

**Announcements**

By the Grace of God and the People Consenting,

**The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry**

Presiding Bishop and Primate

of the Episcopal Church

will ordain and consecrate

**The Reverend Matthew Davis Cowden**

as Bishop in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

and as Bishop Coadjutor of The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

Saturday, March 12, 2022 11:00 a.m.

The Wesleyan Chapel

59 College Avenue Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201

Registration and masks required.

To register, please visit: [www.wvdiocese.org](http://www.wvdiocese.org)

With the front office unmanned at times,  
leave messages and contact Mother

please



**Ash Wednesday Services**

12:00 noon St. Stephen's

5:30 p.m. St. Stephen's

7:00 p.m. St. Luke

To make Easter even more joyous: **The choir will return!**  
Choir practice will resume March 8th, at 6:00 p.m. and will  
meet weekly until Easter. Please see Robert or Donna Burnside  
for more information.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

February 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

*"Before the service, speak silently to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another."*

# Hello!



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**Sunday Services 8 and 9:30 am**

**The Rt. Rev. Michie Klusmeyer**  
*Bishop*

**The Rev. Matthew Cowden**  
*Bishop-elect*

**The Rev. Dr. Susan Q. Claytor**  
*Rector*  
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**The Rev. Adeeb Khalil**  
*Priest Associate*

**Ms. Donna Price**  
*Organist*

**Vestry**

Donna Price,  
Jason Hogie  
Jim Vargo  
Lori Midkiff  
Danielle Stewart,  
Secretary  
Joan Parsons  
Debbie Ventura

*A Warm Welcome to all visitors to our parish today, and we hope that you will find St. Stephen's a spiritual home! Take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy.*

Communion is a sign of the unity of the Church that Christ envisioned when he prayed "that they may become completely one" (John 17:23). Therefore, all baptized Christians may receive communion at the altar. Visitors who are not baptized are welcome to come forward during the Sacrament to receive a blessing. Fold your arms over your chest as an indication to the priest.

**Your prayers are asked** for our parish, especially Byron Burgess, Tiger Warfield, Dave Brown, Louis George, Charles, Ann Gerald, Mead Parsons, Larry, Jack, Carver, Marianne, Kathy & Samuel Evans, Katie, Romana, Jeremy, Linda Kay, Angie, Mariah Patterson, Jaxon Minetti, Randal Hurst, Richard Klein, Patricia Meadows, Sandy, Stephanie Bolen, Catherine Newburg, Bonnie Meyer, Brendon Mann, Paula Sowers, Kay Kinnan, Martha Rucker, Danny Tilson, Dorothy, Joey, David, Eric and Joy

In our Diocese: Christ Church in Clarksburg and The Rev. Nora Becker

In our companion Diocese in Columbia: The Rev. Sergio Alvarez and Parroquia San Lucas

**For those serving in the armed forces especially:** Nate Willard, Ben Sulwer, and Andrew Khalil.

**For first responders, especially:** Sam Tuttle and Lee Price

### SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Susan Q. Claytor
Lector	Jane Morton
Music	Donna Burnside
Choir Director	Robert Burnside
Soloist	Jason Hogie
Altar Guild	Peggy Cantley, Bessie Lively, Doug Willis, Chris McClain
Eucharistic Minister	Doug Willis

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

*The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" 36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. 37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." 41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." 42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43 And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*The service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer*

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.  
8 "O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."  
9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2**

*In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.*

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord...**thanks be to God**

Prelude: Darwall's 148th: Rejoice the Lord is King arranged by Healey Willan

**Processional:** *Songs of thankfulness and praise* Hymnal # 135

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

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### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you...  
**and also with you**  
Let us pray...

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

*The lectionary readings in full is found in the back of the bulletin*

The First Reading: Exodus 34.29-35

The Response: Psalm 99

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

The Gospel: Luke 9.28-36

**Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Susan Claytor

## **The Nicene Creed**

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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, Form II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishops Michael and Mike, and bishop-elect Matthew; for this gathering; and for  
all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all  
people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

## **First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35**

*Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.*

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord....**thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 99**

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

**As now as our Savior has taught us, we now pray:  
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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **The Fraction and the invitation to Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*After communion:*

**Spiritual Communion Prayer:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer** *(unison)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Final Blessing

**Recessional:** *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

*Hymnal # 460*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

Postlude: *In peace and joy I go my way*

*harmonized by J. S. Bach*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_.

I offer thanksgivings for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence – please add your prayers, silently or aloud*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored

[especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 neighbors 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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

#### **The Offertory**

*instrumental by Donna Burnside*

# The Holy Communion

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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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 people stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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.