



**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**THE 16<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 - 24 September 5pm & Sunday - 25 September 11am, 2022

Prelude: "Tis The Gift To Be Simple" traditional, arr Doreen Oberg

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

**Opening Song:** *“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the lord”*

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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:

**O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 32:1-3a, 6-15**

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of

the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;**
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**

- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.**

## **Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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People Thanks be to God

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Luke (16:19-31)**

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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. Michael's & All Angels, in Tucson.*
- \* In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Anglican Church of Burundi*
- \* 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**     *“O holy city, seen of John”*

**#583**

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

*(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:** *“I’ll praise my Maker while I’ve breath”*

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**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 :** *“Crown him with many crowns”*

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Postlude: *“Round of Alleluia”*, by Doreen Oberg

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

