

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

**Sunday, 22 October 2023 10am**



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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

Opening Hymn "Come Christians Join to Sing"

{See insert}

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

People: and also with you.

Priest: Let us pray the collect for purity together:

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.

The Gloria:

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GLORY TO GOD

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -  
est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good  
will. will. A - men. A - men.

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses | Final Coda

Verse 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we  
1. glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,  
1. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

to Verse 2 or Refrain

Verse 2

2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,  
2. Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world,

2. have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world,  
 2. re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand,  
 to Verse 3 or Refrain  
 2. the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3  
 3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 to Coda ⊕ or Refrain  
 3. Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

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## The Collect:

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

**ALL: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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: from the Book of Exodus (33:12-23)**

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your

presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalm: 99**

### **1 The Lord is King;**

let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the  
cherubim;  
let the earth shake.

### **2 The Lord is great in Zion; \* he is high above all peoples.**

### **3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \* he is the Holy One.**

### **4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \* you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

### **5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \* he is the Holy One.**

### **6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

### **7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \* they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

**8 O Lord our God, you answered  
them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave  
them,  
yet punished them for their evil  
deeds.**

**9 Proclaim the greatness of the  
Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy  
hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the  
Holy One.**

**Second Reading: from  
Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Thessalonians (1:1-10):**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading:**

Deacon/Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Matthew 22:15-22**

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon/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:** As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family, and all the world. For churches of all traditions:

**People:** **That they may discover their unity in the One God and exercise their gifts in service of all, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** For the earth that it may be freed from war, famine, and disease,

**People:** **And the air, soil, and waters be cleansed of poisons, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** For those who govern and maintain peace in every land,

**People:** **That they may exercise their powers in obedience to your commands, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** For the strengthening of this nation to pursue just and honorable priorities,

**People:** **So that all peoples may be reconciled; the young, educated; and the old, cared for; the hungry, filled; and the homeless, housed; and the sick, comforted and healed, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** For all who live and work in this town and county,

**People:** **Preserve them in peace and safety, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** For those who face any difficulty or trial: the sick, the disabled, the poor, the oppressed, those who grieve and those in prison,

**People:** **That you will comfort and empower them, we pray to you, O God.**

**Leader:** Accept our thanksgiving for all faithful servants of Christ who entered their eternal rest,

**People:** **Who, with us, await a new heaven and a new earth, your everlasting kingdom, we pray to you, O God.**

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

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

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. James the Apostle, in Tempe.**

**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: Mighty God, whose Word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: Accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for the earth; through Jesus Christ, who rules over all things.  
Amen.

### **The Confession:**

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

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in 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 Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as an offering and sacrifice to God



## 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 - CofE Prayer D

Presider: The Lord is here.

**People: His Spirit is with us.**

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:*

Almighty God, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to assure us of pardon and everlasting life. Your Word goes out to call us home to the places where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

## Sanctus from Journeysongs #189

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -  
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "Take, eat: this is my body, given for you all. Do this in remembrance of me."

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine. He took the cup, gave it to them and said: "This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me." This is our story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup (+) blessed by your Holy Spirit, we celebrate Jesus' last supper before he died to show his love for us. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to respond to our entreaties and to answer the cares of the world. This is our story.

*All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.*

Send your Spirit upon us now (+) that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*All Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours 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*)

*from Journeysongs #194*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the lyrics: "\*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff continues the melody for "world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace." and includes a first ending bracket and a final double bar line.

## **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

*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 “*By the bread which you have broken*” #341

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

### **Post Communion Prayer:**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction:**

Presider: May our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you, within you to keep you, before you to lead you, beside you to guard you, and above you to bless you, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn: “*Rock of Ages Cleft for Me*” #685

### **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!**

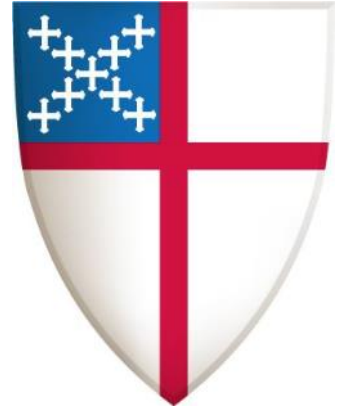
Postlude: “*Round of Alleluia*”, by Doreen Oberg

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

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