



Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Welcome and Announcements:

7 Aug 5pm & 8 Aug 10:30am, 2021

Prelude: "My Father's World" piano solo arr by Doreen J. Oberg

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn/Song *(Where charity and Love Prevail)*

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Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria - Canticle 13

(Words found in BCP p. 90)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

The Collect of the Day:

BCP p. 231

People: **Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

The Lessons

First Lesson: A reading from the book of the **2 Samuel 18:5-9,3 1-33**

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:20-37

De profundis

(Read aloud in unison)

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed: *(Said aloud by all, in unison)*

(Contemporary Version)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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: Help us, O God our Savior;

People: **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

People: **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

People: **And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People: **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People: **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for *The Church of South India (United)*.

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

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *St. Raphael in the Valley in Benson*.

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

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.

People: **For greater understanding and cooperation between us towards the common good for all.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People: **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Confession of Sin

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

All: 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

Presider: *Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.*

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All And also with you.

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

Offertory:

Presider: *Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High*

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.**

Presider Continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (Contemporary Lord’s Prayer)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)

Presider: *God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.*

People: **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: *These are the gifts of God for the People of God.*

People: **Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.**

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: *Let us pray:*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and 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.

Benediction:

Presider: *Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you always. Amen.*

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Presider: Let us go forth, rejoicing in God's Spirit, alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God,! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn: (*I heard the Voice of Jesus Say*)

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Postlude: "**Worthy**" by *Lani Smith*

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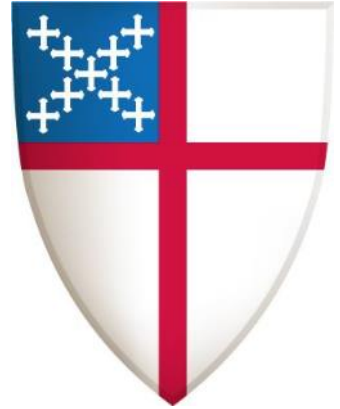
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