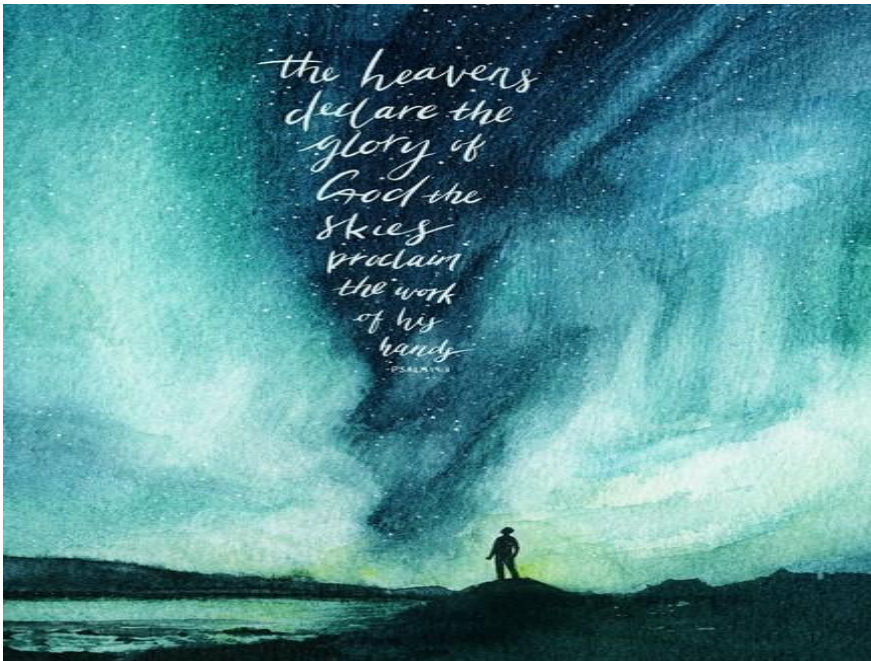


The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen  
Sunday, January 26, 2025 Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Welcome The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan



**Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen**

- To seek and serve Christ through service to others.
- To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.
- To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.
- To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.
- To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

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**We will hold Sunday services in person and through Zoom.** Service recorded by Zoom are posted to YouTube by Tuesday of each week.  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf3IULzaURGSSOHEeRI7s8A/featured>

### **To Connect to services/events via Zoom**

#### **Join Sunday morning. Service begins at 9:30am and you can join by 9:00am.**

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85722557280>

Meeting ID: 857 2255 7280 PW: joseph87 or

Call In: +1 929 205 6099

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#### **Wednesday Morning Devotions and coffee/tea, 9am**

Join in for short devotions and conversation.

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## **Organ Prelude**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Processional Hymn**

*“Spread, O spread, thou mighty word”*

Hymnal 530

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit.

**People:** *There is one hope in God’s call to us.*

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

**People:** *One God and Father of all.*

*“The people who in darkness walked”*

Hymnal 126, v 1-3

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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**People:** *Amen*

### **The Lessons**

**Lector:** A Reading from

Nehemiah 8:1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 - 10

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The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

### **Psalm 19**

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Lector: A Reading from

1 Corinthians 12:12 – 31a

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The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

***Musical Selection sung by Tatum Davis***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 4:14 – 21**

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

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

**Presentation and Examination  
of the Candidate**

**Bishop:** The candidate will now be presented.

**Presenter:** I present Raymond Terrance Stanton to be received into this communion.

**Bishop:** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Bishop:** Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate:** I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*(After the presentation, the Bishop addresses the congregation)*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

***People: We will.***

**Bishop:** Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**Bishop:** Do you believe in God the Father?

***People: I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

**Bishop:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.***

**Bishop:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

**Bishop:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

***People: I will, with God's help.***

**Bishop:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People: I will, with God's help.***

**Bishop:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People: I will, with God's help.***

**Bishop:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People: I will, with God's help.***

**Bishop:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People: I will, with God's help.***

## Prayers for the Candidate

**Bishop** to the congregation:

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

*An appointed person leads the petitions:*

**Leader:** Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Leader:** Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** *Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Bishop:** Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service

you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

### **The Bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says:**

Raymond Terrance Stanton, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

### **The Bishop concludes:**

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Peace**

**Bishop:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And also with you.*

**The Offertory Sentence** BCP 376

### **Offertory Hymn**

*“O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”*  
Hymnal 539

**The Doxology** Hymnal 380, v. 3

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

S130

*The people stand or kneel.*

### **Consecration**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the

night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People: Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **People and Celebrant:**

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*Alleluia.*

## **Lamb of God S164**

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**Celebrant and People:** *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The bread and cup are given with these words:*

Celebrant: The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:** *Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Blessing**

### **Recessional Hymn**

*"How wondrous and great thy works..."*

Hymnal 533

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

## S 164

## The Holy Eucharist

## Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The bass staff provides a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the vocal line with lyrics: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the vocal line with lyrics: "give us your peace, give us your peace." The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1957)

## **Announcements**

### **Today we welcome Bishop Scanlan.**

Terry Stanton will be received into membership.

**Today all loose offerings in the offering plate will go to the Bishop's Discretionary fund to help a variety of projects across the diocese.**

**Today we take an additional offering for our Building Fund.** The money donated helps us pay for repairs.

**Today we take a Special Offering for the Kermit Lloyd Theological Education Fund.**

**Please include the following in your daily prayers.** Wendy, Sue, Bob, Sue, Phil, Jim, Marie, Alice, Darwin, Charlene, Linda, Patti, Lynne, Emily, Bill, Lorraine, Donna, Barb, Vivian, Jay, Barbara, Dick, Wendy, Pat, Kate and Gary.

### **Upcoming Convo and Devotions**

Friday, January 31, 12p, Mastracchio's, Newport

**Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 6pm, via Zoom.**

### **Service Participants**

Greeter: Gail Shull

Lector: Connie Yocum

Prayers: Jan Yocum

Acolyte & Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Amsler

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Altar Guild: Susan Rice and Shannon Burns

Coffee Hour: Luncheon

Counters: Jill Hoover and Sue Beamer

### **Vestry**

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer

## **Collections for Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank**

January items are: Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Parmesan Cheese, Shampoo, Body Soap and Hand Soap.

February items are: Soup, Ramen Noodles, Chef Boyardee, Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes.

### **Celebrating the Feast of Absalom Jones with Dr. Catherine Meeks, Friday, February 14 and Saturday, February 15.**

Welcome Reception with Dr. Meeks and Afro-Centric Evensong, Friday, February 14,

Reception at 4pm, Evensong at 6pm,

St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg.

The Love Awards and Luncheon, Saturday,

February 15, 10am, St. Paul's, Harrisburg.

The weekend continues with the Absalom Jones Contest and Dr. George H. Love Youth Awards Ceremony. This will be followed by a luncheon with Dr. Meeks at St. Paul's.

