

# *season after* **PENTECOST**

Nineteenth Sunday

Sat: 5pm

Sun: 10:30am

After Pentecost

10 & 11 October 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
2750 Cardinal Dr. Sierra Vista, AZ



Welcome & Announcements

# Gathering Hymn (*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*)

The Hymnal 1982 #517)

## The Church

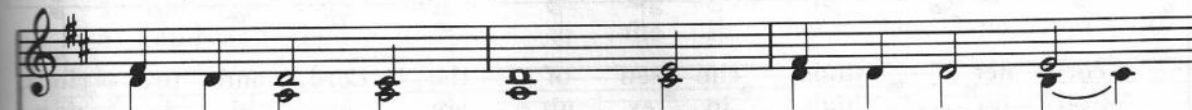
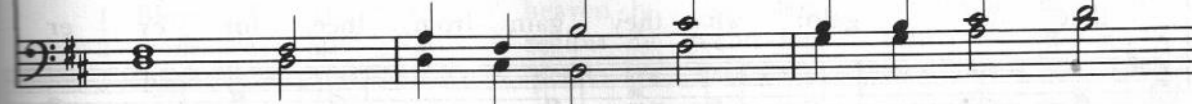
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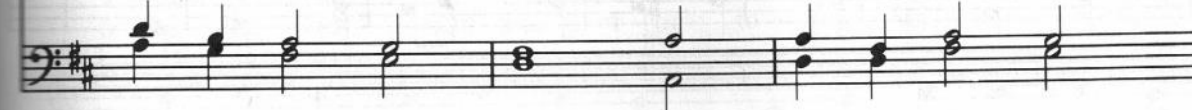
1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to  
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a  
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with  
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -  
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and  
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till  
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and  
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose  
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in  
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.  
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.  
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.  
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, 1650; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
 Music: *Brother James' Air*, J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925) 86. 86. 86

The Word of God

BCP p. 355

**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.*

Gloria/Glory to God

BCP p. 356

**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 Fa-  
 ther,  
 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.*

**Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 25:1-9**

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a  
shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a  
winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry  
place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of  
clouds;

the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will  
make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-  
aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of  
well-aged wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the  
tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will  
take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our  
God; we have waited for him, so that he  
might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have  
waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**Reader** *The Word of the Lord*

**People** **Thanks be to God**

*{Let us all recite in unison}*

## **Psalm 23**

*Dominus Regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **Second Lesson:** A reading from the book of the **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**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 22:1-14**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**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 VI

*(The Leader and People pray responsively)*

Leader: *In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.*

*For all people in their daily life and work;*

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: *For this community, the nation, and the world;*

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: *For the just and proper use of your creation;*

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: *For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;*

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: *For the peace and unity of the Church of God;*

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: *For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;*

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: *In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: *In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Peter's, in Litchfield Park.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

**Leader:** *We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and the Pascua Yaqui who call this area of Arizona their home.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: *For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.*

*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Leader *Hear us, Lord;*



**People** For your mercy is great.

Leader: *We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.*  
(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader *We will exalt you, O God our King;*

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: *We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.* (people remember those who have died)

Leader: *Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;*

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: *We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.*

**All:** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

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## The Church Triumphant

1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
 2 Tru - ly, "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,  
 3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,  
 4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,  
 5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,

1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;  
 2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;  
 3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
 4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,  
 5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;

1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest:  
 2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
 3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
 4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,  
 5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;

1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.  
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.  
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *O quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681;

harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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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.*



