



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Pentecost 16

Led by Rev. Ross Smith

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr Warren Lee

Emeritus Professor of Asian American Ministry,
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IN
Everything
GIVE
Thanks

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

'Andante' from Mendelssohn Sonata No. 6 in D, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 626 *Lord of Creation* (Slane)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

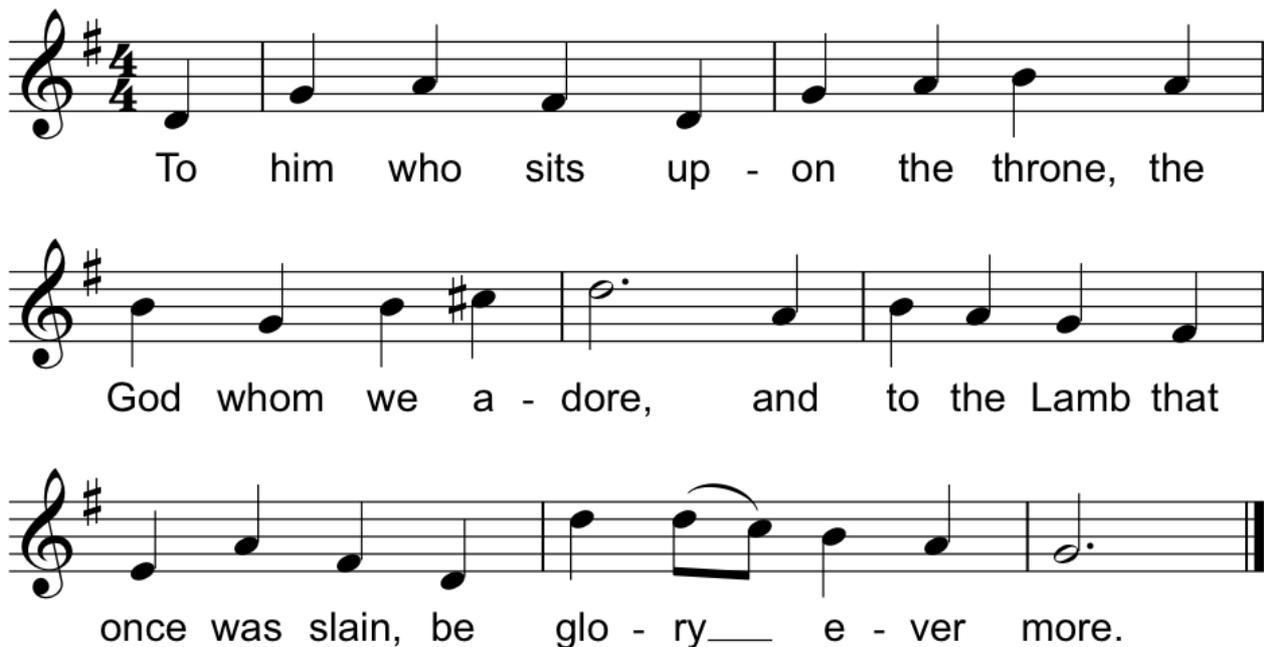
Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology 770

*To him who sits upon the throne
(St Magnus)*



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "To him who sits up - on the throne, the God whom we a - dore, and to the Lamb that once was slain, be glo - ry e - ver more." The word "glory" is followed by a long horizontal line, indicating a sustained note.

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God whom we a - dore, and to the Lamb that
once was slain, be glo - ry e - ver more.

Passing of the Peace

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

Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

A light to our path.

First Reading

Proverbs 1: 20-33

20 Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. **21** At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: **22** "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? **23** Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. **24** Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, **25** and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, **26** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, **27** when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. **28** Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. **29** Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, **30** would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, **31** therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. **32** For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; **33** but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Hymn 8

God's law is perfect

(T. 56 St Fulbert)

[based on Psalm 19]

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

12 But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; **13** esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. **14** And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. **15** See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. **16** Rejoice always, **17** pray without ceasing, **18** give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **19** Do not quench the Spirit. **20** Do not despise the words of prophets, **21** but test everything; hold fast to what is good; **22** abstain from every form of evil.

Anthem

The Heavens are Telling

From "The Creation"

Text: Psalm 19:1 - 4

Music: Joseph Haydn (1752 - 1809)

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
The wonder of His work,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks it the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
The wonder of His work,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, Ever understood.
The heavens are telling the glory of God;
The wonder of His work,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8: 27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" **28** And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." **29** He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." **30** And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. **31** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. **32** He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. **33** But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." **34** He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **35** For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. **36** For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? **37** Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? **38** Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

May your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 562 *I'm not ashamed to own my Lord*
(Jackson)

Sermon *Giving Thanks in All Things*

Hymn 106 *Now thank we all our God*
(Nun danket)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

We stand to sing...

The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, _____ which art in heav - en _____

pp

Hal-low-ed be _____ thy name _____ Thy king-dom come.

p

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en _____

mp *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

pp *p*

tres-pass - es As we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de-

mp

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, _____ and the

mf *f*

pow - er, _____ and the glo - ry, _____ for ev - er.

ff

A - men.

f *mf* *p* *pp*

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 446

Glorious things of you are spoken
(Abbot's Leigh)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

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

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Crown Imperial (as played at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II)

William Walton (1902 -1983)