

September 22 & 23, 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.*

THE EIGHTEENTH  
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

*BCP pg. 356*

*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.*

*Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Wisdom of Solomon (1:16; 2:1,12-22).*

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
“Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its  
end, and no one has been known to return from Hades  
“Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and op-  
poses our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our train-  
ing.  
He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of  
others, and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his  
life;  
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him, and will deliver him  
from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will  
be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded  
them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages  
of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Deus, in nomine*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## Second Reading

*A reading from The Letter of James (3:13-4:3, 7-8a).*

**W**ho is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

**T**hose conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something

and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

**S**ubmit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Gospel

### Mark 9: 30-37

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

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

**J**esus and the disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

*The leader and people pray responsively*

*Leader: Christ calls us to a life of peace and humility. Let us pray for strength to live this baptized life, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For all the baptized people of God, that, having been called by our Lord, we may gladly wait on those in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in authority in the nation and in the church, that they may learn humility, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all countries at war, that the peace of Christ may come among them, and for all who suffer the ravages of wartime, that they may find comfort and refuge, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who minister in this and every Godly community, that they may find strength for their tasks, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all children, that they may be fed and housed and may grow with self-confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in any need, the sick, the suffering, the oppressed; for those who serve others against their own will; and for all who have asked for our prayers, especially those we name now (pause for names), let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church of Tanzania, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Nativity in Scottsdale, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones left behind, let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

We commit ourselves to work actively alongside the first peoples of this land for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person. For this let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Together: *Loving God, we thank you for answering our prayers in sending the Reverend Allison Cornell to be among us as our rector. We ask that you empower her with your Holy Spirit, that her counsel might be blessed with wisdom and insight, and that all our work together may witness to the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. For this let us pray to the Lord, saying: **Lord, have mercy.***

Celebrant: *Receive us, O God, as you received the child in Capernaum, for we yearn for your mercy, through your Son, 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 ....*

***Birthday, 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*

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

*BCP pg. 362*

**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.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **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!)**

