

# 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.*

## **MORNING PRAYER 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Saturday 16 June 2024 10 AM



Prelude: "Rejoice ye pure in heart", tune Marion by Arthur Messiter, arr Colin Curtis

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Deacon Dorothy Gutwein**

**Opening Hymn/Song**     “*This is my Father's World*”     #174

**Opening Sentences** (*Please stand as you are able*)

Leader:        Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,  
                  and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (*Psalm 43:3*)

**Confession of Sin**

Deacon/Leader: 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.**

Deacon/Leader:     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 Invitatory and Psalter**

Leader:        Lord, open our lips.

People:        **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**All:        Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
                  as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Jubilate** (*For the Gloria*):

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
          serve the Lord with gladness  
          and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
          he himself has made us, and we are his;  
          we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
          go into his courts with praise; \*  
          give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
          and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **The Lessons** *(Please be seated)*

### **First Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Samuel (1:1-6, 9-18)**

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. He had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second, Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

Now this man went up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the SOVEREIGN of heaven's vanguard at Shiloh; there the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the HOLY ONE OF OLD. And it was, on the day Elkanah sacrificed, he would give to his wife Peninnah and to all her daughters and her sons portions [of the sacrifice]. But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the WOMB OF LIFE had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the WELLSPRING OF LIFE had closed her womb.

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the HOLY ONE OF OLD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorposts of the temple of the HOLY ONE. Hannah's soul was embittered, and she prayed to the SOURCE OF LIFE, and she wept profusely. And she vowed a vow and said, "HOLY ONE of heaven's legions, if only you would truly look on the affliction of your slave-woman, and remember me, and not forget your slave-woman, but will give to your slave-woman man-seed, then I will place him before you as a nazirite all the days of his life. He shall not drink wine or strong drink, and a razor shall not go upon his head."

And it was as she increased praying before the FAITHFUL ONE, Eli was observing her mouth. Now Hannah, she was speaking in her heart, only her lips moved; her voice was not heard. So, Eli took her for a drunkard. And Eli said to her, "How long will you remain drunk? Put your wine away woman—away from you!" Then Hannah responded and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman whose spirit has hardened; I have not drunk either wine or strong drink; I have been pouring out my soul before the GOD WHO HEARS. Do not regard your slave as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking from my great grief and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to God." And Hannah said, "May your slave-woman find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went on her way to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 113

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you slaves of the MOST HIGH;  
praise the Name of the WISDOM OF THE AGES.**
- 2 Let the Name of the HOLY ONE OF OLD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down  
the Name of the AUTHOR OF LIFE is praised.**
- 4 SHE WHO IS WISDOM is high above all nations,  
and her glory above the heavens.**
- 5 Who is like the MOTHER OF ALL our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,  
Yet bends down to behold the heavens and the earth?**
- 6 She takes up the weak out of the dust  
And lifts up the poor from the ashes.**
- 7 She sets them with the rulers,  
With the rulers of her people.**
- 8 She makes the woman of a childless house  
To be a joyful mother of children.**

## Second Lesson: A Reading from the letter to the Colossians (4: 10-17):

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you all, so too Mark the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you have received instructions, if he comes to you, welcome him. And Jesus who is called Justus greets you. These of the circumcised are my only coworkers for the realm of God, and they have been a comfort to me, Epaphras, who is one of you, a slave of the Messiah Jesus, greets you all. He is always fighting for you all in his prayers, so that you may stand mature and fully assured in everything that is the will of God. For I testify for him that he has done much hard labor for you all and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you. Give my greetings to the sisters and brothers in Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house. And when this has been read among you all, make it so that it is read in the Laodicean church; and you all read the one from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, "See that the ministry you have received in the Messiah, that you fulfill it."

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## **Gospel Lesson:**

Reader: The holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew (15:21-28)**

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

Jesus left the place [where he had been teaching] and went back to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that area came out and shouted, "Have mercy on me, Sir, Son of David; my daughter is badly demon-possessed." But Jesus did not answer her a word. Then his disciples came and implored him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." Now Jesus answered, "I was not sent to any except the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Jesus, saying, "Rabbi, help me." Then Jesus said, "It is not good to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Rabbi, yet the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their lord's table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed that moment.

Deacon/Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### *Reflection on readings / homily (optional)*

## **The Apostles Creed:**

Deacon/Leader: Let us say together the Apostles' Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray.

**Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Suffrages (B)

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## *Collect for Guidance*

Leader: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings:**

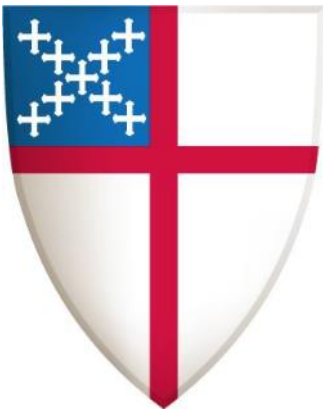
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

## **Prayer of General Thanksgiving** (All in unison)

Leader: Let us Pray

**All: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the**





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