

St. Edward's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY THE BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION February 23, 2025 @10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Edward's Episcopal Church. Come as you are. St. Edward's affirms the dignity of every human being. God's abundant love is here for all.

If you are visiting with us today, please fill out a Visitor Card and give it to one of our ushers, so we can send you more information about our church. We are blessed that you are here, and we look forward to meeting you!

This leaflet is your guide to the liturgy and is a resource for the material needed for this service. You will find three books in the pew rack in front of you - The 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red book), The Hymnal 1982 (blue book), and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing II - black and red cover). Hymn numbers preceded by 'S' are from the Service Music at the front of The Hymnal 1982. It is customary to stand during the singing of hymns and either stand, sit, or kneel for prayers. All items in **bold** are to be read aloud by the people.

THE WORD OF GOD

During the month of February, look for featured music of Black composers as we honor their contributions to the rich musical heritage of the Episcopal Church.

PROCESSIONAL

Enter into Jerusalem

St. Edward's Ringers

All stand, if able.

Richard Ho Lung

1. Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,
with the healthy and the sick, with the worker and the weak, let us go to God's house.
Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house.
Come and run with the wind with the God who reigns in peace,
let us go to God's house.

Refrain

We go celebrate, we go celebrate, we go celebrate, O Israel!
Praise the name of the Lord on high, praise God's name in song!
Praise the Lord with a heavenly song, with a heavenly song,
with a heavenly song, praise the Lord!

2. Enter into Jerusalem, make me walk a-down there
with the young and the old, with the little and the large,
make me walk a-down there.
Enter into Jerusalem, make me walk a-down there,
Come and away to the breeze with the God who reigns in peace,
make me walk a-down there. **Refrain**

2. Enter into Jerusalem, let us go to God's house,
with your papa and your mama, with your uncle and your aunt,
let us go to God's house.
Enter into Jerusalem let us go to God's house.
Run and catch the breeze with the God who reigns in peace,
let us go to God's house. **Refrain**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: † In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We meet in the presence of God.

People: **who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.**

COLLECT OF PURITY

BCP 355

DANCE OF PRAISE

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel

Ketlyne Joseph

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE LESSON

GENESIS 9:8-17

A Lesson from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:10-16

The Lector reads the Psalm; the People sing the Refrain.

Refrain



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

- 10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me. *Refrain*
- 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
 they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- 14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
 I have said, "You are my God. *Refrain*
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
 and in your loving-kindness save me." *Refrain*

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 10:25-37

Presider: † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

DRAMATIC PRESENTATION IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

(see insert)

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT TO RACIAL JUSTICE

Dear people of God, we stand in the shadow of the prophets crying out for justice and peace. God calls us to be a people of reconciliation, serving a world in need. Courageous women and men have taken the risk of standing up and speaking out for the least and the lowest. This work involves risking ourselves for the sake of God's love and moving beyond ourselves in order to seek and serve Christ and one another. We are all called to the work and ministry of social justice and reconciliation.

Will you persevere in prayer and fellowship?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge and address the prejudices that keep you loving all God's children?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to speak words that liberate and heal and break the bonds of silence?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek the perfect love which casts out all fear?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

All: **With the help of God, I will.**

May almighty God empower you to continue his work of reconciliation, give you the courage to overcome fears and embody love, give you grace to grow in self-awareness and personal integrity, and strengthen you to seek the unity that is in Christ, that we may rejoice with all God's children as disciples of God's Son. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider: God of all, we confess that we have inherited a faith that was used to justify the enslavement of your people. From this sin, we ask for deliverance.

Litanist: Touch hearts that have been shriveled by generations of suppressed empathy, and eyes that have lost the ability to see brothers and sisters who suffer from systemic injustice. Lord, in your mercy,
set us free.

Grant us courage to renounce the false teaching that we can somehow know you without being committed to justice for all people. Lord, in your mercy,
set us free.

In your mercy, help us mourn the divisions among the body of your Son, and work for healing in the places where we gather to worship you. Lord, in your mercy,
set us free.

We pray with thanksgiving for the prophetic leaders who guide, challenge, and inspire us today and for the birthdays of Shaun Rolle, Rich Van Slyke, Trinitee Dahn, John Talipsky, Sr., Sarita Earwood, and for the anniversary of Henry & Eunia Gobah. . *(The congregation may add their own petitions).*
Give us grace to follow them to freedom.
Lord, in your mercy,
set us free.

