



the Church
of St Peter and
St Simon-the-Apostle

First Sunday after Christmas
St Stephen the Martyr
December 26, 2021

Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Organist: Robin Davis Cantor: Irene Courage

Merry Christmas and welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving
for the ministry of the wardens, choir and clergy and the many who serve
at St. Peter and St. Simon's.*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: *Orgelbuchlein*

J.S. Bach

- *Jesu Meine Freude [Jesus my Joy] BWV 610*

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Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich [The day is so full of joy] BWV 605

Hymn 143 *Angels from the realms of Glory*

Regent Square

The Christmas Anthems

BEHOLD a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, / and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7. 14.

Unto us a child is born, / unto us a son is given.

Isaiah 9. 6.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, / because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world that we might live through him.

1 St John 4. 9.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, / who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1. 3.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.**

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.

**Lord God, lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collects

Celebrant Grant us grace O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of your truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *Collect for St Stephen the Martyr*

Celebrant Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Lesson *I Samuel 2.18-20, 26*

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Read by Alison Jane

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum. Please remain seated.*

Tone VII-6



- ¹ O PRAISE the Lord **from** the hea-vens: / **praise** him in-the heïghts.
² Praise him, all ye **an**-gels of his: / **praise** him, all-his höst.
³ **Praise** him, sun and moon: / praise him, **all** ye stars-of light.
⁴ Praise him, **all** ye hea-vens, / and ye waters that are a-**bove** the hea-vëns.
⁵ Let them praise the **Name** of the Lord; / for he commanded and they **were** cre-a-tëd.
⁶ He hath made them fast for **ev**-er-and ev-er: /
 he hath given them a law which shall **not** be bro-kën.
⁷ Praise the **Lord** from the earth, / ye **dra**-gons and-all deëps;
⁸ Fire and hail, **snow** and va-pour, / wind and storm, ful-**fill**-ing his wörd;
⁹ **Moun**-tains-and all hills; / fruitful trees and **äll** ce-därs;
¹⁰ **Beasts** and-all cat-tle; / creeping things and **fea**-ther-ed föwls;
¹¹ Kings of the **earth**, and-all peo-ples; / princes and all **judg**-es of-the wörlđ;
¹² Young men and **maid**-ens-to-ge-ther; / old **men** and chil-drën;
¹³ Let them praise the **Name** of the Lord; /
 for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above **hea**-ven and eärth.
¹⁴ He shall exalt the horn of his peo-plë; all his **saints** shall praise him: /
 even the children of Israel, even the **peo**-ple-that serv-eth him.

Second Lesson *Acts 7.55*

Read by Alison Jane

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Stephen, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen calling upon God and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *Good King Wenceslas*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
 On the Feast of Stephen,
 When the snow lay round about,
 Deep and crisp and even;
 In the cold a serf he spied
 And bestowed his favor,
 Welcomed him that Christmastide
 As his Christ and Savior.

Stephen too by charity
 And his proclamation
 Served his King most faithfully,
 Lord of every nation.
 He embraced his Master's call,
 Faith his only armor,
 Dying at the feet of Saul:
 First of all the martyrs.

Let us like Good Wenceslas
 By this celebration
 Join the mystery of the cross
 To the incarnation.
 Let the earth sing: Hodie!
 Jubilate Deo!
 With the angels: Gloria!
 In excelsis Deo!

The Holy Gospel *Luke 2.41-52 Please remain standing.*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed - *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 *Please kneel or stand.*

Response **Lord, grant us peace.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept. You are invited to kneel.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You are invited to stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn 135 *Shepherds in the Fields Abiding*

IRIS

Prayer over the Gifts & Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory.
 May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

All **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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer – *Said by all.*

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Protocols for receiving Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will be administered in one kind only (bread) while standing at the front of the Church.
- At the direction of the sides-people you will be invited to proceed to the communion station via the centre aisle.
- The bread will be placed in your hand – please step aside, remove your mask, and consume the bread.
- Re-apply mask.
- Your hands will be sanitised.
- Proceed to your place down the side aisle.

Communion Hymn Hymn 151 *All Poor Folk and Humble*

OLWEN

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn 154 Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude Noël VII

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

The flowers and decorations throughout the Church are given
to the honour and glory of Almighty God and

In Thanksgiving by Cathy Graham

In Thanksgiving for the SPSS Church family and choir by Alison Jane

And in Loving Memory of:

*Our parents Arthur and Christina Pugsley and Vera Grace Doddridge
by John Pugsley and Marc Côté*

Neighbours and Friends, Cousins and Family by the Faulkner Family

Loved Ones by Ena Forde

Rosaleen Sherrard by Daphne Harris

*Our parents Henry Fanyana and Florence Balakazi Nxumbalo and
our brother Henry Xolo Nxumalo Jr by Suzette Lucille Mafuna and Josephine Norward*

My sister Susan by Peggy Needham

The Philip and Sanguinetti families by Marjorie Philip

Graeme and Steven Ponter by Jean Ponter

*Our parents Arthur and Christina Pugsley and Vera Grace Doddridge
by John Pugsley and Marc Côté*

My mother Nellie Burton by Deta Raffington

Our parents Angel, Albert, Doris and Bill by Ted and Isabelle Robinson

Shelia Gill by Betty Scantlebury

My parents Corinne and Bill Partridge by Barbara Scott

*My grandmother Inez, uncle Carlisle, parents Daphne and Carleon Greaves
and mother-in-law Drusilla Kelly by Norma Spence*



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