

Ordinary Time in  
**September**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**THE 15TH 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.*

Sunday, 18 Sep 2022 11am

Prelude: "My Country tis of thee/ God Save the Queen" by Thomas Arne, arr Doreen Oberg

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Deacon Dorothy Gutwein**

**Opening Hymn/Song** "Jesus calls over the tumult"

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**Opening Sentences**

BCP p. 78

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

**Confession of Sin**

BCP p. 79

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Short Silence may be kept.)*

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and Forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

BCP p. 80-82

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Leader chooses either the Venite or the Jubilate*

BCP p. 82-83

**Venite**

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**OR**

### **Jubilate**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people  
and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Psalm 79:1-9**

**1 O God, the heathen have come into  
your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy  
temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a  
heap of rubble.**

**2 They have given the bodies of your  
servants as food for the birds of the  
air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful  
ones to the beasts of the field.**

**3 They have shed their blood like wa-  
ter on every side of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury  
them.**

**4 We have become a reproach to our  
neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision  
to those around us.**

**5 How long will you be angry, O  
Lord? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for  
ever?**

**6 Pour out your wrath upon the hea-  
then who have not known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that  
have not called upon your Name.**

**7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.**

**8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to  
meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very  
low.**

**9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the  
glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our  
sins, for your Name's sake.**

## The Lessons

### First Lesson A Reading from Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger  
with their images, with their foreign  
idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am  
hurt,

I mourn, and dismay has taken hold  
of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor  
people

not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people

**People: Thanks be to God**

### Second Lesson A Reading from the Book of 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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## **Gospel Lesson:**

**Deacon : A reading from the Gospel of Luke 16:1-13**

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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### *Reflection on readings / homily (optional)*

## **The Apostles Creed**

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended**

to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

BCP p. 97

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

**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, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## The Sufferages (A)

BCP p. 121-122

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collects

BCP p. 228, 98-100

### *The Collect of the Day*

**Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen.

*Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude**

*(The Leader invites the people to offer their prayers silently or aloud)*

*(Leader concludes the service with ONE or the other of the following:)*

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

BCP p. 101

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**OR**

*Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his**

**Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**Dismissal**

BCP p. 366

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!)**

Deacon: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen*

**Closing Hymn "God of grace and God of glory"**

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Postlude: *"Round of Alleluia", by Doreen Oberg*

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