



*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, 4 Nov 5pm & Sunday 5 Nov 10am 2023**



**Prelude**

**# 382 King of Glory**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

Opening Song:

*H1982 #366 vs 1-4 Holy God we praise thy name*

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:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

**First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Joshua (3:7-17)**

The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses.

You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, ‘When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.’”

Joshua then said to the Israelites, “Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.” Joshua said, “By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.”

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

**The Psalm: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37**

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.**
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.**
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.**

**6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.**

**7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.**

**33 The Lord changed rivers into deserts, \*  
and water-springs into thirsty ground,**

**34 A fruitful land into salt flats, \*  
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.**

**35 He changed deserts into pools of water \*  
and dry land into water-springs.**

**36 He settled the hungry there, \*  
and they founded a city to dwell in.**

**37 They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, \*  
and brought in a fruitful harvest.**

**Second Lesson: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians  
(2:9-13)**

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

**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  
(23:1-12)**

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

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-- the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii

**People: Lord, bless and keep them.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Episcopal Campus Ministry at University of AZ

**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.

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:** H1982 #345 Savior again to thy dear name we raise

**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:

H1982 #372 Praise to the living God

## **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:

Round of Alelujah by Doreen J Oberg

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

