

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST



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.

Sunday, 19 June 2022 (Father's Day & Juneteenth)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude: *"Father, I Adore You"*, music: Terrye Coelho, arr. Fred Bock

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn “*As the Deer pants for Water*”

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Opening Acclamation:

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

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

Gloria—Hymnal 1982, Glory to you

#S236

**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

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God *(please be seated)*

The First Lesson - A Reading from the book of Isaiah 65:1-9

**I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.**

**I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.**

**I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things
in their vessels;
who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.**

**See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will re-
pay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ances-
tors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the
mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from
Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my
mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.**

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - Psalm 22:18-27

**18 Be not far away, O Lord; *
you are my strength; hasten to
help me.**

**19 Save me from the sword, *
my life from the power of the
dog.**

**20 Save me from the lion's mouth, *
my wretched body from the
horns of wild bulls.**

**21 I will declare your Name to my
brethren; *
in the midst of the congregation
I will praise you.**

**22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring
of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give
glory.**

**23 For he does not despise nor abhor
he poor in their poverty;**

**neither does he hide his face
from them; ***

**but when they cry to him he
hears them.**

**24 My praise is of him in the great
assembly; ***

**I will perform my vows in the
presence of those who worship him.**

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord
shall praise him: ***

"May your heart live for ever!"

**26 All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the
nations shall bow before him.**

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.**

The Second Lesson - A Reading from the Book of Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon : The holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke 8:26-39

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Thanks be to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed *All say together* (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: Holy God, by your spirit you gave birth to your church: may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this World, and then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love. Come, Spirit of Truth,
People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power and grace throughout the world, that all may know of your loving-kindness and saving mercy. Come, Spirit of Truth,
People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given their food in due season. Open your hand in the desolate places and fill the hungry with good things. Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own towns and cities. Raise up modern day prophets and visionaries to call us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day, especially (the people add their petitions for prayers)..... In your might and compassion, renew the face of the Earth. Bring renewal to those in need. Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *All Saints of the Desert, in Sun City*
And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.

Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

The Presider: *I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

Offertory

Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 3)

♪ **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**
Praise him all creature here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen ♪

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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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 our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

People: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Presider and People:

Hymnal #S128

**♪ 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 ♪**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself; yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new Creation (+), the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and 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)

Fraction Anthem

Gather Hymnal #266

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Everyone is welcome and invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine in this church. Our bread is gluten/nut free. It is real wine. Please kneel or stand at the altar rail, and extend your hand to receive the bread. Because of ongoing Covid concerns we are intincting/dipping the bread only. No drinking from the chalice/cup. When the chalice comes to you, dip the bread in the wine, and consume it. If you prefer, you can eat the bread without the wine. You may receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine also; indicate your desire to have a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music: *“My God, thy table now is spread”* Hymnal 1982 #321

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, 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: And now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

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

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God’s Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Closing Hymn: *“O Bless the Lord My Soul”*

Hymnal 1982 #411

Postlude: *“Worthy”*, by Todd Beaney

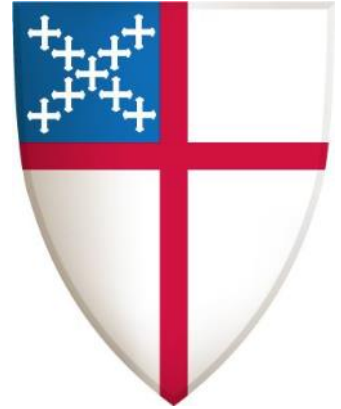
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The Flowers on the altar are to celebrate ...

- ◇ Pride Month,
- ◇ Juneteenth
- ◇ Father's Day and
- ◇ William Sowards birthday



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