

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Voluntary “Angelic Songs” Mark Sedio

Hymn 530 “Spread, O spread, thou mighty word” *Gott sei Dank*

Opening Acclamation (*page 1 in booklet*)

Gloria S278 (*Sung, page 1 in booklet*)

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13 *(Please read responsively at half verse)* *Dominus illuminatio*

- 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.

The Gospel Matthew 4: 12-23

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glorify to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Margot Sanger

Choral Anthem “Have you heard God’s voice?” Frederick Chatfield

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?
Are you still prepared to follow?
Have you made a choice to remain and serve,
though the way be rough and narrow?
Will you use your voice; will you not sit down
when the multitudes are silent?
Will you make a choice to stand your ground
when the crowds are turning violent?
Will you walk the path that will cost you much
and embrace God's love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you
the disciples of tomorrow?
Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
and believe it could be different?
Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

In your city streets will you be God's heart?
Will you listen to the voiceless?
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,
will you share your faith with the faithless?
We will walk the path that will cost us much
and embrace God's love and sorrow?
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you
the disciples of tomorrow?

Jacqui Jones

Affirmation of Faith (page 3 in booklet)

The Prayers of the People

Those on our prayer list: *Ken & Diana; David; Margaret; Jennifer; Martie; Tommie; Kimberly; Janice; Myron & Jean; Barbara; Michele & Peter; Mona; Jim; Maia & Marcia & family; Geoff; Bob; Edie; Michael; Mary; The family of Sue Jenkins; those dealing with mental health issues; We pray for a just peace for Ukraine, and for the well-being of all those in harm's way;*

Those who have died: *Sue Jenkins*

The Great Thanksgiving (page 6 in booklet, *Sanctus and Fraction will be spoken*)

Communion Anthem

“Jesu, Jesu”

Kenton Coe

Jesu! the very thought is sweet!
In that dear Name all heart-joys meet;
No word is sung more sweet than this,
No name is heard more full of bliss;
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.
att. St. Bernard of Clairveaux

Announcements

Hymn 758

“You have come down to the lakeshore”
(*The Green Hymnal*)

Pescador

Voluntary

Exeunt Omnes
† † †

Richard Lloyd

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.

YPF SERVICE PROJECT - This afternoon, January 22, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. the Hillcrest Cancer Love service project.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING! Sunday, January 29 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

COMPLINE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 P.M. See the weekly email for Zoom link or contact the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY - Children gather at 9:45 a.m. in the Sears Room on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Josie Ellis: joze72@yahoo.com, 413-281-6416

COFFEE HOUR TODAY - We have Coffee Hour twice a month – on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Interested in hosting Coffee Hour in 2023? Contact Craig Reynolds – cmreyn@gmail.com or 413-822-0248

ONE MORE WEEK FOR THE NEW YEAR RECYCLING PROJECT
Old cell phones, other small gadgets and defunct Christmas lights may be dropped off until January 29th.



GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S IS EASY- Scan the QR code to find our giving form. Or, text "giveststephens\$*your amount*" to 73256. (example: giveststephens\$25 will donate \$25.)

MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

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Suzanne White

COFFEE HOUR

Josie Ellis

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LIVING GREEN TIP

Tips for using less water: Installing low-flow showerheads, toilets, and faucets, taking shorter showers, turning off the faucet when washing dishes or brushing teeth.

Paper Toter- Jeff Pringle

Cardboard- Home- Joan Evans

WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR DELIVERY OF THE 2023 GIVING ENVELOPES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00a.m.-5p.m. *Closed Friday*

Worship: Wednesday-January 25, Compline at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Sunday- January 29, 10:00 a.m.

St. Stephen's Table: Thursday and Friday Grab and Go 4:30p.m.

Classes for Afghan Evacuees: ESL – Monday and Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.

Meetings: AA: Tuesday-Friday at noon; Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Dining Room. **NA:** Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Dining Room

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken & Diana E; David W; Margaret W; Martie E; Tommie C; Jennifer; Kimberly E; Myron & Jean G; Janice F; Barbara L; Bob; Michele & Peter R; Mona V; Jim L; Maia & Marcia & family; Geoff H.; Bob D. Tommie D.; Edie; Michael L; Mary H.; The family of Sue Jenkins; those dealing with mental health issues; We pray for a just peace for Ukraine, and for the well-being of all those in harm's way.

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:

Local Food Programs
Pittsfield City Government
The Governor of Massachusetts

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

St. John's Athol;
Church Without Walls, Springfield;
Spouses of deceased clergy
The House of Deputies:
Jubilee Ministries

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday: Church of North India
Monday: Diocese of Pankshin(Nigeria)
Tuesday: Diocese of Panrieng (South Sudan)
Wednesday: Diocese of Panyana (South Sudan)
Thursday: Diocese of Paraguay (South America)
Friday: Diocese of Parana (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)
Saturday; Diocese of Pathein (Myanmar)

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Welcome to Worship at St. Stephen's

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

The staff, wardens and vestry are grateful for your patience and understanding as we move forward cautiously - balancing the safety of this community and those we serve, with changing COVID numbers and protocols. Thank you for observing the following:

Masks: When local COVID metrics are in the “red zone” we require masks inside the church and Parish House. When infection rates fall below red, masks are optional. Masking information will be posted at the church and on the website. Masks are available for those who need them.

Social Distancing: These safeguards, including every-other pew seating and non-contact passing of the peace, may be relaxed when infection rates are low to allow for the fellowship of coffee hour.

Children are always welcome at worship!! Families are welcome to sit wherever they wish, and **Family Seating** has been set aside for those with children and younger teens (in the last rows of the sanctuary). Caregivers, please come and go as your child needs to - **we ask that children be accompanied at all times.** There's a Nursery Nook in the Guild Room for caregivers of infants and toddlers who need to take a break during worship. Sunday school is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, in the Sears Room. Please ask an usher (or anyone wearing a name tag!) to show you the way. More information about Sunday School is available on the tables near the main entrance.