

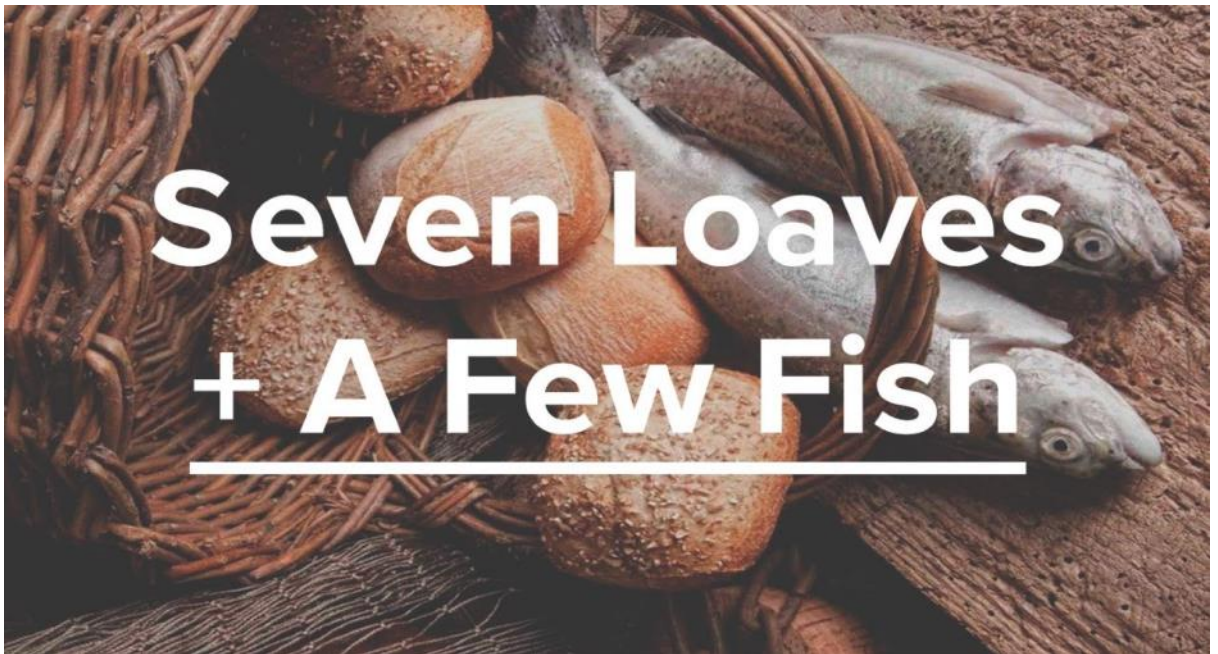
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5pm Saturday, 22 June & 10 am Sunday, 23 June 2024



Prelude: "This Is My Father's World", Tune by Sheppard, arr Doreen J Oberg
Welcome and Announcements **Rev Keith Saar**

Entrance Rites - The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn *"We come with joy in Jesus Christ"*

G#706

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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 1 Samuel 1:19-28:

Hannah and Elkanah rose early in the morning and bowed down and worshiped before the HOLY ONE OF OLD; then they turned back and went to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the HOLY ONE

remembered her. And it was with the turning of the days that Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She called his name Samuel (God hears), for she said, "From the GOD WHO HEARS have I asked him."

Now the man Elkanah went up along with his whole household to offer to the HOLY ONE the yearly sacrifice, and on account of a vow. Yet Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned, then will I bring him, that he may be seen in the presence of the MOST HIGH and remain there perpetually. I will present him as a Nazirite in perpetuity, for all the days of his life." Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Do what is best in your eyes, stay until you have weaned him. May the FAITHFUL GOD establish the words of your mouth."

So, the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. And she took him up with her after she had weaned him along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a jug of wine. Hannah brought him to the house of the EVER-LIVING GOD at Shiloh and the boy was just a little boy. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the boy to Eli.

And Hannah said, "My lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman, the one who was standing beside you in this place to pray to the GOD WHO HEARS. For this boy I prayed; and the FAITHFUL GOD gave me my asking, what I asked from God. Therefore, have I bequeathed him to the GRACIOUS GOD; all his days will he be a bequest to the GOD WHOSE NAME IS HOLY." So she left him there and she bowed down and worshipped the FAITHFUL GOD.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm -

Psalm 69:10-21, 30-33 : (read responsively by verse)

10 Now I humbled my soul with
fasting,
and they reviled me.

11 **And I wore sackcloth as my
clothing,
and I became to them a byword.**

12 They speak against me, they who
sit in the city gates,
while the drunkards make songs

about me.

