



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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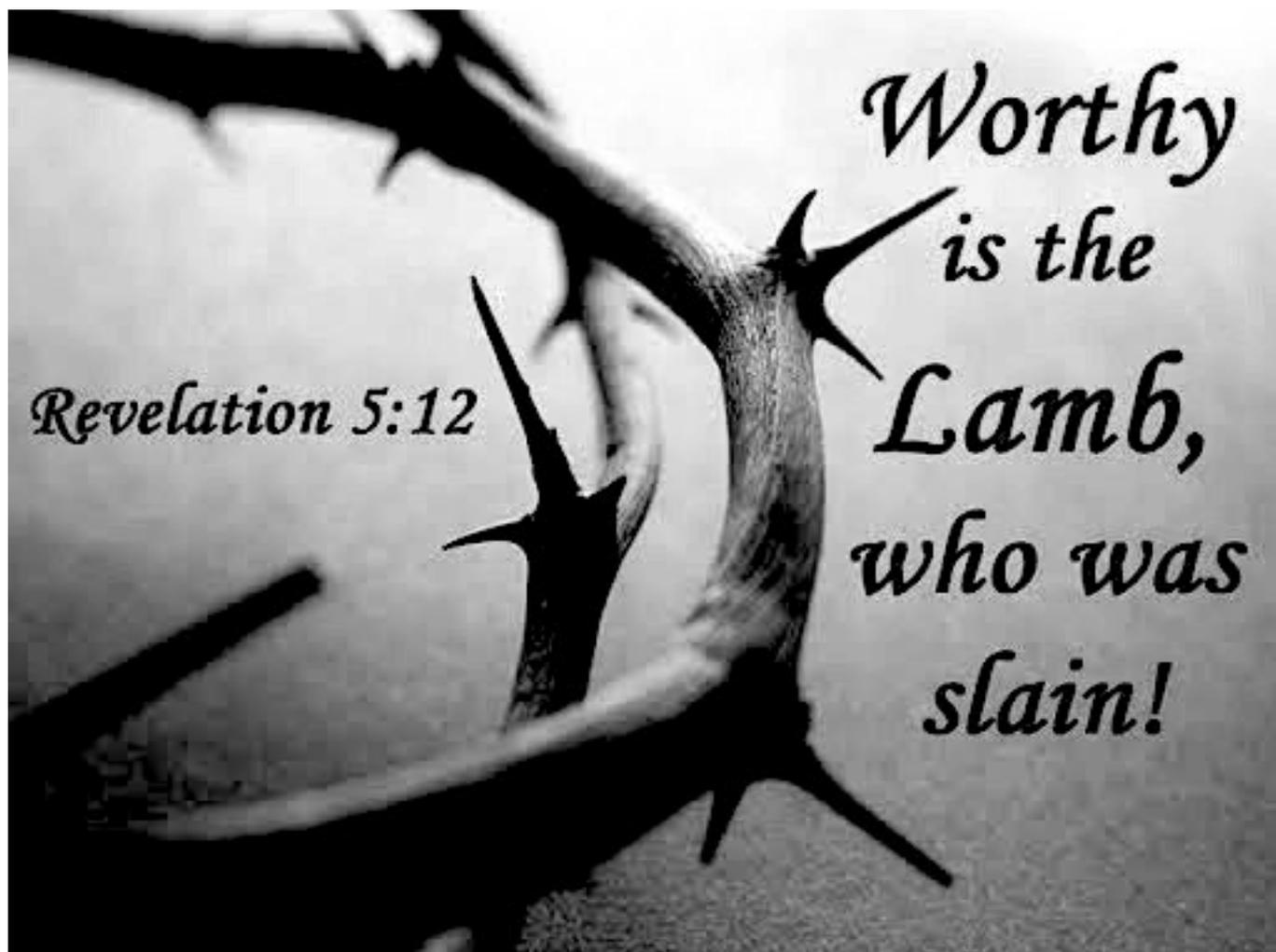
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MORNING WORSHIP

Easter 3

Led by Rev. Ken Day



Revelation 5:12

*Worthy
is the
Lamb,
who was
slain!*

SOME HELPFUL NOTES FOR YOU ABOUT THE WAY THIS WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWS:

