

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Sixth 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 8 July, 5pm & Sunday 9 July 10am**

Prelude: "King of the martyrs' noble band", by Freeman Lewis and Margaret Mealy

**Announcements and Welcome**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## Opening Hymn

*Insert: Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning*

### Salutation:

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

**Priest:** Let us pray a prayer of preparation together:

**All:** **Christ our true and transforming Light: receive our prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no wrongful desires may distract or tempt us, who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.**

## The Gloria

LEVAS #216

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ be glo-ri-fied; \_\_\_  
2. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ be glo-ri-fied; \_\_\_  
3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ be glo-ri-fied; \_\_\_

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ to - day  
2. In my heart, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ to - day  
3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, \_\_\_ to - day

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are provided below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

### The Collect:

**Presider:** The Lord be with you

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

**Presider:** Let us pray

**O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Readings:** *(Please be seated)*

### **First Reading: A reading from Genesis (24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67)**

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’”

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’”

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son.

Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly

from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 45: 11-18:**

**11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; \*  
forget your people and your father's house.**

**12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; \*  
he is your master; therefore do him honor.**

**13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; \*  
the rich among the people seek your favor."**

**14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; \*  
her gown is cloth-of-gold.**

**15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; \*  
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.**

**16 With joy and gladness they are brought, \*  
and enter into the palace of the king.**

**17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; \*  
you shall make them princes over all the earth.**

**18 I will make your name to be remembered  
from one generation to another; \*  
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."**

**Second Reading: Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (7: 15-25a):**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my

members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Reading:**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(11:16-19, 25-30)

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **SERMON/HOMILY**

**CONTEMPORARY NICENE CREED:** *(please stand as you are able)*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:**

Leader: Hear our cry, O God and listen to our prayer.

**People: Hear us and help us, O God**

Leader: Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples in all the nations.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons (especially Michael, Jennifer, Allison, Dottie, and Sherry) with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**



Leader: Strengthen those who stand for justice; comfort, and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give to the Congress, the Courts, the President, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth, fairness, and equality.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: Shower your compassion on prisoners, refugees, and all who are in any kind of trouble.

**People: Hear us and help us, we pray.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for *The Anglican Church of Canada.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for *Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix.*

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who call this area home.

**People: May God bless and keep them.**

**Presider: Lord our God, accept the sincere prayers of your people, in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help, for you are gracious O lover of souls, and to you we give glory: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Confession:**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another:

**All: Holy and gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you this past week. Some of our sin we know—certain thoughts and**

**words and deeds which we regret or are ashamed of. Some of which is known only to you. In your Holy Name we ask your forgiveness. Free us from our guilt and restore us to your grace that we may rest and live with peace of mind and cleanliness of heart.**

Presider: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **The Peace:**

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

**People: And also with you.**

*(The people exchange greetings of peace)*

### **Offertory:**

Presider Let us show our gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

**Offertory Hymn** Gather hymnal #622 *“I heard the voice of Jesus say”*

### **The Doxology: #380 vs 3**

**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.**

### **The Lord's Supper: The Great Thanksgiving - EOW 1**

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 our thanks and praise.**

*Presider continues:* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and surrounded us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.



Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal 1982 # 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: *“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit (+) may they be for

us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit (+) and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

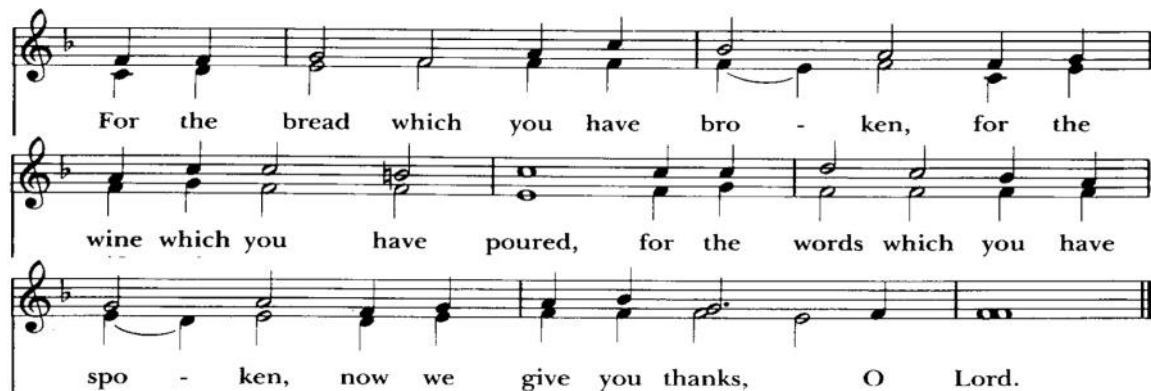
Presider: And now as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

### CONTEMPORARY LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven, Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread: *(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)*

Fraction Anthem #341 vs 1:



The image shows a musical score for a fraction anthem. It consists of three staves of music in a G major key signature (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the". The second staff contains: "wine which you have poured, for the words which you have". The third staff contains: "spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

### Invitation to Communion:

Presider: This is not my table, this is not St. Stephen's church's table. This is Christ's Table. Jesus invites you to come forward and receive the bread and the wine in this place.

*Everyone is invited and welcome to receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and it is real wine. If you prefer to intinct/dip your bread into the*

*wine please come to the left altar rail. If you prefer to sip the wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine with us, you may come forward, cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest instead.*

Communion Music

Insert LEVAS II #133 I Surrender All

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

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Benediction:**

Presider: The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** Insert "From all that dwell below the skies"

**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 in the power of God's Spirit, Alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

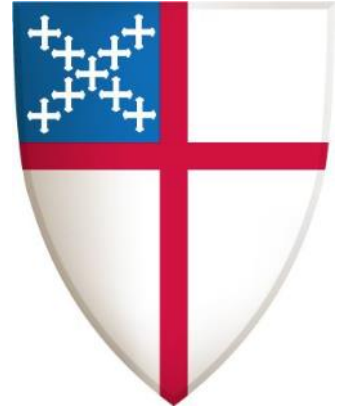
**Postlude:** "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", tune from Mariners

*Please join us for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.*

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