

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Second 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 10 June, 5pm & Sunday 11 June 10am**

**Prelude: "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace", by David Hurd**

**Announcements and Welcome**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

Opening Song: “*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

#594

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

**All: 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: “ This is the day the Lord has made” LEVAS II #219**

{see insert}

### The Collect of the day:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

**All: O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Word of God —*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

#### First Lesson: Genesis (12:1-9):

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered,

and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

## The Psalm

### Psalm 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing  
praises.**
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
play to him upon the psaltery and  
lyre.**
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill  
upon the trumpet.**
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.**
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord  
fills the whole earth.**
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the  
heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the  
heavenly hosts.**
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the  
ocean as in a water-skin \***
- and stores up the depths of the  
sea.**
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world  
stand in awe of him.**
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.**
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the  
nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peo-  
ples.**
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for  
ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from  
age to age.**
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is  
the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to  
be his own!**

## **Second Lesson: Romans (4:13-25):**

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (9:9-13, 18-26)**

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 reconciliation with Native American people

**People:** **For healing and justice with all who share this land.**

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: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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

Leader 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.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

**People: Lord, bless and keep them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Luke's at the Mountain, in Phoenix*

**People: Lord, bless and keep them.**

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.**

## The Exchanging of the Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*(The people exchange greetings of peace with each other)*

## Offertory

Presider Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory *“Amazing Grace”*

**#671**

Doxology **#380 vs. 3** *(Peoples’ offerings are brought to the altar*

**All:           ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
                      Praise him all creatures 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.**

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

S#S124

**Holy, 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**

*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 G#806 Eat this bread*

Musical notation for the first line of the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry."

Musical notation for the second line of the Fraction Anthem. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst." Above the treble staff, the following chords are indicated: G, D, Em, Bm, C, DSUS4, D, G.

**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. The bread is gluten free. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink*

*a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

**Communion Hymn**    *“Now thank we all our God”*

**G#545**

**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.**

**Closing Song :**    *“Lord of all Hopefulness”*

**#482**

**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!)**

Postlude:    *“Grateful”, by Mark Hayes*

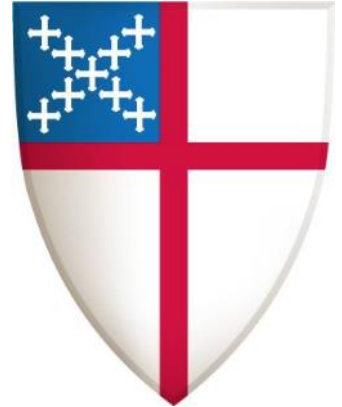
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