

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
FEBRUARY 26, 2017 ■ 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**

*Land of Rest*

Charles Callahan

The People of God gather to proclaim and respond to the Word of God

**ENTRANCE RITE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

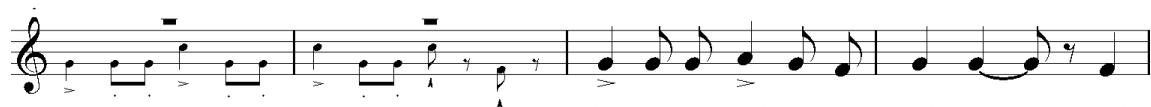
Hymn 135

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

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

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 S-278



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.

O God, who before the passion of your onlybegotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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:** *Exodus 24:12-18*

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for

us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99: *Dominus regnavit***

The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.

**“O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**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: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel:** *Matthew 17:1-9* (Please stand.)

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Deacon Rebecca Bean

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (from the *New Zealand Prayer Book*)

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

*Silence*

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, especially Ann, Adlai, Scott, Kenny, Tyra, David, Joyce, Pinkney, Don, John, Helen, Christie, Sarah, Rose, Bill, Jane, Anna, Mary, Will, Sally, Geraldine, Robbie, Matthew, Alex, Deborah, Ramon, Charles, Bill, Don, Hal, Allison, Parrish, Betsy, Teresa, Robin and Luther. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

*Silence*

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of our nation. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations. Protect those serving in the armed forces of our country, especially Bill, Eric, Taylor, Wes, Jay, and Adlai.

*Silence*

We pray for your Church throughout the world, thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

*Silence*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

*Silence*

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.  
Hear the prayers of your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

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

**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.**

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.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Harold Friedell

## AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you  
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you  
lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

The image shows a musical score for three staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you'. The second staff contains: 'call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you'. The third staff contains: 'lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.' The music consists of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and slurs.

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## 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:



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.

### **Celebrant and People:**

*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.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymn 304

**Let us pray.**

**Celebrant and 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.

**PROCESSION OUT**

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Hymn 618

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Agincourt Hymn*

John Dunstable

## **SERVING TODAY**

**Greeter:** Emilie Foy

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ray Harris & Claiborne Smith

**Ushers:** Hal Tanner, Brian Stuber and Trey Gurley

**Crucifer:** Caroline Smith

**Torch Bearers:** Noah MacDonald and Jackson Harris

**Flag Bearers:** Zoe MacDonald and Sarah Boyd

## **CHURCH STAFF**

**Parish Administrator & Clerk of Vestry:** Margie Clark

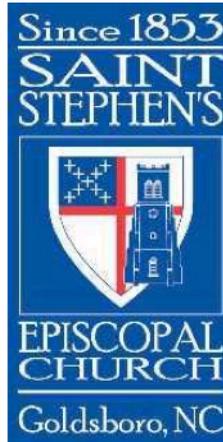
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