

July 14 & 15, 2018Rev. 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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



*Elizabeth Cady Stanton and
her daughter, Harriet.
from a daguerrotype 1856.*



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

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All say together

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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading of a quote from Harriet Tubman

The Lord who told me to take care of my people meant me to do it just as long as I live, and so I did what he told me. I was the conductor of the Underground Railroad for eight years, and I can say what most conductors can't say; I never ran my train off the track and I never lost a passenger. I would have been able to free a thousand more slaves if I could only have convinced them that they were slaves. - Harriet Tubman

Lector: *Hear the Holy Spirit in God's people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-3, 21-24

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to **shame**;*
deliver me in your **righteousness**.
- 2 Incline your ear **to me**;*
make haste to **deliver me**.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my **stronghold**;*
for the sake of your Name, lead me and **guide me**.
- 21 Blessed be the **Lord**!*
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a
besieged **city**.
- 22 Yet I said in my alarm,
“I have been cut off from the sight of your **eyes**.”*
Nevertheless, you have heard the sound of my entreaty
when I cried out **to you**.
- 23 Love the Lord, all you who **worship him**;*
the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full those who act **haughtily**.

24 Be strong and let your heart take courage,*
all you who wait for the Lord.

Second Reading

Quotes from Amelia Bloomer, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth.

Ah, how steadily do they who are guilty shrink from reproof! (Amelia Bloomer)

The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls. (Elizabeth Cady Stanton)

I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me. I feel safe in the midst of my enemies, for the truth is all powerful and will prevail. I am the seed of the free, and I know it. I intend to bear great fruit. (Sojourner Truth)

Lector: *Hear the Holy Spirit in 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 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and

for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.” For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her.

For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*
People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The people stand as they are able. 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 one people called by God, let us pray, saying: Hear us, good Lord.*

You have called us and joined us into one body, the church, to hear the cries of the world and to read the signs of our time, to speak where silence needs breaking, to comfort when terror threatens, to support where courage falters, to risk when fear controls. That you may work in us the prophet's vision and power, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

The world waits in need of your love, O God. When peace seems within grasp, it somehow slips away. When equality beckons, fear pushes it down. When a light shines suddenly, the darkness creeps in without our noticing. When one person speaks the truth, others still fear to whisper. That you will help us in our need, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Help us to understand the complexity of life. Help us to learn from the forces we seek to overcome. Help us to trust you. That you will bring righteous fruit from our waiting, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

Eternal God, you sent us on a journey, as you have sent others before us, to anoint, to heal, to comfort, to cast out demons. For each person in need this day (say names aloud or silently), we pray for the gentle touch of another's caring hand. Lavish the riches of your grace upon them, as you have promised. To you, O Healer, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those who have died, especially those we name now (say names aloud or silently), we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Church of Papua New Guinea, we pray:
Hear us, good Lord.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for Church of San Pablo in Phoenix, we pray:
Hear us, good Lord.

For the General Convention in Austin, Texas, that it brings progress and unity to the Episcopal Church, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

For our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones left behind, we pray: **Hear us, good Lord.**

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: **Hear us, good Lord.**

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: *Creator of the world, sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus 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.

Please come forward, anyone wishing a prayer for

Birthdays, Anniversary and/or Healing

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High Psalm 50:14

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.**

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!*)**



