

*Easter*  
*Season*



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

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Saturday, 4 May 5pm & Sunday, 5 May, 10 AM 2024**



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## Salutation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify you Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria—

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the  
Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

All: **O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word:** *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

### **First Lesson: A Reading from the Book Acts (17:1-4,10-12):**

Paul and Silas had traveled through Amphipolis and Apollonia. They came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As was his custom Paul went and on three sabbaths presented to them from the scriptures, explaining and demonstrating it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead: "This is the Messiah, Jesus who I proclaim to you all." 'Now, some of [those Jews] were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the prominent women.

Then, the sisters and brothers immediately that night sent Paul and Silas away to Beroea; when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. These persons were more high-born and open-minded than in Thessalonica; they received the word with great eagerness. Daily they examined the scriptures to see if these things were so. Thus many of them therefore believed, including highly respected Greek women and not just a few [Jewish] men.

Reader The Word of the Lord                      **People Thanks be to God**

### **The Psalm:**

#### **Psalm: 145:8-19 (read in unison)**

- 8 Full of grace and a mother's love is the MOTHER OF ALL,  
slow to anger and abounding in faithful love.**
- 9 The WOMB OF LIFE is good to all,  
and her mother-love is upon all she has made.**
- 10 They shall praise you, WELLSPRING OF LIFE, all your works,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**
- 11 Of the glory of your majestic rule shall they speak,  
and your might shall they declare,**
- 12 to make known to the woman-born her mighty works,  
and the glorious splendor of her majestic rule.**
- 13 Your majesty is an everlasting majesty,  
and your sovereignty endures throughout all generations. Faithful  
is the EVER-LIVING GOD in all her words,  
and gracious in all her deeds.**
- 14 The MERCIFUL ONE upholds all who fall,  
and raises up all who are bent over.**

- 15 The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give to them their food at the right moment.**
- 16 You open your hand,  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**
- 17 The FAITHFUL ONE is righteous in all her ways,  
and loving in all her works.**
- 18 The EVER-PRESENT GOD is near to all who call on her,  
to all who call on her in truth.**
- 19 The desire of all who revere her she fulfills;  
and their cry she hears and delivers them.**

**Second Lesson: From the Epistle to Romans (6:5-11):**

For if we have been united in a death like Christ's, we will certainly be so in the resurrection. This we know, that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. The woman or man who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die; death no longer has dominion over him. For dying, he died once to sin, in living, he lives to God. So also should you consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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  
John (11:17-27):*

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

When Jesus arrived [in Bethany], he found that for four days Lazarus had already been in the tomb. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. So many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she met him; however, Mary remained at the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Rabbi, if you had been here, my brother would never have died. Yet even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even though they die, they will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Rabbi, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who comes into the world."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**HOMILY (Rev Keith Saare)**

**Nicene Creed:** *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

**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**

**Leader:** Gracious God, you have called us to abide in your life and to bear witness to Christ working in mysterious ways in our lives.

**People:** **Grant that the church may reveal your love though Jesus that we might live in him and bear much fruit of the spirit as a result.**

**Leader:** Light of the World, dominion belongs to you, for you rule over all the nations

**People:** **Raise up bold witnesses like those first disciples who testify to everyone about the good news which is completed in love so that peace may abound in our time.**

**Leader:** Attentive vine-grower, you tend the branches and fruit of your vine extending to the ends of the earth.

**People:** Let your loving attention reach out to all people who live in suffering and threatening conditions, that they may be restored to wholeness and fruitfulness.

**Leader:** Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God

**People:** Inspire all in our community to seek to expand the fruits of compassion and care so that those in need shall eat and be satisfied and that all the ends of the earth shall recognize and turn to the Lord.

**Leader:** Gather into your abundant and eternal banquet all who have died,

**People:** May their hearts and souls be filled and live forever with you.

**Leader:** You have loved us first and called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. We lift up to you the following people:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *St. Francis-in-the-Valley, in Green Valley*.

For the first peoples who live in our area of Arizona, especially the Tohono O'odham and Apache peoples, that we may live and minister together for our mutual benefit.

**People:** Eternal and Loving God, accept the wishes of our hearts as we pray faithfully that God is love and God's perfect love casts out all fear.

**Presider:** You have planted us in the nurturing ground of your steadfast love, O God, and grafted us into the life of your resurrected son Jesus Christ our savior. Keep us evermore abiding within your spirit of love that we may bear the fruit of your reconciliation for all that is and is to come, through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## **Exchange of the Peace**

**Presider** *May the peace of Christ be always with you .*

**People** **And also with you**

## **The Offertory:**

**Presider** *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and sacrifice to God.*

**Offertory Song** "When all thy mercies O my God"

**#415**

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 Holy Communion - *The Great Thanksgiving BCP Rite 2A***

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 -

Hymnal 1982 #S-128

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.



On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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** (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)

Fraction Anthem : Hymnal 1982 #S-155

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again 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. We have two different ways to receive communion. First way = go to the right of the altar, receive the bread, eat the bread, then take a sip of wine from the cup. Second way = go to the left of the altar, receive the bread, dip the bread in the wine in the cup and then eat the bread. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. Bread is gluten free).*

Communion Hymn: “*King of Glory King of Peace*”

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## ***Prayers for:***

***Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, Travelers, and Gratitude***

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

Presider; Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. ....**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *"Praise my soul the king of heaven"* #410

## **Dismissal**

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

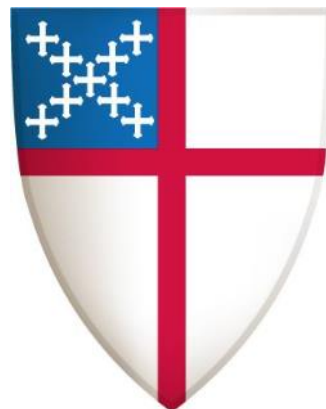
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

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