



# Ordinary August Time

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church THE 9TH 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 - 6 August 5pm & Sunday - 7 August 11am, 2022

Prelude: "Amazing Grace" arranged by Lani Smith, based on early American melody

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

**Opening Song:** *“The Heart of Worship”*

*See hand out*

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People :** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gloria:**

**Hymnal 1982 S280**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:**

**receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People :** **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

## **First Lesson: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24**

**1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \***

**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

**2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \***

**God reveals himself in glory.**

**3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \***

**before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.**

- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.**
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.**
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.**
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.**
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."**

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better

country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Luke (12:32-40)**

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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:

### Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

**Leader:** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People:** For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

**Leader:** For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People:** For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

**Leader:** For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People:** For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

**Leader:** For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People:** For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

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. Paul's, in Tombstone.*
- \* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Church in the Province of the West Indies*
- \* And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in  
your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*(a short pause)*

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**     **And also with you.**

**Offertory**    *(Instrumental music)*

Presider     Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering  
                  and sacrifice to God.

Offertory music

*(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)*

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 ♪**

## Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving -

*BCP Rite II Prayer C*

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: *God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and  
                  praise.*

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: *At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of  
                  interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this  
                  fragile earth, our island home.*

**By your will they were created and have their being.**



*From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.*

*But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.*

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.*

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:*

Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982 #S125*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest (x2)**

The Presider continues

*And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.*

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.*

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

**Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)**

**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 S154*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us**

**Therefore let us keep the feast!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

**Communion Hymn:** *“Take and Eat”*

**G#812**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing**

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction/Blessing:**

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **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 :** *“Tis the Gift to be Simple”* (sung twice)

**#554**

Postlude: "Take My Life", arr. Benton Price, based on

"Patmos" by Wm. Henry Havergal

*Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.*

