God

**HYMN 160**

*Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow*

Cross of Jesus

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the appropriate time. You may receive both the bread and wine, one or the other, come forward for a blessing, or remain seated.*

## **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

### **Celebrant and People**

**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.**

## **SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

### **THE BLESSING**

**HYMN 556**

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

Marion

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Christ ist Erstanden*

JS Bach

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Ellen's birthday, by the Bland Circus.

### **SERVING TODAY**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. David Wyly

**Organist:** Patrick Ritsch

**Live Stream Technician:** Steven Smith

**Crucifer:** Bella Morrison

**Torch Bearers:** Sophia Morrison and Reagan Wyly

**Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Brantley and Bob Cagle

**Ushers:** David Huard and Jamie Stanley

**Eucharistic Visitors:** Bob and Jan Cagle

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# St. Stephen's Parish Prayer List

## **We pray for our parishioners:**

Gene Carpenter, Margie Clarke, Sallie Brown Fleming, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Margaret Sharp, Gary Smithwick, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe

## **And for our family and friends:**

Dennis Blake, Ruth Ann Brame, Charlotte Bridgers, Nancy Brookes, Howard Churchill, Lee Clayton, Will Cox, Donna Crumpler, Josh Davenport, Susan Edgerton, Viola Figueroa, Leah Fulkerson, Rachel Golden and family, Elaine Gregory, Bonnie Hale, David Hesmer, Nolan Hill, Annice Davis Hodges, Jinny (friend of Leigh Broadfoot), Tisha Johnson, Zeb Jones, Cailee Ladd, Chrissie Lewis, Alicia Kennedy Mathis, Jerry Medford, Greg Morris, Mary Beth Parker, Alex Peacock, Julia Peacock, Jodi Power, Gene Pryor, Martin Richter, Adylene Rohrer, Drue Seefeld, Donna Shibley, Chris Smith, Jackson Smith, Steve Synder, Bob Williams, Patricia Worley, Natalie Young

## **In the Armed Forces:**

John Keena, Logan McDevitt, Taylor McDevitt, Wes Morrison,  
Steven S. and Jay Womble

## **Partner in Education:**

Dillard Middle School, its students, faculty, and staff.

## **Happy Birthday!**

January 31 — Ellen Bland

February 1 — Gaston Lewis

February 3 — Adam Livengood and Kathryn Sumrell

February 4 — Henry Smith

February 5 — JoAnn McRae, Vivian Snyder and Michael Smith



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