



November is Native American Heritage Month. It is celebrated to honor the remarkable Native Americans who have contributed much to improve the character of the nation. This month is the time to rejoice in diverse and rich cultures, histories, and traditions and to appreciate the many contributions of the Native Americans.

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.



Saturday, 11 Nov 5pm & Sunday 12 Nov 10am 2023

Prelude *Theme from Sonata No. 6 K301*, W. A. Mozart, arr Trenton Watkins

Welcome and Announcements


Rev. Allison Cornell

Presider: Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People: **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

Gloria:

H1982 #385 Many and Great O God



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, ma - ker of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -
earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;
thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

Presider: God our Creator be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

All: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Joshua (24:1-3a, 14-25)

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;**
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

**Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians
(4:13-18)**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (25:1-13)**

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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: *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God

People: And for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For our Bishop, Priest, and Deacons

People: And for all clergy and lay ministers, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For our President, for the leaders of the nations

People: And for all in authority around the world, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For seasonable weather

People: And for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans

People: And for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute

People: For prisoners and captives and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection

People: And for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For deliverance from all danger

People: And from all violence, oppression and degradation, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of St. Matthew, in Tucson.

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who called this area home.

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: 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.**

Presider: 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 Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

(The people exchange signs of peace and greeting)

Offertory

Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory music “*O love that casts out fear*” #700

Doxology - (*Tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen*) (*Peoples’ offerings are brought to the altar*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him, above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - ELCA Rite X

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

It is indeed right, and our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks and praise, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, 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

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the world was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. When Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our world in Jesus our savior. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke the bread and gave it to his followers saying: Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death: We cry out Amen!

Celebrating his resurrection: We shout Amen!

Trusting his presence in every time and place: We plead Amen!

O God, you are Breath: Send your Spirit on this meal (+). O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are fire: transform us with hope (+).

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Holy Spirit, life in you, life now and forever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

All: 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 *(The priest breaks the bread in silence)*

Fraction Anthem

(S-156)

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast**

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.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and the wine 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 would prefer a priest's blessing instead of the wine and bread, please come to the rail and cross your arms over your chest.)

Communion Hymn: "Taste and See"

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Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We give you hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering of its fruits, and for all other blessings of your merciful providence bestowed upon us as a nation and a people.

And we ask that you would give us a just sense of your great mercies that may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before you all our days: through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: *God the Creator, who loves us and gave this world to be our home, God the Redeemer, who loves us and by dying and rising again leads the way to freedom, God the Sanctifier, who spreads the divine love in our hearts, God the three in one and one in three, bless you and keep you now and forever.*
Amen.

Closing Song: *“Come thou font of every blessing”*

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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: Lord Dismiss Us Till We Meet Again, from Mariner's Hymn

*Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall
following the service.*

