

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church THE 8TH 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 - 30 July 5pm & Sunday - 31 July 11am, 2022

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Song: "Bless the lord my soul"

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: "Many and Great O God are thy works" 1982 Hymnal #385

- Leader: We gather in God's name.
- ALL: We claim Christ's promised presence.

The Collect:

Presider Let us pray.

All: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 11:1-11

- When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
- The more I called them, the more they went from me;
- they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.
- Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.
- I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
- I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.
- They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me.
- The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes.
- My people are bent on turning away from me.
 - Reader The Word of the Lord

To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 107:1-9, 43 (Read in unison)

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; * from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; * they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; * their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, * and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path * to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty *

and fills the hungry with good things.

43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

Second Lesson: A reading from Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-21

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, `What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, `I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, `Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, `You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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, lifegiving 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. James the Apostle, in Tempe.*

* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Church of the Province of West Africa*

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.
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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 you 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 Hymn "Many and Great O God are thy works" G #566

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)

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 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:

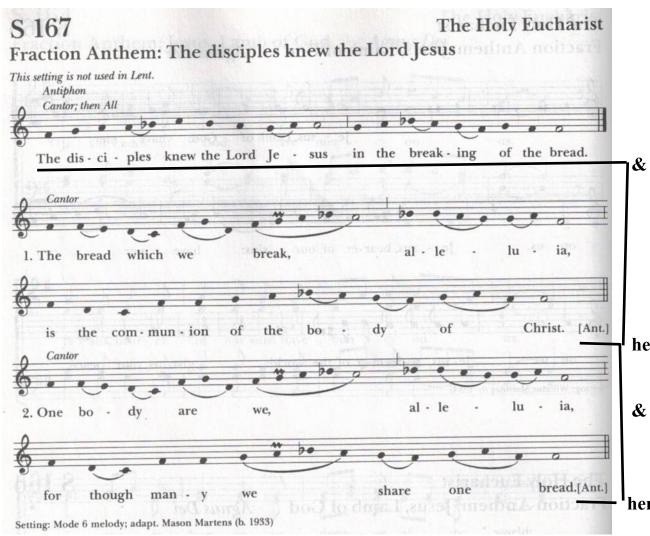
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.



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: "*Eat this bread, drink this cup* " G #806

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.**

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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!

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

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Closing Song: "Nothing can trouble"

G #626

Postlude:

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

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