

season after
PENTECOST

Ninth Sunday
After Pentecost
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
1 & 2 August 2020



Welcome & Announcements

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

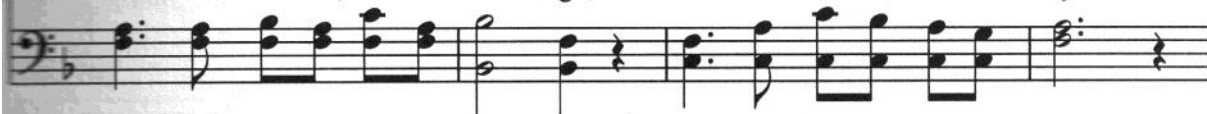
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1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - ledge to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in Prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be-cause we do not car-ry Ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. Je-sus knows our ev-'ry weak-ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866)
 Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider 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.**

**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.**

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Let us pray.*

**Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and,
because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it
always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated for the lessons. Lessons are found on the Lectionary insert)

The Lessons

First Lesson: A reading from the book of **Isaiah 55:1-5**

Thus says the Lord:

"Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Reader *The Word of the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God**

{Please recite in unison}

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Exaltabo te, Deus

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Second Lesson: A reading from the book of the **Romans 9:1-5**

The I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader *The Word of the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

HOMILY

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 II

(In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.)

Leader: *I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Jennifer; for this gathering; in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the bishops gathered in Canterbury, Kent for the Lambeth Conference; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministries, in Flagstaff and for our Native American neighbors, especially the Apache and Pascua Yaqui who call this part of Arizona their home. For all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.*

Silence

Leader: *I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.*

Silence

Leader: *I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.*

Silence

Leader: *I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.*

Silence

Leader: *I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.*

Silence

Leader: *Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. Amen.*

Presider: *Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

A Brief Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

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.*

Presider: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*
People: And also with you.

*(People exchange a 6 ft distanced peace, offering peace signs, namaste (prayer
hands with head bow), or virtual hug (arms crossed over chest)).*

Offertory

Presider *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and
sacrifice to God.*

Offertory Anthem

*(Plates/baskets will not be passed and will not be brought forward during the service. Please
drop your offering into the plate or basket without touching them on the way into or out of
the church)*

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:

All:

***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 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: *Celebrant and People*
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider 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: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

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 *(spoken)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Please follow the directions of the priest and maintain distancing. Receive the bread in your outstretched hand, move 6ft over and lift/lower mask to consume the bread. Replace mask and return to seat).

Communion Music

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Gratitude Sharing

(remain in your seat area, stand for recognition or sharing)

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider *Let us Pray*

All: **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.**

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses 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: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

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Praise to God

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I
 2 Honor great our God befitting; who his majesty
 3 They shall talk of all thy glory, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from memory's treasure works by love and
 5 Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger,

saints adore: King supreme shall they confess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad-dress-ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans-mit-teth,
 3 great-ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto-ry,
 4 mer-cy wrought, works of love sur-pass-ing mea-sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre-a-tion;

and pro - claim thy sov - ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
 2 age to age his power shall teach.
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore:
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sov^{er}ign power.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848); para. of Psalm 145:1-12

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
 adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); desc. John Wilson (b. 1905)

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Dismissal

Presider: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Please, join us for a time of appropriately distanced fellowship after the service in the Parish Hall. Please keep your masks on during this time.

