

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday, 18 May 5pm & Sunday, 19 May, 10 AM 2024



Prelude: "Nova, Nova", Melody Hungarian, # 266

Entrance Rites - The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn "Praise the Spirit in creation" #507

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria, Glory to God Haugen {See insert}

Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray

Collect of the Day:

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God (please be seated)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Acts 2:1-17:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in the same place. And there came suddenly from heaven a sound like the sweeping of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Then there appeared among them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested on each of them. And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and they began to speak in other tongues just as the Spirit gave them to speak.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem devout Jews from every nation under heaven. Now at this sound the crowd gathered and was confused because each heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astounded, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how do we hear, each in our own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those who live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjacent to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our own tongues about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and questioning to one another saying, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine.

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But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you all, and attend to my speech: For these persons are not drunk as you suppose, it is only the third hour [nine o'clock] in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your daughters and your sons shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your elders shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both women and men, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 104:1-4, 10-15, 27-30: (read responsively by verse)

1 Bless the FOUNT OF LIFE, O my soul.

MOTHER OF ALL, my God, you are very great.

You don honor and majesty,

2 Wrapped in light as a garment, you stretch out the heavens like a tent-curtain.

3 She who lays on the waters the beams of her upper chambers,

she who makes the clouds her chariot,

she is the one who rides on the wings of the wind.

4 She is the one who makes the winds her celestial messengers, fire and flame her ministers.

10 She is the one who makes springs gush forth in the torrents;

they flow between the hills.

11 They give drink to every wild animal;

the wild donkeys slake their

thirst.

12 By the torrents the birds of the heavens dwell;

among the branches they give voice.

13 She is the one who waters the mountains from her high chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

14 She is the one who makes grass to grow for the cattle,

and vegetation for human labor, to bring forth food from the earth,

15 and wine to make the human heart rejoice,

with oil to make the face shine, and bread to sustain the human heart.

27 All of these hope in you to provide their food in due season.

28 You give it to them, they glean it; you open your hand, they are

well satisfied.

29 You hide your face, they are dismayed;

30 You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the

when you collect their breath, they **earth.** die and to their dust they return.

The Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 8:14-17, 22-27:

Now as many as are led by the Spirit of God are daughters and sons of God. For you all did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall again into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption through which we cry, "Abba! Father!" It is that same Spirit who bears witness with our spirit that we are daughters and sons of God. And if daughters and sons, then heirs, heirs of God and heirs with Christ, if it is true that we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the daughters and sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the daughters and sons of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as is necessary, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mindset of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 14:8-17 People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**.

Philip said to Jesus, "Rabbi, show us the Father, and we will be content." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with all of you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you

say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does the works of God. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you all, the one who believes in me will also do the works I do and even will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you all ask in my name I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you all ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and God will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit, because the Spirit abides with you, and the Spirit will be in you.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed All say together (CONTEMPORARY VERSION)

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, <u>was incarnate</u> 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: Holy God, by your spirit you gave birth to your church: may our many

members be the one Body of Christ in this World,

People: and then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love.

Leader: Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in languages of

the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power and grace

throughout the world,

People: that all may know of your loving-kindness and saving mercy.

Leader: Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you

be given their food in due season.

People: Open your hand in the desolate places and fill the hungry with good things.

Leader: Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem:

pour out your Spirit in our own towns and cities.

People: Raise up modern day prophets and visionaries to call us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Leader: Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing

and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day,

People: In your might and compassion, renew the face of the Earth. Bring renewal to those in need.

Leader: Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ.

In your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Trinity Church, in Kingman

And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache

peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.

Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come, Spirit of Union, Truth, Power, Grace, Loving-kindness, Mercy, Hope, Healing, Peace, and Love. Come Holy Spirit.

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that influences us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our

behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Presider: I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Offertory Hymn "God himself is with us"

#475

Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 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

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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.

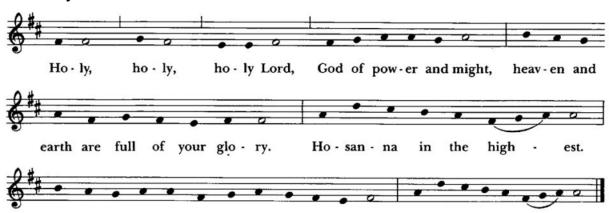
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

People: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Presider: And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

All: Hymnal #S124



Bless · ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself; yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the

new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new Creation (+), the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Stephen and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, forever and ever. **AMEN**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (Contemporary Lord's Prayer)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name.

Your kingdom come, <u>your</u> will be done. On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

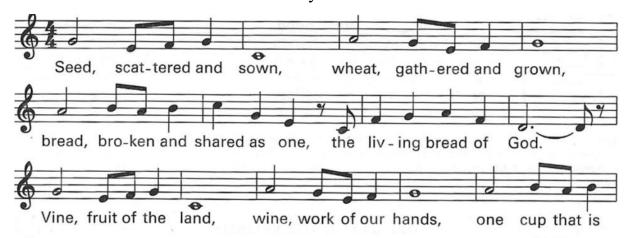
Forgive us <u>our sins</u> as we forgive those who sin against us.

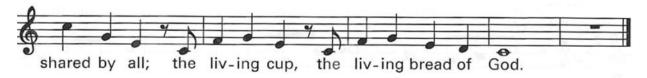
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread (Presider breaks the consecrated bread)
Fraction Anthem G#830 Refrain Only: Seed Scattered and Sown





Invitation to Communion:

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the People of God. **People:** Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.

All are welcome and invited to come to The Lord's Table and receive communion in this church. It is gluten free bread and real wine. To dip/intinct your bread into the wine and then consume it, please come to the left altar rail. To eat your bread and then sip wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, come to either rail and cross your arms over your chest and we will give you a blessing.

Communion Hymn: "Take and Eat" G #812

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world,
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: And now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all of you now and forever.. **Amen.**

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!)

Closing Hymn: "Breathe on my O breath of God"

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Postlude: "To God be the Glory", William Doane and Fanny Crosby, arr

Fred Bock

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.

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