

**NATIVE
AMERICAN**
• HERITAGE MONTH •

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

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28

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, 18 Nov 5pm & Sunday 19 Nov 10am 2023

Prelude Be Thou My Vision, traditional Irish melody arr Christina Becket

Welcome and Announcements

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Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Song: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet"

{see Insert}

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: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who 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 Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm: Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, ***
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ***
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, ***
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, ***
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ***
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Lesson: from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 (25:14-30)**

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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 **The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)**

People: Lord, bless and keep them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **ECM at U of A, 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 “*As we gather at your table*”

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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

#S-128

**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: “ *O love how deep how broad how high* ” #448

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: “ *How great thou art* ”

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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: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Peter Lutkin

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

