

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 16, 2022

Voluntary “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness” Johannes Brahms

Welcome

The Collect of the Day

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.

The First Lesson 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

- 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.

The Gospel John 2: 1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord 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 the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Solo “Wash, O, God, our sons and daughters”

B.F. White

Affirmation of Faith (*page 2 in booklet*)

The Prayers of the People

Those on our prayer list: *Ken & Diane E; David W; Patrick W; Noreen R; Margaret W; Jill; Jennifer; Keith; Martie E; Tommie C; Kimberly; Jancie F; Sokapha I; Paul & Amy A. Myron G. All those who are suffering from the Colorado fires.*

The Great Thanksgiving (*page 6 in booklet*)

Communion Solos “I wonder as I wonder” (*Traditional Appalachian Carol*)
“Dark the night” Owen Jones

Announcements

Voluntary

“O Love, how deep”

Stephen Gabrielsen

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PARISH NOTICES

WHO ARE WE? St. Stephen's Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don't all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE - Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory can be made by sending a donation to the church with the name of the person to be honored or remembered. You can also make a donation online! Just go to our website, select "Support Our Ministries," and follow the prompts to the list of gift opportunities. Select "St. Stephen's Table" and follow the directions.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE TUESDAY JANUARY 25 - Committee Chairs please get your reports to the office by close of business Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING – FEBRUARY 6
Details available soon.

OFFICE RENOVATION EXCITEMENT! A hard working team, Joan Evans, John Garinther, Roy Stillman, Chris Plankey, Josie Ellis, Craig Reynolds, Scott, Leah and Calvin Luczynski and our BC Arc crew, got the space cleared out and ready for a paint and carpet refresh. The Guild Room is chocked full of furniture, boxes, etc and the Sears Room has been transformed into a temporary office. It may take Sarah and Bert a little longer to answer the door.

ST. STEPHEN'S IS HOME TO A NEW AFGHAN ESL PROGRAM –
Men and women will begin separate English language classes in the auditorium this coming week.

LIVING GREEN TIP

Keep Your Fireplace Damper Closed: If you're not using your fireplace at any given time keep the damper closed. Having the damper open is like having a forty-eight inch window open all the time! Imagine the hundreds of dollars you are wasting on heating air that then gets sucked up your chimney.

Bottles/Cans Toter Bill Morey

Cardboard-Breakdown Don Phipps

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
LECTORS	Louise Penney
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VESTRY GREETER	Chris Plankey
SOLOIST	Sarah Novak, <i>soprano</i>

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office Hours:

Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Closed Monday and Friday

Worship:

Wednesday: January 19th, Compline Prayer, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Sunday: January 23rd, Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary and streaming.

St. Stephen's Table:

Thursday and Friday, Grab and Go 4:30 p.m.

ESL Classes for Afghans

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Auditorium

AA Meetings:

Monday and Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday thru Friday at noon temporarily suspended; Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Dining Room

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for:

Ken & Diane E; David W; Pat W; Noreen R; Margaret W; Jill; Jennifer; Keith; Martie E; Tommie C; Kimberly E. Sokapha I; Paul & Amy A. Myron G., Janice F., Those suffering from the Colorado Fires

And those serving in the armed forces and their families: MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nichols P., 1LT Curran J.D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F.D., Army Ranger Sean J., Micah H.

We pray for our community:

The Christian Center
Congregation of Knesset Israel
Temple Anshe Amunim
The Supreme Court

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

St. John's, Ashfield;
For the repose of the souls of our Bishops in glory
President of the House of Deputies

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday: Church of England
Monday: Diocese of Johannesburg (Southern Africa)
Tuesday: Diocese of Jos (Nigeria)
Wednesday: Diocese of Juda (South Sudan)
Thursday: Diocese of Kabba (Nigeria)
Friday: Diocese of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains (Sudan)
Saturday: Diocese of Kaduna (Nigeria)

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Welcome to Worship at St. Stephen's

It's good to be worshipping together in the sanctuary!

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we observe the following protocols:

Masks: Please wear a mask at all times in the building. If you do not have one, the greeter can provide one for you. Please maintain appropriate social distance.

Contact Information: Preregistration is no longer required, but a greeter or usher will ask you for your contact information if you haven't worshipped with us recently. This is strictly a precautionary measure should the church need to respond to a contact tracing request from public health officials.

Children are always welcome at worship!! While there's no nursery or Sunday school offered at this time, **Family Seating** has been set aside for those with children and younger teens (in the last rows of the sanctuary). Parents, please come and go as your child needs to - though we ask that children be accompanied at all times.

Singing: For the time being, we have discontinued congregational singing. We hope you enjoy the music provided by our organist and choir members.