October 7, 2018 ......Rev. Allison Cornell Presiding Sun 10:30am

# 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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST



# ST. STEPHEN'S



### **Entrance Rites**

The people stand as they are able.

### The Processional Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #494





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## **Opening Acclamation**

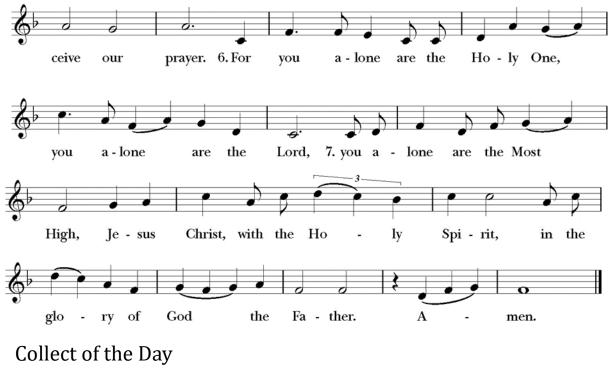
Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

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.





Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 Book of Genesis (2:18-24).

L hen the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man

to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

# Psalm 8

Domine, Dominus noster

1 O LORD our **Govemor**, \* how exalted is your Name in all the **world**!



- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and **children** \* your majesty is praised above the **heavens**.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your **adversaries**, \* to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your **fingers**, \* the moon and the stars you have set in their **courses**,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful **of him**? \* the son of man that you should seek him **out**?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the **angels**; \* you adorn him with glory and **honor**;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your **hands**; \* you put all things under his **feet**:
- 8 All sheep and **oxen**, \* even the wild beasts of the **field**,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O LORD our Governor, \*

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

# Second Reading

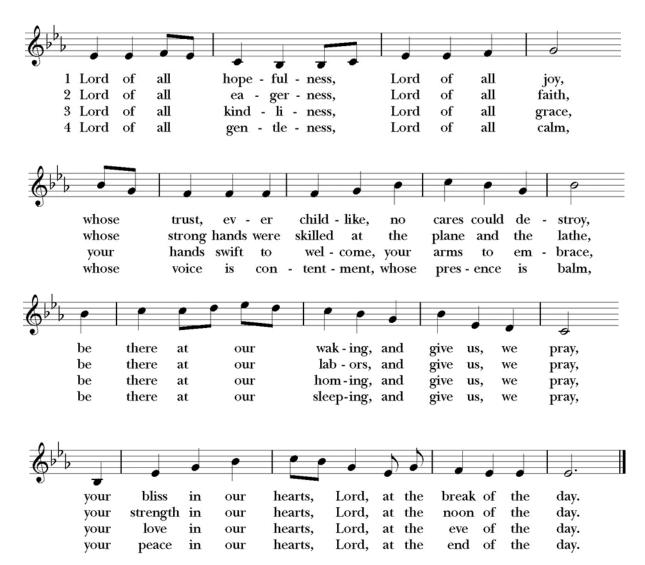
A reading from The First Letter of Hebrews (1:1-4;2:5-12).

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

The people stand as they are able.

### Sequence Hymn



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# Gospel

Presider: People: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.* **Glory to You Lord Christ.**  Mark (10:2-16)

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

# Sermon

# 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 Form III

Leader:

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

## That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.** 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

### That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

# Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones left behind. **Hear our prayer.** 

*In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church in America.* **Hear our prayer.** 

*In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for all of our Episcopal schools.* **Hear our prayer.** 

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of the earth.

### Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel as they are able.

All say together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

# Absolution

Presider

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

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

The Presider says

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

### Offertory Hymn

Choral Anthem "Le

"Lead Me, Lord"