13 **Yet I make my prayer to you, the
WISDOM OF THE AGES.**

**At a favorable time,
God, in the wealth of your
faithful love, answer me,
with your certain salvation.**

14 Rescue me from the mire,
and let me not sink;

- let me be delivered from my
enemies
and from the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the flood waters
overwhelm me,
let not the Deep swallow me
up; let not the Pit close
its mouth over me.**
- 16 Answer me, GRACIOUS GOD,
for your faithful love is good;
according to the wealth of your
maternal love, turn to me.
- 17 Do not hide your face from your
slave,
for I am in distress; hurry to
answer me.**
- 18 Draw near to my soul and redeem
her,
on account of my enemies, deliver
me.
- 19 Indeed, you know of my reviling,
and my shame and my disgrace;
all my adversaries are before
you.**
- 20 Reviling has broken my heart,
and I am despair.
I looked for consolation, but there
was none;
and for comforters and I found
none.
- 30 I will praise the name of God with
song;
I will magnify her with
thanksgiving.**
- 31 This will please the CREATOR OF
ALL more than an ox
or a bull with horns and hooves.
- 32 Let the oppressed see it and be
glad;
you who seek God, let your
hearts flourish.**
- 33 For the FAITHFUL GOD hears the
needy,
and those who belong to her and
are imprisoned,
she does not despise.
- 34 Let the heavens and earth praise
her,
the seas and everything that
moves in them.**

The Second Lesson: A Reading from the book of Acts 2:43-47:

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were as one and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Daily they continued with the same purpose in the temple; they broke bread at home and ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart. They praised God and had the gratitude of all the people. And day by day the Holy One added to their number those who were being saved.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 15:29-39

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus had left Tyre and Sidon, he went by the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, sitting down there. Great crowds came to him, bringing with them disabled, blind, and mute people, and people missing body parts along with many others. Then they put them at his feet, and he healed them so that the crowd was amazed when they saw mute people speaking, people missing body parts made whole, disabled people walking, and blind people seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd because they have stayed with me for three days now and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might collapse on the road."

The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get so much bread in the desert as to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, how many loaves do you have?" The said, "Seven and a few small fish."

Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and giving thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples; the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled, and they took up the abundance of fragments, seven baskets full. Those who ate were women and children besides four thousand men. Then sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

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: *The Church of England*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *Church of the Transfiguration, in Mesa*

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 *“Take my life and let it be”*

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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

EOW 2

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.*

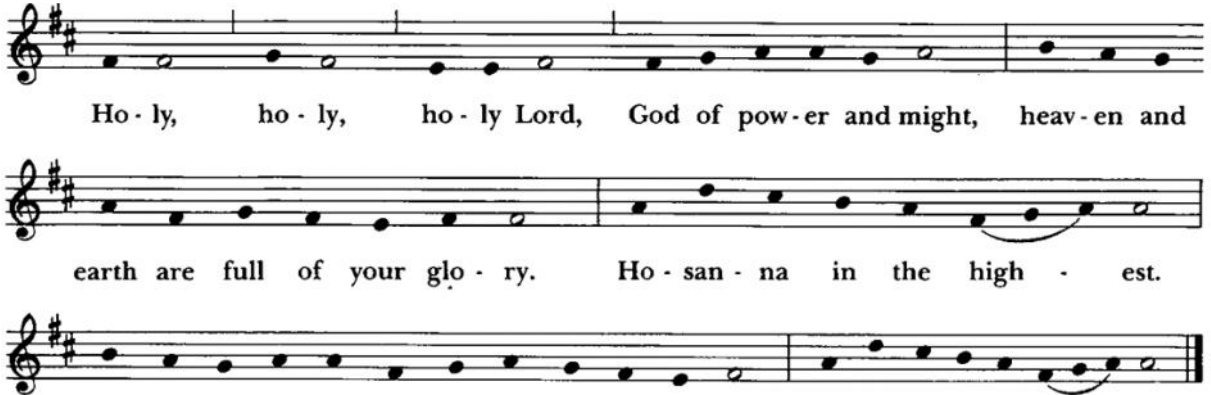
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" G#622

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: "There's a wideness in God's mercy" #470

Dismissal

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

People: We are called to love and serve.

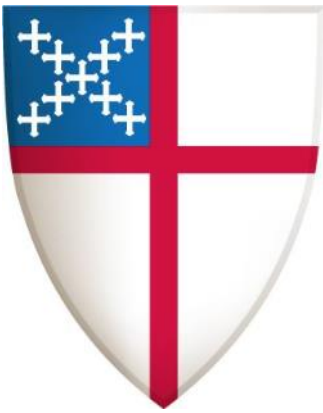
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: "*I Am His, and He Is Mine*", from tune Everlasting Love by James Mountain, arr Rachel Sawyer

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



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