Touch with your grace those for whom we pray, especially Jodi, Cameron, Allison, Jesse, Bryson, Craig, Erica, Angel, Maria, Delores, Cindy, Catherine, Noah, Antonio, Lisa, Xhakeal, Jasmine, Kyle, Sarah, Yvonne, Jan, Patrick, Ruth, Joyce, Jorge, Shandi, Winsome, Laura, Blanding, Vinny, and the victims of war and violence in the world. *(The congregation may add their own petitions).* Lord, in your mercy,
set us free.

Christ is the first fruits of those who have died. We entrust to your eternal heart those whom we remember. (*The congregation may add their own petitions*). Lord, in your mercy, **set us free.**

Presider: May the God of love and power heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit and raise us up to a new life in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Presider and the people exchange the sign of Peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Presider: God of love, as we offer these gifts, we are reminded that without love, all our actions fall short of their true purpose. May this offering serve to build up your kingdom with faith, hope, and love as its foundation.

The Ushers will pass the collection plate for the ministry of the church.

OFFERTORY

This little light of mine

Parish Choir

PRESENTATION HYMN

Lift every voice and sing

LEVAS Hymnal 1

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER B

BCP 367

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord

LEVAS HYMNAL 255

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father

(Setting: Carl MaultsBy)

Choir: Our Father in heaven,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: On earth as in heaven,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Give us today our daily bread,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Forgive us our sins,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: As we forgive those who sin against us,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Save us from the time of trial,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: And deliver us from evil,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Now and forever, amen.

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Amen, amen.

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

Choir: Amen, amen, amen, amen.

All: **Hallowed be thy name.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion is served at the altar rails by intinction.

Please indicate to the minister if you take bread/host or gluten free host.

COMMUNION HYMNS *From the following, as time permits.*

I can't breathe

Sanya Simmons & Michael Harmon

John W. Johns, 2020

The Lord is my light

LEVAS Hymnal 58

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider: We send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, that those to whom we go
may share with us in the mystery of the presence of Christ our Lord.

People: **We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand or kneel.

BCP 365

Presider: Let us pray.

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.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING *All stand, if able.*

Presider: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN **We are marching in the light of God** (From *Wonder, Love & Praise*)

All stand, if able.

1. We are mar—ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are mar—ching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of, the light of God.
We are marching (marching, we are marching) oo - oo, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching (marching, we are marching) oo - oo, we are marching in the light of God.
2. Si ya ham—ba ku ka ñen kwen kos, si ya ham ba ku ka ñen kwen kos.
Si ya ham—ba ku ka ñen kwen kos, si ya ham ba ku ka ñen kwen kos.
Si ya ham ba (hamba si ya hamba) oo - oo, si ya ham ba ku ka ñen kwen kos.
Si ya ham ba (hamba si ya hamba) oo - oo, si ya ham ba ku ka ñen kwen kos.
3. Marchare—mos en la luz de Dios, marcharemos en la luz de Dios.
Marchare—mos en la luz de Dios, marcharemos en la luz de, la luz de Dios.
Marcharemos (remos, marcha-remos) oo - oo, marcharemos en la luz de dios.
Marcharemos (remos, marcha-remos) oo - oo, marcharemos en la luz de dios.

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE



Serving Today

Presider & Preacher – Father Fabio Sotelo
Verger – Leslie Nystrom
Altar Guild - Jewel Ffrench, Christiana Jones
Altar Bread – Lee Ann Sipes
Altar Flowers – Marvelle Martin
Crucifer –Lawrence Toomey
Torches – Bryleigh Pope & Choco Harmon
Lay Eucharist Ministers – Marck Morman & Nicole Harrison
Visiting Lay Eucharistic Minister – Samantha Toomey & Marilyn
Emmons
Healing Minister – Jennifer Khaleel
1st Lesson – Hillary Toomey
Psalm - Choir
Intercessor – Samantha Sotelo & Briana Sotelo
Poetry – St. Edward’s Youth , Choir
Dance – Ketlynnne Joseph & Jeanette Best-Nunez
Ushers –Pamela Parks, Ralph Parks,
Kathy Ruchalski & Jennifer Khaleel
Sound & Video – John Nystrom
Piano & Organ – Carla Strott
Flutes – Sanya Simmons & Lee Ann Sipe
Percussion – Rafael Best-Núñez
St. Edward’s Parish Choir
VPOD – Jennifer Khaleel

Parish Personnel

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Diocesan Bishop
The Rev. Fabio Sotelo, Priest-in-Charge
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The Vestry of Saint Edward’s

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