



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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### Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

*"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20*

### Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

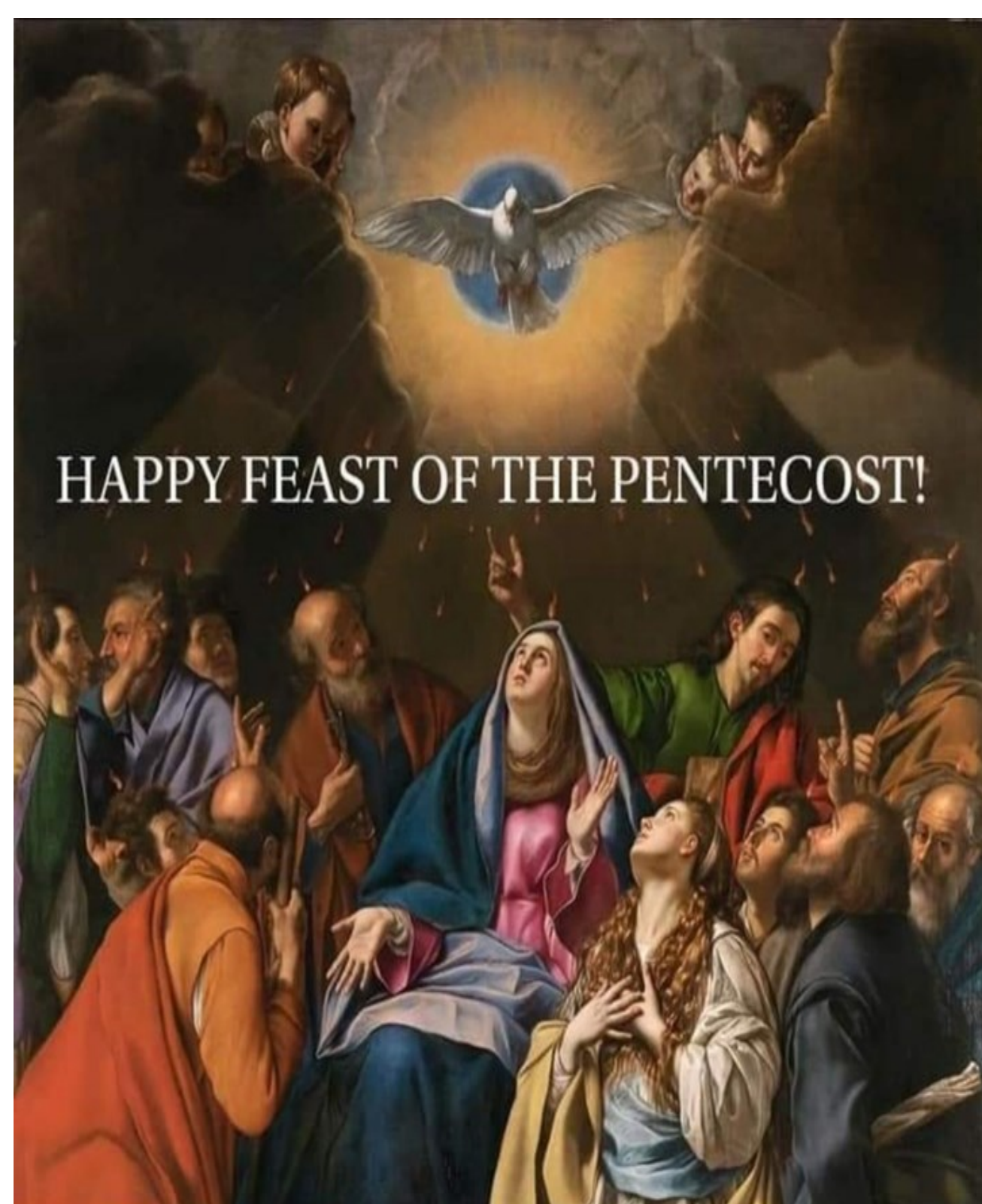
We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

### To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



# HAPPY FEAST OF THE PENTECOST!

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Your majesty  
To be still and know  
That You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In Your holiness  
word of God speak*

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am-12:30pm

for info contact : *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

10am every Wednesday. Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

**HEALING SERVICES**

Thursdays at 10:00 am



**OSL WILL BE MEETING**

On Thursday June 8th, after the Healing Service

**THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Monday, June 12th @10 AM

**VESTRY MEETING**

Monday, June 26 @ 10am

**PLEDGE CARDS**

If you filled in a pledge card, your envelopes are in the Narthex on the shelf, right side before you enter the church. If you need envelopes, see our treasurer, Gerrie Vergona.

