



The Season After
PENTECOST

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, 1 Jun 5pm & Sunday, 2 Jun 10 AM 2024



Ruth
A Love Story

Prelude: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*, tune St. Elizabeth, arr. Lenny Seidel

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Entrance Rites - The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn *"Love divine all loves excelling"* #657

Opening Acclamation:

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

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria, #S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

Collect of the Day:

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God (please be seated)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Ruth 3:1-18:

Naomi, Ruth's mother-in-law, said to her, "My daughter, am I not seeking respite for you, that will be good for you? Now is not Boaz our kin, with whose girls you have been? Look! He is winnowing barley on the threshing floor tonight. Now bathe and anoint yourself and put on your [best] clothes and go down to the threshing floor; do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, note the place where he lies, and go and uncover his thighs and lie down, and he will tell you what you should do." Ruth said to Naomi, "All that you tell me I will do."

Then Ruth went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law commanded her. Now Boaz had eaten and drunk and his heart was content, and he went to lie down at the end of the heap [of grain]. Then Ruth came in secret and uncovered his thighs and lay down. At midnight the man trembled and turned and right there a woman was lying at his thighs! Then Boaz said, "Who are you?" And she said, "I am Ruth, your slave-woman; spread your cloak over your slave-woman, for you are a kin redeemer." And he said, "May you be blessed by the MOST HIGH, my daughter; your most recent act of fidelity is greater than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; all that you have spoken, I will do for you, for all the assembly of my people know you are a warrior-hearted woman. And now, it is true that I am a kin redeemer, there is a kin redeemer closer than I. Spend the night tonight and when morning comes, if he will redeem you as kin, good; let him redeem you. If he does not want to redeem you as kin, then, as the AGELESS GOD lives, I will redeem you as kin myself. Lie down until the morning."

So Ruth lay at his thighs until morning, but got up before one person could recognize a neighbor for Boaz said [to himself], "Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor." Then he said, "Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out." So she held it and Boaz measured out six helpings of barley, and put it on her back; then he went into the city. And Ruth came to her mother-in-law and Naomi asked, "Who are you, my daughter?" And she told her all that the man had done for her. Ruth explained, "He gave these six helpings of barley to me, for he said, 'Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'" She replied, "Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter will shake out, for the man will not rest, but will conclude the matter today."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm -

Psalm 68: 4-11: (read responsively by verse)

- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to her Name;
exalt her who rides upon the clouds;
Holy is her Name, rejoice before her!**
- 5 Mother of orphans and defender of widows,
is God in her holy habitation!**
- 6 God settles the solitary in a home, bringing prisoners into prosperity;
while the rebellious shall live in a wasteland.**
- 7 God when you marched before your people,
When you moved out through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, even the heavens poured down,
at the presence of God, the One of Sinai,
at the presence of Go, the God of Israel.**
- 9 Rain in abundance, God, you showered abroad;
when your heritage grew weary you prepared rest.**
- 10 Your creatures found a dwelling in it;
God, you provided in your goodness for the oppressed.**
- 11 The AUTHOR OF LIFE gave the word;
the women who proclaim the good news are a great army.**

The Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's letter to the 2 Corinthians 9:6-13:

Now hear this: The one who sows sparingly, sparingly will also reap, and the one who sows in abundance, in abundance will also reap. Each one must give as decided in your heart, not out of reluctance or under pressure, for "God loves a cheerful giver." And the power of God is able to grant you all every gift abundantly, so that always having enough of everything, you all may abound in every good work. As it is written, "God scatters generously, and gives to the poor; God's righteousness endures forever."

The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. Enriched in every way for every kind of generosity which will yield through us thanksgiving to God, for the offering of this ministry does not only supply the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the character of this ministry you all glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your companionship with them and with all others..

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Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 8:1-3**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now after [a woman anointed his feet] Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the reign of God. The twelve were with him. There were also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon (Rev Keith Saar)

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, was incarnate 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 (Form 1, edited, BCP pp. 383-385)

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God,

People: and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

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 Bishops, priests, and deacons, and for all ministers in your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *Episcopal-Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, in Lake side.*

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: and for people doing God's will, let us pray to the Lord.

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

People: and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For this city of Sierra Vista, for every city and community,

People: and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,

People: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffering, for the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives,

People: 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, violence, oppression, and degradation,

People: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope,

People: without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O

Lord, with your grace.

People: In the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to you Holy and Living God. Amen.

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 is Love and where true love is”* **#576**

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.*

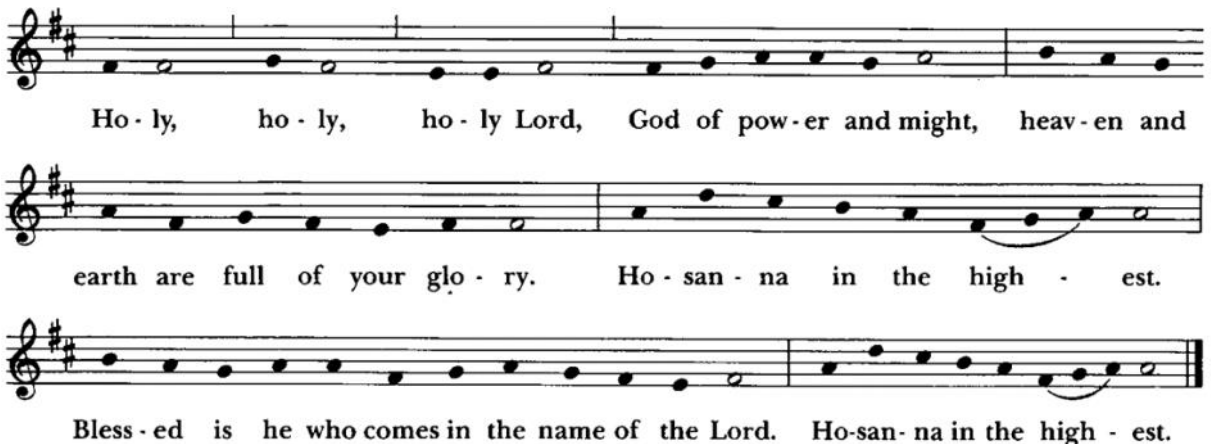
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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, your will be done. On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins 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



Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing bread of God.
Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is
shared by all; the liv-ing cup, the liv-ing bread of God.

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: "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts" #650

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.**

Closing Hymn: “God who stretched the spangled heavens” **#580**

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!)

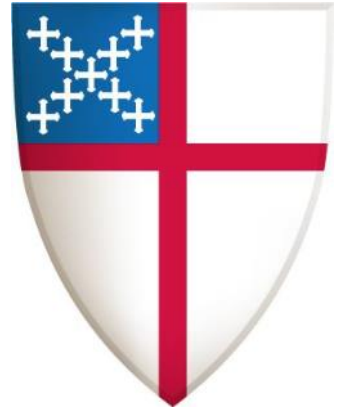
Postlude: *“Little Offertory”* in D, by Edward Broughton

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

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