



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.

Saturday - 9 July 5pm & Sunday - 10 July 11am, 2022

THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude: "Prayer For Peace", by Colin Curtis

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Song: *"In Christ there is no East or West "*

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Leader: Welcome to this place of ancient origins:

ALL: A house of prayer for many and home to all who come.

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place:

ALL: Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

ALL: Generous God, Generous Savior, touch us through your spirit.

Praise Song: The 1982 Hymnal #376

Leader: We gather in God's name.

ALL: We claim Christ's promised presence.

The Collect:

Presider Let us pray.

All: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Leader: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL: Our hearts and minds are open.

(Please be seated for the lessons)

The First Lesson: A reading from the book of Amos 7:7-17

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

`Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, `Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, `Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the Lord:

`Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,
and your land shall be parceled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land,
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 82 (Read in unison)

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;**
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"**
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all

spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 10:25-37

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

An Affirmation of our Faith (from the Iona Community)

Deacon/Leader: Let us affirm our faith together, saying:

ALL: We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken, he descended into the earth to the place of death, on the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into Heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the world, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: O Jesus, you sat at table with the betrayed, marginalized, and rejected of Palestine. We pray for those today who do not feel welcomed in their daily lives. Help us to be hospitable to all we meet in our daily lives. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you identified with the naked. with those who had no place to lay their heads, and with the hungry and thirsty. We pray for the homeless, those without clothing and food, those in need of basic comforts in our community. Help us to be faithful in caring for these people around us. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you belonged to a refugee family. We pray for all the displaced people in our world, and for the nations to unite in caring for those seeking asylum and new lives of hope and safety. Help us to see you in each person seeking refuge and extend our welcome to them. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

* For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.

* In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *Church of the Epiphany, in Tempe*

* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Church of the Province of Uganda*

Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Leader: O Jesus, you prayed that we might be one as you and the Father are one. We pray that during this week ahead we may feel at home with one another and with you in our midst. Christ, in your mercy,

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to God.

**All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace:

Presider: We who are many, and come from many places, are one in Christ.
May the peace of Christ always be with you.

All: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs of peace with each other)

The Offertory

Presider: We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, may we offer our gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, and living sacrifice.

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

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

We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high, for in the communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky, we sing to you. With the angels of light who envelop us, with Stephen and the host of heaven, with all the saints before and beside us, we sing to you. And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this mystery are close to us, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**♪ 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

Blessed is our friend and teacher Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given to you."

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and drink it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us (+) and upon this bread and wine (+). May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which your earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread and this cup. AMEN.

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

**All: 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

Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S155

**♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia ♪**

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The Lord's Supper is now made ready. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or you who are here for the first time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who feel you have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church.)

Communion Music: *"For the fruit of all creation"*

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travellers, Gratitudes

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**People: Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people by our communion with you
have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
keep us firm in the foundation of your Word and Truth
and guide us in your will and your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

Benediction:

Presider: May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go. And the blessing of God of all life be upon you, the blessing of Christ of all love be upon you, the blessing of the Spirit of all grace be upon you, The blessing of the Holy Trinity be upon you. Now and forever more. **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!)

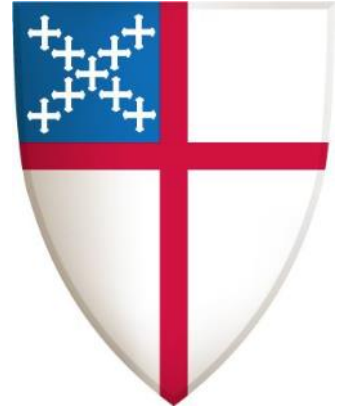
Closing Song: *"O God of every nation"*

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Postlude: *"Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", from Mariner's tune*

Join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship in the Parish Hall.

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