

Second Sunday After The Epiphany
January 19, 2025
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Longview, WA



Clay wine jug fragment art, The Wedding Church, Kfar Kanna, Israel

Worship Leaders January 19, 2025

Presider	The Rev. Michael Wright
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Altar Guild	Becky Edmiston
Reader	Josh Carter, John Edmiston
Greeter	Wes Henricksen, Lauren Henricksen
Chalice Bearer	Mary Lyons
Usher	Greg Lopic
Verger	Garry Beauregard
Vestry Presence	Kathleen Beauregard, Heather Niemi
Coffee Hour	Alison Askeland, Lisa Sudar



*We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation **want to respectfully acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.*

St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to welcome all people just as God created you. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!



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Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!

Your Name: _____

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All praise to you, O Lord

The Hymnal 1982, #138

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your might - y power did
2 You speak, and it is done; o - be-dient to your word, the
3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you al - ways to live and
4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the

man - i - fest your glo - ry forth in Ca - na's mar - riage hour.
wa - ter red - dening in - to wine pro - claims the pres - ent Lord.
drink of those re - fresh - ing streams which you a - lone can give.
mar - riage sup - per of the Lamb, the great e - piph - a - ny.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the remaining lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Words: Hyde W. Beadon (1812-1891), alt. Music: *Carlisle*, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815).

(Please stand as able)

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and 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.**

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).

Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #280

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.

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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, worshipped, 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.**

(Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture)

A Reading from Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10

- 5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.**
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.**
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.**
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

A Reading from **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Processional (before reading) & Recessional (after reading)
(Please stand as able)



The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ According to **John 2:1-11**
Glory to you, O Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev Michael Wright

Nicene Creed *(Please stand as able)*

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Celebrant: Gathering our hearts and minds, let us offer God the words of our hearts, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the church, pray for those who serve, those who pray, those who fear to enter its doors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own clergy, for our bishop, priests and deacons, for our lay leaders and ministers and all who seek to follow God. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our communities. Pray for those who work late shifts and long hours, for those who have no possibility of employment; for those who hunger for food and connections; for those who respond to emergencies and those who keep doors open. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the needs of all the world's people; for good and strong leaders and for responsive politicians to turn their energies and hearts toward solutions providing lasting peace, adequate resources, and safety for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are anxious and depressed; for those who are addicted and weary; for those who are sick and suffering; for those who are waiting for diagnosis and those who are living with diagnosis. Pray especially for David Hughey, Ron & Harriet Byrnes, Jim Halliday, Larry Riley, Tammy Robinson, Barb Dunlap, Larry Riley, Bill Norvell, and those that you name either silently or aloud. *Pause.* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying; pray for those who wait to meet their saviour and for those who mourn the loss of them. Bring all souls into the loving embrace of your angels and the light of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We offer these prayers with confidence in you, O Father of all; and you O Son who came among us; and you O Spirit who flows in us and the world. **Amen.**

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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please stand as able*)

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Music

“With Joyful Hearts”
by Barbara Kinyon
Bell Choir

Eucharistic Prayer B *(Please stand as able)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

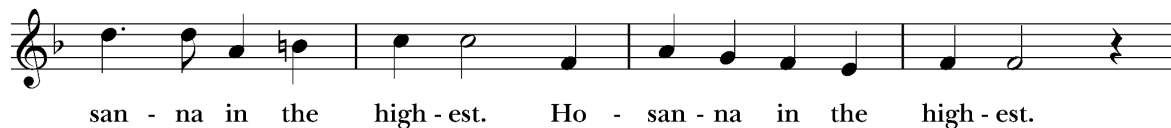
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give 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. 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:



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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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 Stephen and 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 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor first time, Congregation second time and as antiphon response

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the }
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. Congregation 2. Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
The dis -

Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

Ant.

Cantor

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Ant.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the eucharistic minister will intinct the bread and place it on your tongue. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.

For those joining via Live-Stream: A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Prayer for Eucharistic Visitor

As you go to the sick and homebound, take with you not only the sacrament that we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard, as well as the affection of this parish community. Ask for the prayers of those whom you visit in return. Go, now, with God's peace and blessing. **AMEN.**

Let There Be Peace on Earth



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With



God our cre - a - tor, broth - ers
fam - 'ly all are we.



Let ^{me} us walk with my broth-er
each oth - er in per-fect har-mo - ny.



Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment now.



With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: To



take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly!



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please kneel as able)*

**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.**

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal (*Please stand as able.*)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Saints that have come before and the Spirit that is with us now.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour!

If you are new today, please take a welcome packet and coffee mug found on the table at the front doors!

FISH Open House - January 19, 2025 - Immediately After Coffee Hour - Baird House

For many years, St. Stephen's has been participating in the FISH of Cowlitz County food bank program. Food is distributed every other month from the Baird House. And now, you are invited to the FISH Open House on January 19! You will be able to see the Baird House set up for distribution, and take a "shopping trip" through the aisles just as the clients do when receiving food. Learn where the food comes from, how it arrives and what the volunteers do behind the scenes. This program is an important contribution to the fabric of our community in Longview - please come and see how it all works.

St. Stephen's 2025 Annual Meeting, January 26, 5pm-7pm RSVP DEADLINE IS MONDAY JANUARY 20!

Please join us on Sunday January 26 from 5pm-7pm for our Annual Meeting Dinner Celebration. Every year the people of St. Stephen's come together to celebrate the year before and dream for what the next year holds for us and our people in this community. You are invited to join us for this wonderful celebration of our community! ALL are invited to participate whether long-time member or first-time attender the day of the meeting (and everyone in-between). We ask for RSVPs in order to make a table assignment where you (and your family members) will be seated and asked to bring a dish to share in the potluck dinner occurring at your table (you only need to plan for enough food to feed 8). To RSVP please call or email the office at 360-423-5600 or admin@sslv.org or sign up on the sheet at Coffee Hour!

O God of Every Nation



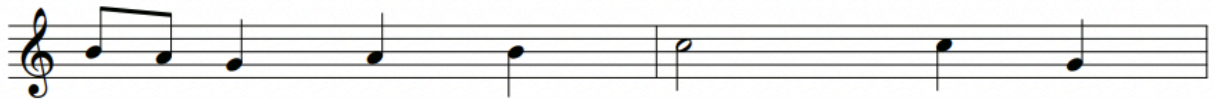
1. O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, Of
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And
 3. Lord, strength - en those who la - bor, That
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of



ev - 'ry race and land, Re - deem the whole cre -
 scorn of truth and right, From trust in bombs that
 all may find re - lease From fear of rat - tling
 days when wars shall cease, When ha - tred and di -



a - tion With your al - might - y hand. Where
 show - er De - struc - tion through the night, From
 sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease. When
 vi - sion Give way to love and peace, Till



hate and fear di - vide us And
 pride of race and sta - tion And
 hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord,
 dawns the morn - ing glo - rious When



bit - ter threats are hurled, In love and mer - cy
 blind - ness to your way, De - liv - er ev - 'ry
 let your voice be heard; With faith that none can
 truth and jus - tice reign, And Christ shall rule vic -



guide us And heal our strife - torn world.
 na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

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