

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**THE THIRTEENTH 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 26 Aug 5pm & Sunday 27 Aug 2023 10am**

**Announcements and Welcome**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

**Salutation:**

Presider:    Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Presider:    Let us pray a prayer of preparation together:

**All:          Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Gloria—Hymnal 1982 # S-236**

**Glory to you Lord God of our Fathers  
You are worth of praise, Glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy name  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever  
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple,  
On the throne of your majesty, Glory to you  
Glory to you seated between the cherubim,  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever  
Glory to you beholding the depths,  
In the high vault of heaven, Glory to you  
Glory to you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

**The Collect:**

Presider:    The Lord be with you

People:      **And also with you.**

Presider:    Let us pray

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Exodus (1:8-2:10)**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Ramesses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm: 124**

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;**
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;**
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;**
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;**
- 5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.**
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

## **Second Reading: Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (12:1-8):**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**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 (16:13-20)**

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**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 **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**

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

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. Stephens's, Sierra Vista**

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

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahoma 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. Amen.**

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** “*As the Deer Longs for Running Streams*” {see Insert}

**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 up 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:

**Sanctus**

**Hymnal 1982 #S-130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, (x2)  
heaven and earth are full, 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)**

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 in silence)*

Gather #841 The living bread of God

Je - sus, the liv - ing Bread of God,  
Je - sus, the sav - ing cup of Christ.  
Ev-'ry time we eat this bread, ev-'ry time we drink this cup,  
we pro-claim your glo - ry un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff.

### 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 Hymn** *“Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”* #315

**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:** *“Tell out my soul the greatness of the lord”* #437

**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!

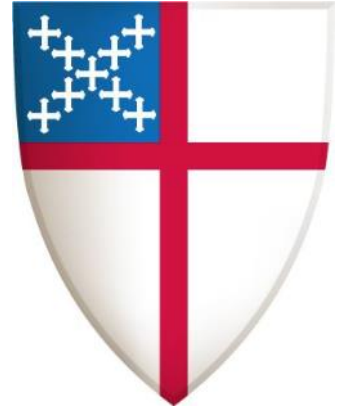
**People:**    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

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