



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 - 16 July 5pm & Sunday - 17 July 11am, 2022

Prelude: "The Solid Rock", tune William Bradbury, arr Laura Bergquist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Song: “ *Immortal, invisible God only wise* “

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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 #390

Leader: We gather in God’s name.

ALL: We claim Christ’s promised presence.

The Collect:

Presider Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 8:1-12

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"
says the Lord God;

"the dead bodies shall be many,
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,
and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God,
I will make the sun go down at noon,
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,
and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,
and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,
and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea,
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 52 (Read in unison)

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?**
- 2 You plot ruin;
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.**
- 3 You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.**
- 4 You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.**
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!**
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,**
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth
and relied upon wickedness."**
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.**
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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 *ECM at ASU*

* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Episcopal Church*

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;

we may do justly, love mercy,

walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

**that
and**

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:

Sanctus

1982 Hymnal #S129

♪ **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 #S167

**♪The disciple knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
 The Bread which we break, alleluia
 Is the communion of the body of Christ.
 One body are we, alleluia,
 For though many we share one bread♪**

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: *"I received the living God"*

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers, 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!)

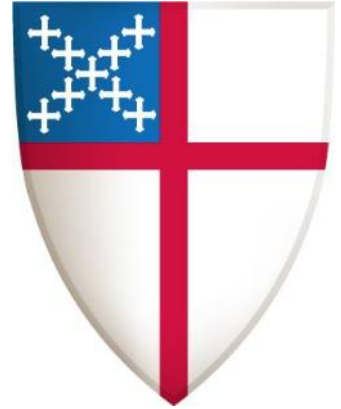
Closing Song: *"I heard the voice of Jesus say"*

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Postlude: *"Brethren We Have Met Together"*, American Folk tune,
arr Doreen Oberg

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

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