

Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER

EPIPHANY

Morning Prayer Service

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Verse 1

**Let us build a house where love can
dwell**

And all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end

divisions;

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Verse 2

**Let us build a house where prophets
speak,
and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare
to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness,
and a symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of
Jesus:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

Verse 3

**Let us build a house where love is
found,
in water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast
that frees us:**

Refrain

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**





WELCOME
to Our Worship Service

Parish Announcements

YE ARE

the salt of the earth:

BUT IF THE SALT HAVE LOST HIS SAVOUR,
WHEREWITH SHALL IT BE SALTED?

MATTHEW 5:13



You Are Salt For The Earth
Book of Common Praise 502

Verse 1

**You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the kingdom of God!**

Verse 2

**You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the kingdom of God!**

Verse 3

**You are a seed of the word, O people:
Bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
Grow in the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the kingdom of God!**

Verse 4

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people
Bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and
love our homeland:
Love is the kingdom of God!**

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the kingdom of God!**



The Invitatory

Officiant: **God rules over all the earth.
O come, let us worship.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Penitential Rite

Officiant: **The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

People: **Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

Officiant: **If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Officiant: **Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.**

Silence is kept. Everyone say together:

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 neighbours 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.

Officiant: **Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

People: **Amen**

Officiant: **Lord, open our lips,**

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim
your praise.**

Officiant: **O God, make speed to save us.**

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and
will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In God's hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and
to the Holy Spirit:**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and
will be for ever. Amen.**

*Oh Lord Hear
My Prayer*



Verse 1

**Oh Lord hear my prayer,
Oh Lord hear my prayer
When I call answer me.
Oh Lord hear my prayer,
Oh Lord hear my prayer
Come and listen to me.**

Verse 2

**Please show me the way,
Please show me the way,
Oh my Lord show the way.
Show me how to love,
Show me how to live
Show how I can join you.**

Verse 3

Be with me my Lord,

Be near me my Lord

Oh, my Lord stay with me.

Don't leave me, my Lord,

Don't leave me, my Lord

Never let me go.

Verse 4

**Please guide me, my Lord,
Please guide me, my Lord
Oh, my Lord please guide me.
Please guide me back home,
To where I belong
Home to where I come from.**



The Proclamation of the Word





**A Reading from The First Letter Of
Paul To The Corinthians (2:1-12)**

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

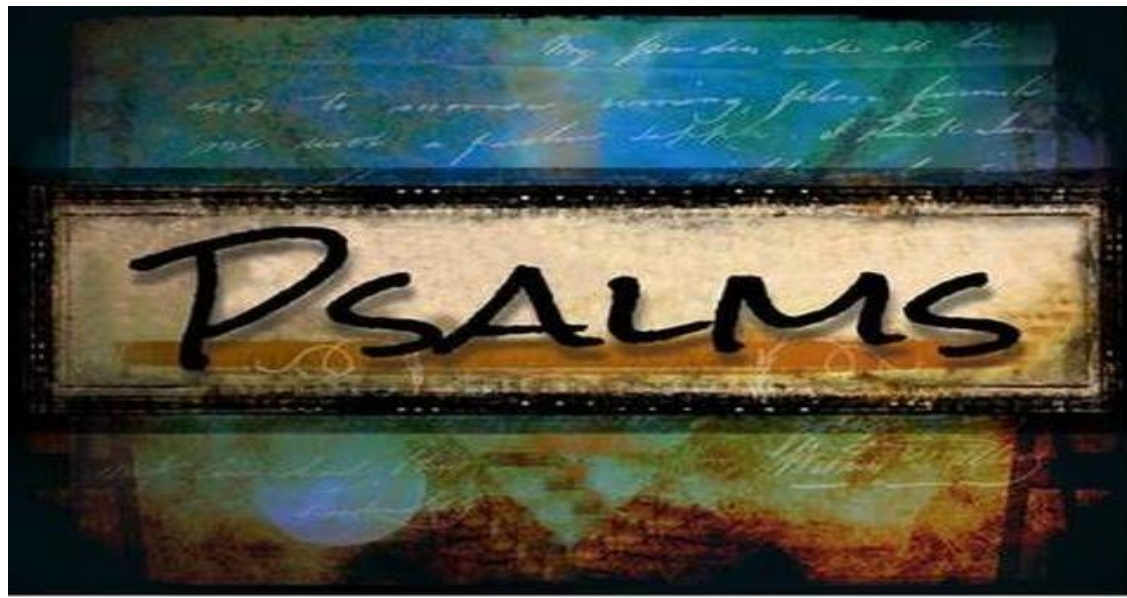
Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this;

