



# Ordinary August Time

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church THE 12<sup>TH</sup> 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 - 27 August 5pm & Sunday - 28 August 11am, 2022

Prelude: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee", Beethoven arr by Fred Bock

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

**Opening Song:** *“Tell out my soul”*

#438

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: Haugen Glory to God 1984**

*(see insert)*

*{the Presider continues}*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

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

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

**Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13**

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me  
that they went far from me,

and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord  
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,  
in a land of deserts and pits,  
in a land of drought and deep darkness,  
in a land that no one passes through,  
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land  
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,  
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"  
Those who handle the law did not know me;  
the rulers transgressed against me;  
the prophets prophesied by Baal,  
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,  
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and examine with care;  
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,  
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory  
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,  
be shocked, be utterly desolate,  
says the Lord,

for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living water,  
and dug out cisterns for themselves,  
cracked cisterns  
that can hold no water.

# **The Psalm**

## **Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**
- 10 I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.**
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.**
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!**
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.**
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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 (14:1, 7-14)**

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 *ECM at U of A, in Tucson*.
- \* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*
- \* 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 *arr. June L. Stanton*)

♪ **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:** “*All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*” (see insert 2)

**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 :** “*Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*” #686

Postlude: “*Be The Center*”, by Michael Frye, arr Garrett Parker

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

