

June 23 & 24, 2018 .....Rev. Julie Williams Presiding  
Sat 5pm & 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.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST



ST. STEPHEN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and ever living God.*

*People*           **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*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.*

*O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.       **Amen.***

# The Word of God

## First Reading

*A reading from The First Book of Samuel (17:1a,4-11, 32-49)*

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armored with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.' And the Philistine said, 'Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together.' When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand,

and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, ‘Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?’ And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, ‘Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.’ But David said to the Philistine, ‘You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord’s and he will give you into our hand.’

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Lector: *Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 9

- 9 The Lord will be a refuge for the **oppressed**,\*  
a refuge in time of trouble.
- 10 Those who know your Name will put their trust **in you**,\*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O **Lord**.
- 11 Sing praise to the Lord who dwells in **Zion**;\*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has **done**.
- 12 The Avenger of blood will **remember them**;\*  
he will not forget the cry of the **afflicted**.
- 13 Have pity on me, O **Lord**;\*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of **death**;
- 14 So that I may tell of all your praises

and rejoice in your salvation\*

in the gates of the city of Zion.

15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug,\*

and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.

16 The Lord is known by his acts of justice;

the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.

17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave,

and also all the peoples that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,

and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.

19 Rise up, O Lord, let not the ungodly have the upper hand;

let them be judged before you.

20 Put fear upon them, O Lord;

let the ungodly know they are but mortal.

## Second Reading

*A reading from The Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6:1-13).*

**A**s we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

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

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

## Gospel

### Mark 4:35-41

**O**n that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## Sermon

*All say together*

### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For

us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Leader: *As we find ourselves in a storm-tossed world, let us gather our needs and concerns to call upon our God, saying: O God, hear our prayer.*

As the raging storm compelled the apostles to wake your Son, help us, O God, to weather the squalls that wake us to your presence. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

As your Son bound the fury of the sea with his word, teach us to bind our science and technology with awareness of human dignity. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

As Christ Jesus calmed the storm for the disciples' journey, calm whatever storms our travelers encounter and bring them safely home. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

As Jesus once stilled the waves which buffeted the boat, quiet the rifts in our lives and in the lives of all for whom we pray (pause for names). We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

As young parents marvel at the birth of their child, grant us ever to marvel at our new life in Christ. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

As children delight in the world through the encouragement of their parents, help us to encourage one another to give thanks and praise to you for the wonders of creation. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, especially those we name now (pause for names), we

pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Church of Nigeria, we pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for Christ Church of the Resurrection in Parker, we pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

For our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the well-being of their families and loved ones left behind, we pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

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. We pray: **O God, hear our prayer.**

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: Caring God, we thank you for being with us through the fury and the calm of our life's voyage, revealing your care to us and drawing us to new life. May we live, as we pray, in the protection of Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*All say together*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen**



## Absolution

Celebrant

*Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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.*

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

# 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

*Then the Celebrant continues*  
*God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.***

*At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.***

*From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us*

*with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

*Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.*

***By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.***

*And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:*

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**

*Celebrant*

*And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”*

*Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,*

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

*Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.*

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

*Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. 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.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

# Blessing

The Celebrant says

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.*

# Dismissal

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

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



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