for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit;

**for the Spirit searches everything,
even the depths of God. For what
human being knows what is truly
human except the human spirit that is
within? So also no one comprehends
what is truly God's except the Spirit
of God.**

Reader: **The word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 112:1-9

Refrain:

***“Happy are they who delight,
who delight in the law of the Lord.”***

Psalm 112:1-9

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; The generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house and their righteousness will last for-ever.

***Happy are they who delight,
who delight in the law of the Lord.***

Psalm 112:1-9

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. The righteous are merciful and full of com-passion.

It is good for them to be generous and lending. And to manage their affairs with justice.

**They have given freely to the poor;
They will hold up their heads with honour!**

***Happy are they who delight,
who delight in the law of the Lord.***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

the
Gospel According to
Matthew

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ



Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

Book of Common Praise 561

Verse 1

**Lord, your word shall guide us
And with truth provide us
Teach us to receive it
And with joy believe it**

All stand for the Gospel

Reader: **The Lord be with you.**

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,

but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven;

but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ.**

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

Verse 6

**O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning
Lord, may love and fear you
Evermore be near you!**



We Say Together:

Hear O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all you soul,

with all your mind and with all your

strength.

This is the first and great

commandment.

**The second is like it;
you shall love your neighbor as
yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater
than these.**

Amen.



Prayers of the People

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany – Year A

Let us pray for the church and the world saying:

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for God's church on earth.
For Todd our Bishop and for Gods
mission in the Diocese of Huron. For
all who serve here and wherever the
way of Jesus is proclaimed in love.
Lord in your mercy.**

Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for Gods good creation, that
all peoples may respect its
resources, preserve its future and
enjoy its fruits in their season.
Lord in your mercy.**

Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for leaders of the nations
especially for our leaders in Canada.
That they may act deliberately and
with compassion for the good of all.
Lord in your mercy.**

Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for peace, that the peoples
of the world may live in safety and
without fear, especially today
remembering Ukraine and all places
of conflict and war.
Lord in your mercy.**

Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for the sick, the dying, and
all those who care for and give
comfort to them.
Lord in your mercy.**