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at [www.ststephenswhitingnj.org](http://www.ststephenswhitingnj.org)



## Memorial Garden For Pets (Remains Only)

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest.  
Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm for and more  
(732) 350-2121

## BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 1-3PM. Come enjoy delicious shortbread and blueberries (or peaches, or strawberries), served with iced tea. Door prizes, treasure auction, 50/50 and a bake sale will be available besides such a delicious item, Tickets are \$10 per person. Come and see (and listen!) See Stefanie Bodine, Chair, for more details.

## SAFE DRIVING CLASS FOR SENIORS

**This class will be held at St. Stephen's on Tuesday, June 6th from 9AM-1PM.**

**Cost is \$20, if you are a member of AARP,  
and \$25 if you are not a member of AARP.**

**Money is due on the day of class.**

**Bring a snack if you need to.**

**Sign up by calling Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.**

**This class is open to anyone, and after you take the class, you will be eligible to receive a discount from your auto insurance.**



## *Collect of the Day*

☪ God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever...Amen.

## *First Reading*

*Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

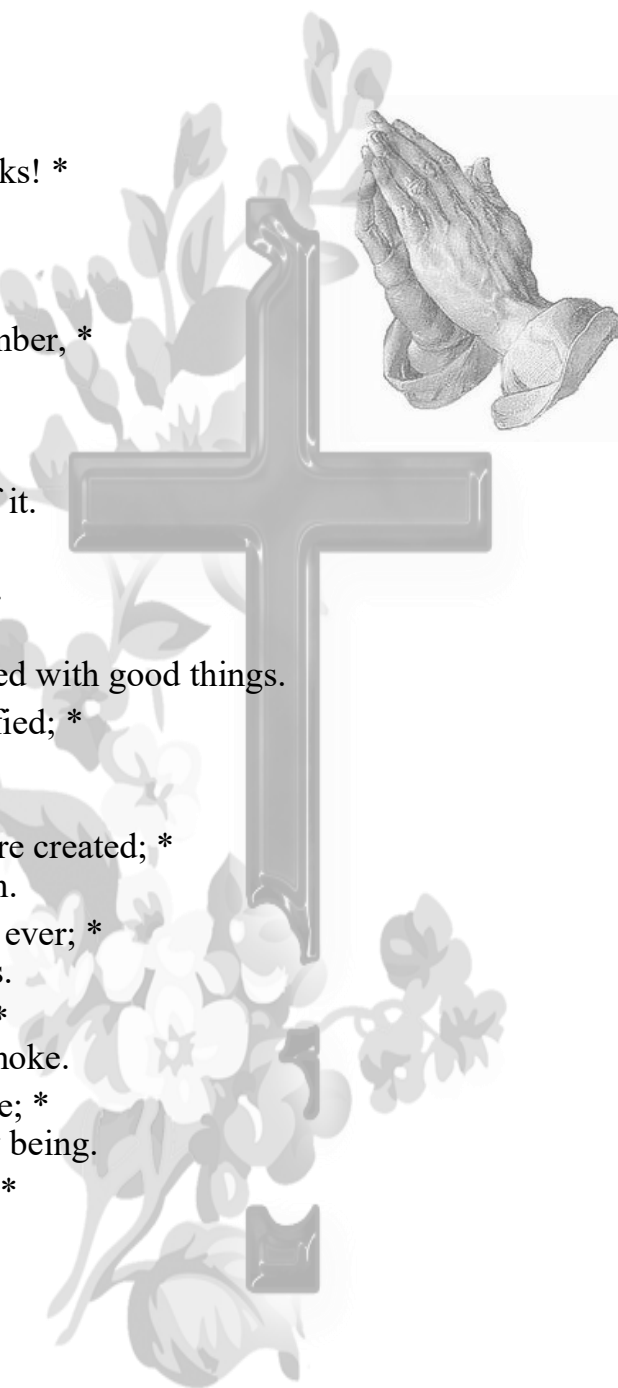

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day. And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

# Psalm 104

*Benedic, anima mea*

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25.  LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
  26. Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.
  27. There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.
  28. All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.
  29. You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
  30. You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.
  31. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.
  32. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
  33. He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
  34. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.
  35. May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.
  37. Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!



**CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE** ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting **Summer** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear,* and other items. Our winter clothes are now on clearance sale. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

**ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN** ~ is in need of additional members. The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732-350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.


**CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS** ~ Caregivers volunteers, is a faith base organization that offer assistance to the elderly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213

## **COFFEE HOUR**



A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2023 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

## **Dollar Auction**



The dollar auction has been changed to June 24th 2023, doors open at eleven. We are accepting items that need to be new, not used. We are also looking for volunteers to help give out refreshments, runners to collect dollars and a banker to make change.