Composer: A. Bullard

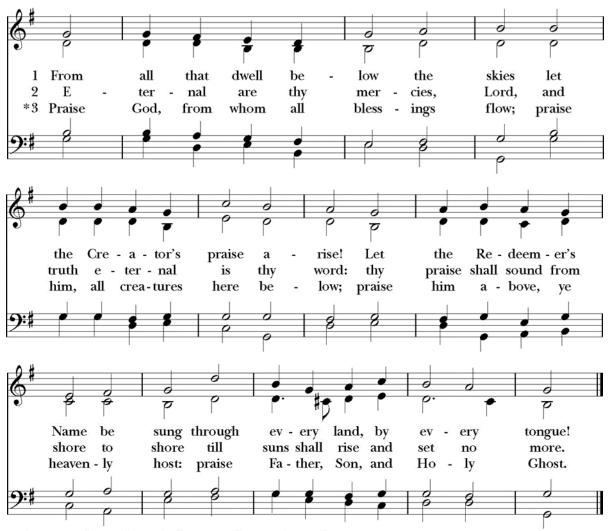
# Lead Me, Lord



### The Doxology

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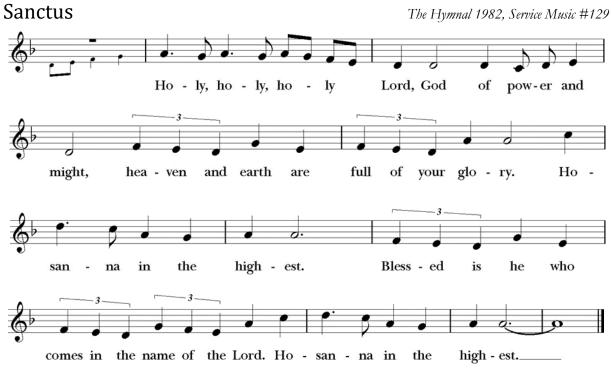
# The Holy Communion

# The Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:



Then the Presider 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,

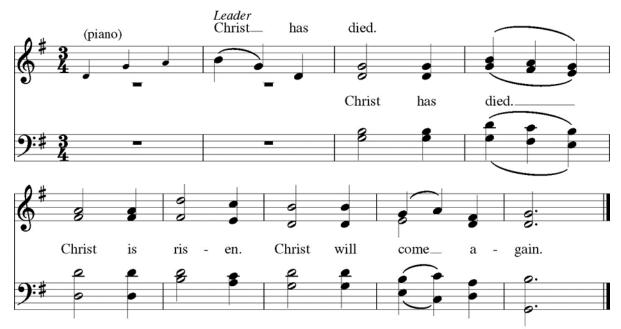
"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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:

Presider and People



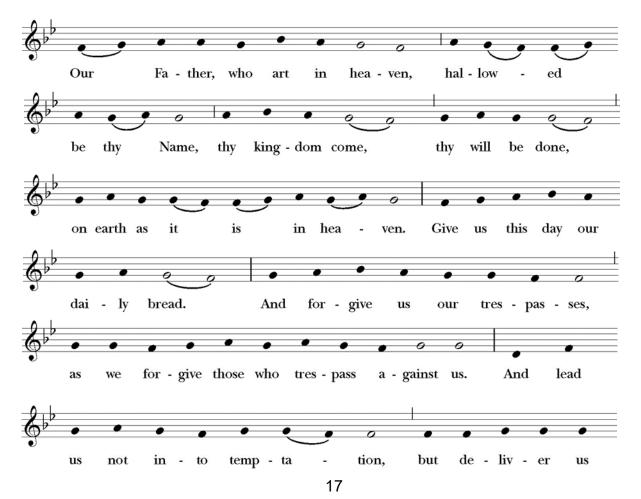
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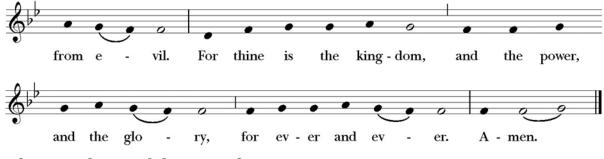
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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. 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

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,





# The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #154



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The Presider 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.

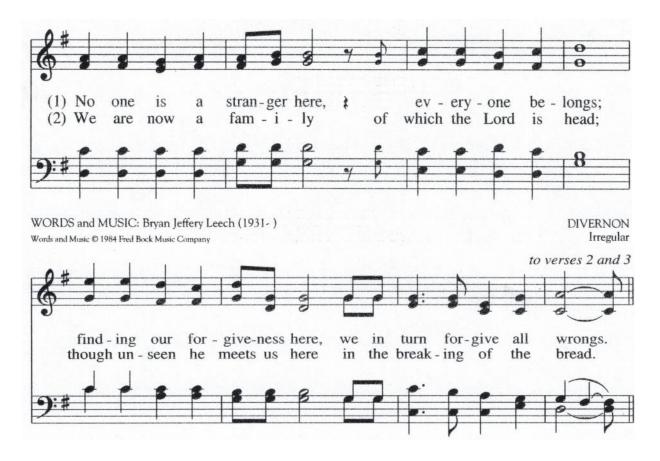
### **Communion Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #334

HOLY COMMUNION

# 696 Come, Share the Lord





Please come forward, anyone wishing a prayer for ....

# Birthday, Anniversary and/or Healing

The people stand as they are able.

### Post Communion Prayer

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Blessing

The Presider says

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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.** 

**Recessional Hymn** 

The Hymnal 1982 #691



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Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887) Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

### Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. AlleluiaPeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)



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