

May 19 & 20 2018 .....Rev. Julie Williams Presiding  
Sat 5 pm & Sun 7:30am

## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*



ST. STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# PENTECOST SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

## Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

*People*        **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*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.*

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*     *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the*

*earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

*A reading from Ezekiel (37:1-14).*

**T**he hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104:25-35,37

- 25 O 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!**

## Second Reading

*A reading from The Acts of the Apostles (2:1-21).*

**W**hen the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, 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 Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will 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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Lector:           *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People:           **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

# Gospel

John 15:26-27;16:4b-15

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

**J**esus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## Sermon

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Celebrant:** *Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this holy feast of Pentecost, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and*

*promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.*

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**Celebrant**      *Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?*

**People**        **I do.**

**Celebrant**      *Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

**Celebrant**      *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.**

**Celebrant**      *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.**

**Celebrant**      *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.**

**Celebrant**      *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.**

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

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

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

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

**Celebrant** *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.**

**Celebrant** *May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

Leader: *The Holy Spirit aids us in all our weakness and teaches us to pray. In the power of the Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world, saying Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us.*

O God the Holy Spirit, come and revive your church, beginning with this parish that we may cherish your gifts and extend your love to everyone with whom we meet. We pray in the Anglican Communion for all those involved in mission, and for Province 6 of the Episcopal Church in North America (Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Wyoming). In this Diocese, we pray for St. Mark's in Mesa. and our companion diocese: The Episcopal Church of Navajo-land. We pray also for all the ministries of our own St. Stephen's Church. Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, come into our lives to refresh and inspire us. Come as light and joy to enable and encourage us in all that we do. Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us**

O Holy Spirit, guide and inspire our leaders with wisdom and discernment. Awaken in all of us the desire to work for the blessed gifts of Peace, Unity and Reconciliation. We ask that you work in us to renew and reshape the face of the earth according to your will. Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us**

Holy Spirit, fill our homes and lives with the warmth of your love, inspiring us to do new and creative things in our lives. Guide us in our relationships and draw us together in your fellowship of love and joy. Spirit of the Living God...

**Fall afresh on us**



O God the Holy Spirit, we ask for your protection for our Armed Forces and Law Enforcement. We pray also for your loving hands on the Firefighters and all emergency responders throughout the country. Spirit of the Living God...

**Fall afresh on us**

O Holy Spirit, we bring before you all who hunger, thirst, are weary, discouraged, seeking shelter and living in mental darkness. Be with those who are ill, or with special needs, anointing them with the grace of your Love. Please offer the names you wish to pray for either aloud or silently.

Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us**

Spirit of God, whose breath restores the dry bones of our lives. You give us hope even when our life here on earth ends. Please lift up the names of those who have died and for all who grieve either aloud or silently. Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us**

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of the earth given to them by our one and only Creator God. We commit ourselves to work actively alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person. Spirit of the Living God... **Fall afresh on us**

Leader: *Let us pray together:*

**Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to work and not to seek to rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Holy God, make us holy. Revealing God, make us see. Sending God, make us move. Loving God, make us love.**

Celebrant: *God our Creator, the people of the earth have many languages, but the Gospel proclaims your Love to all. Make us all messengers of the Good News so that, through the Power of your Spirit, the entire world may unite in one song of Praise; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.*

## The Peace

Celebrant *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Celebrant says*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8*

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

*It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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:*

Sanctus

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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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

*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 continues*

*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.*

*Celebrant and people*

**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**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant : As our Savior Christ 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 Breaking of the Bread

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

*The Celebrant invites the people to Communion*

*The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant and People*

**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 honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*The Celebrant says*

*May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you, this day and always. Amen.*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia*

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)*