Any questions please see me at church.

*Tom Larson*



## Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month- June 8th, after the Healing Service.

### Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

**Celebrant:** N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

**People:** May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

**Celebrant:** Continues with a closing prayer.

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
Aristicare	1st Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm



## TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Our next meeting is in **June, time and date to come**. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and Bill Bodine will assist you.

## Public Relations meetings

Will resume in September!

## Daughters of the British Empire



The (DBE) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit American society of women of British or Commonwealth of Nations birth, heritage or ancestry. We share and promote our heritage while supporting local charities and our senior living facilities across the United States.

To learn more about our local chapter, here in Ocean County, please email *Joan Saunders* – [njstateorganizer@gmail.com](mailto:njstateorganizer@gmail.com)

## *Second Reading*

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*

**N**o one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

## *Holy Gospel*

*John 7:37-39*

**O**n the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

## Chorus

Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power  
And His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence  
Of the Lord is in this place

## Verse 1

In the midst of His children  
The Lord said He would be  
It doesn't take very many  
It can be just two or three  
And I feel that same sweet Spirit  
That I've felt oft times before  
Oh surely I can say  
I have been with the Lord

## Verse 2

There's a holy hush around us  
As God's glory fills this place  
I've touched the hem of His garment  
And I can almost see His face  
And my heart is overflowing  
With the fullness of His joy  
I know without a doubt  
That I have been with the Lord

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# Serving in the Liturgy today:

May 28, 2023

Lector 8:00 am	Susan Quigley
LEM 8:00 am	Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:00 am	Bob Virtue, Susan Clarke, Gerrie Vergona
Altar Guild 10:00am	Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

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## Sanctuary Candle

**The Sanctuary Candle is given to  
The Glory of God**

**In Memory of  
William Bodine by  
Bill & Stefanie Bodine**

**In Memory of  
Pat Larson  
by Carl Larson**

## Altar Flowers

**Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God**

**In Memory of  
Pat Larson on her Birthday  
by Richard and JoAnn Smithson**





*Welcome to St. Stephen's*

**W**elcome on this fiftieth day of Easter. (The word *Pentecost* means “fifty days.”) Today we conclude the seven weeks of celebrating our redemption, shown forth in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and in his sending the Spirit of God to us. It is the presence of the Spirit in the Church that makes God’s action in the dying, rising, and glorification of Jesus of more than historical interest. It is the continued presence of the Holy Spirit that incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of his Body.

This celebration of the Holy Spirit is, therefore, one of the four times in the year when Holy Baptism is particularly significant in the liturgy. It is in Baptism that we receive the Spirit and are made partakers in the resurrection life.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the account of the first Pentecost when the Apostles received the Spirit and proclaimed the Gospel in many tongues. The second reading from Romans tells us that the entire universe is look toward its redemption. That redemption is waiting for us and our redemption is the work of the Spirit of God dwelling in us.

Paul tells the Roman church and us that the Holy Spirit is the one who is working in us when we pray. Moreover, the Spirit of God is leading us with the entire creation into redemption and resurrection.

As an essential part of the liturgy, we will renew our own Baptismal Covenant [and rejoice in the baptism of new members of Christ]. We, in Baptism, are made new members of the company of the apostles and we are sent forth in the power of the Spirit to proclaim the risen Christ to people of every race and tongue and nation.

## Come Holy Spirit

### *Verse 1*

Come as a wisdom to children  
Come as new sight to the blind  
Come Lord as strength to my weakness  
Take me soul body and mind

### *Chorus*

Come Holy Spirit I need Thee  
Come sweet Spirit I pray  
Come in Thy strength and Thy power  
Come in Thy own gentle way

### *Verse 2*

Come as a rest to the weary  
Come as a balm for the sore  
Come as a dew to my dryness  
Fill me with joy evermore

### *Verse 3*

Come like a spring in the desert  
Come to the withered of soul  
O let Thy sweet healing power  
Touch me and make me whole

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# SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

## *VERSE 1*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart  
Draw it from earth through all its pulses move  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love

## *VERSE 2*

I ask no dream no prophet ecstasies  
No sudden rending of the veil of clay  
No angel visitant, no opening skies  
But take the dimness of my soul away

## *VERSE 3*

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayers.

## *VERSE 4*

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love  
One holy passion filling all my frame  
The kindling of the heaven descended dove  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Words: George Croly  
Music: Frederick C. Atkinson  
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# Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)

## *Verse 1*

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

## *Verse 2*

Holy holy holy  
All the saints adore Thee  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Falling down before Thee  
Which wert and art  
And evermore shalt be

## *Verse 3*

Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power  
In love and purity

## *Verse 4*

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

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