



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
THE 7TH 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 - 23 July 5pm & Sunday - 24 July 11am, 2022

Prelude: "Fairness Lord Jesus", Silesian Folk Melody, arr Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Song: “ *Seek Ye first the kingdom of God* “

#711

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: “From all that dwell below the skies” The 1982 Hymnal #380

Leader: We gather in God’s name.

ALL: We claim Christ’s promised presence.

The Collect:

Presider Let us pray.

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 Hosea 1:2-10

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 85 (Read in unison)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?**

- 6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of

what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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 11:1-13

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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 *St. Augustine's, in Tempe.*

* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Church in Wales*

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:

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

**♪[Ref.]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.
 [Ref.]
 One body are we, alleluia,
 For though many we share one bread
 [Ref.]♪**

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 bread which you have broken”* #341
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: *“Christ for the world we sing”* #537

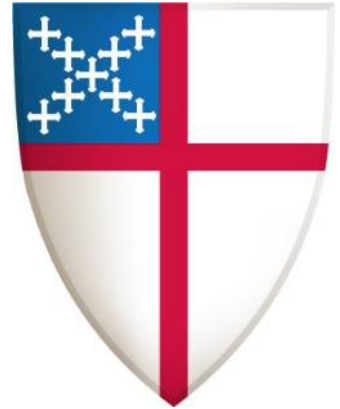
Postlude: *“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”*, Sicilian Mariners Tune

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

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