- **CHILDREN** are welcome here. If you have a pram, there are aisles beside the walls where you can 'park' your pram, if that helps. Also, there is more pram space at the back of the church where there is a wider gap. Children do not disturb us, and we are very happy for you to explain to your children what is happening during the service.
- We stand to sing. In the Order of Service it will say other places **WHERE WE STAND UP**, if you are able.
- **HYMNS** are numbered and found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*, or printed in the Order of Service.
- If the **LORD'S SUPPER** (communion) is being celebrated, (there will be a white cloth on the communion table) everyone of every age and background is welcome to share in the supper with us. We serve bread (and gluten free bread is available if you indicate to the server) and grape juice.
- **TEXT IN BOLD** is to be said by the congregation.
- It is the tradition at St Stephen's to refrain from talking during the **PRELUDE** and **POSTLUDE** as these form part of our worship.
- After the service has concluded, you are most welcome to join us downstairs in the hall for **MORNING TEA**. Please use the stairs at each end of the vestibule.
- **TOILETS** are located downstairs below the vestibule. A baby changing table is located in the women's toilet area.
- For those with **IMPAIRED HEARING** a hearing loop is available in the church. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

'My Jesus, I love Thee' [John 21:15] - Dale Wood (1934 - 2003)

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn 228

*Crown him with many crowns
(Diademata)*

If able, let us remain standing

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Prayers of Confession

Let us pray together:

God of all mercy,

give us grace today to make a fresh start.

**We know we have not loved you with our whole heart,
nor have we loved our neighbour as ourselves.**

As we pray to be forgiven,

teach us how to forgive;

**and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges
nor resentment have a part;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:
'Our sins are forgiven'.

Thanks be to God

Hymn 773 *Gloria / Glory to God* (Glory to God)

Please be seated

Welcome

Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer.

Passing of the Peace

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

The Service of the Word

Hymn 273 *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* (Helmsley)

Collect for Easter 3

Listen for the word of God to you:

A first reading from Revelation 5:11-14

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, **12** singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!” **13** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!” **14** And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Unannounced, please stand to sing:

Sanctus

P. Matthias

With power



Organ

All: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord.



God of pow'r and might. — *Choir:* [Ho - ly, ho - ly,



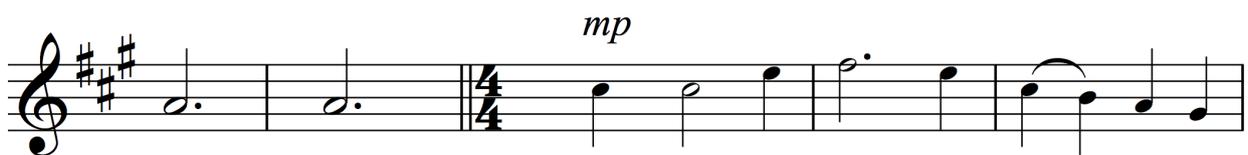
ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. —]



All: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-



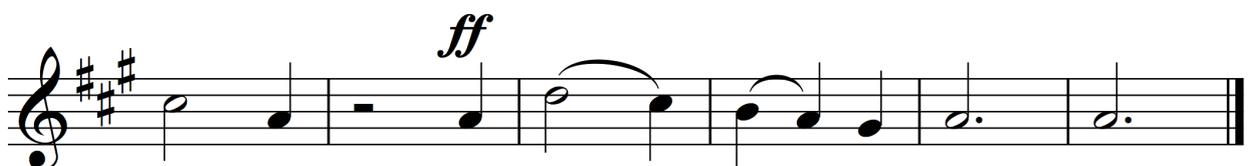
san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in__ the



high - est. *Choir:* [Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. —] **All:** Ho - san - na. Ho-



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A second reading from John 21:1-19

1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. **2** Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." **6** He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. **9** When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." **16** A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love

you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” **17** He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. **18** Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” **19** (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

If ye love me

Words: John 14: 15-17

Music: Thomas Tallis (c 1505 - 1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever, ev’n the Spirit of truth.

Sermon

Hymn 381 *This joyful Eastertide* (Vruechten)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 Sending Forth of the People of God

*The **Offering** will be received during the following hymn:*

Hymn 242 *I danced in the morning* (Lord of the dance)

Blessing

... and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Sung Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

First movement from Concerto No. 1 in G major

Charles Avison (1709 - 1770)

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)