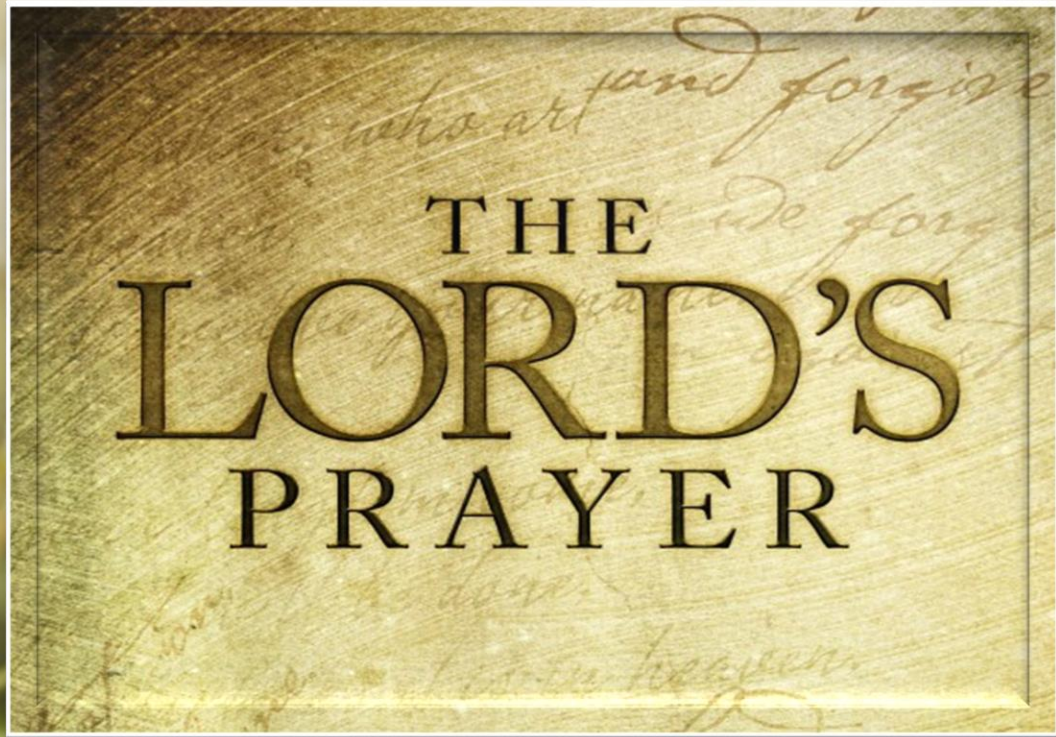
Hear our Prayer.

**We pray for those on our parish
prayer list, especially today we hold
up: *Linda R., Steve I., Kathryn H.,
Kathy G., and Jennifer A.*
Lord in your mercy.**

Lord, Hear our Prayer.

God of all the living, hear the prayers of your faithful people and grant our requests. Strengthen us for the tasks you give us and bring us at last to praise you forever with your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Lord's Prayer (said together)

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 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 Offertory Hymn

PEACE



*The
Peace of
the Earth
Be With
You*

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Verse 1

**The peace of the earth be with you
The peace of the heavens too.
The peace of the rivers be with you
The peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you.
God's peace growing in you.**



**Receiving the
gifts of money
and other gifts
for the needs
and
responsibilities
of the Church.**



Tithes & Offerings

**LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD
THROUGH GIVING!**

Prayer Over The Gifts

**God of truth,
receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants,
strong to follow in the way
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;

**for his dying, through which he
overcame death; for his rising to life
again, in which we are raised to the
life of your kingdom. Grant us the
gift of your Spirit, that we may know
Christ and make him known; and
through him, at all times and in all
places, may give thanks to you in all
things.**



All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name
Book of Common Praise 321

Verse 1

**All hail the power of Jesus` name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem.**

**And crown Him,
crown Him,
crown Him!
Crown Him Lord of all.**

Verse 3

**Crown him, you martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose burning path you
trod.**

**And crown Him,
crown Him,
crown Him!
Crown Him Lord of all.**

Verse 6

**O that, with heaven's sacred throng,
We at his feet may fall,
Lift high the universal song.**

**And crown Him,
crown Him,
crown Him!
Crown Him Lord of all.**



Good will come
to those who
are generous
and lend freely,
who conduct their
affairs with justice.

Psalm 112:5



Thank you for worshipping with us!

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You Are The River

Verse 1

**You are the River,
Running through my soul.**

**You are the River,
Makes my body whole**

**You are the River,
My source and my supply**

**You are the River
That never will run dry.**

Chorus

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

Verse 2

**You are the River,
From the mountain flows
You are the River
To the ocean goes
You are the River,
Coming from God's throne.
You are the River ,
Carry me back home.**

Chorus

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

Verse 3

**You are the River,
Giving life to all.**

**You are the River,
The answer to my call.**

**You are the River,
The path for us to see**

**You are the River,
Showing love to me.**

Chorus

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

Flow River, flow through me.

Flow River, flow to the sea.

