



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

## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Sunday, 9 Jun 10 AM 2024**



Prelude: *"Like a River Glorious"*, tune Wye Valley, arr. John Purifoy

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

**Entrance Rites** - The people stand as they are able.

**Opening Hymn** *"In Christ there is no east or west"*

**G#726**

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 **Ruth 4:9-17:**

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I am acquiring all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon from the hand of Naomi. Also, Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon am I acquiring for myself as a wife to maintain the dead man's name

on his inheritance, to reestablish the name of the deceased on his heritable property, that it may not be cut off from his kin and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses."

All the women and men who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the FAITHFUL GOD grant that the woman who is coming into your house be like Rachel and Leah; the two of them built up the house of Israel. May you prosper in Ephrathah and establish a lineage in Bethlehem; and may your house, through the children that the FOUNT OF LIFE will give you by this young woman, be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar gave birth to for Judah."

So Boaz took Ruth as his own for a wife. He came to her and the SOURCE OF LIFE granted her a pregnancy, and she gave birth to a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the FAITHFUL GOD, who has not deprived you this day of next of-kin; and may the child's name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a provider in your latter years; for your daughter-in-law has given birth to him, she who loves you, she who is more to you than seven sons." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and she fostered him. The neighbor-women gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David."

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm -**

**Psalm 107:1-9, 19-22:** (read responsively by verse)

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| 1 Give thanks to SHE WHO IS<br>MAJESTY, for she is good,<br>and her faithful love endures<br>forever.  | from the north and from the south.   |
| 2 Let the redeemed of SHE WHO<br>SAVES proclaim<br>that she redeemed them from<br>the hand of the foe. | 4 <b>They wandered in the wilderness,<br/>in the desert;<br/>no path to a city fit for settling<br/>did they find.</b> |
| 3 And she has gathered them from all<br>the lands;<br>from the east and from the west,                 | 5 They were hungry and thirsty;<br>their souls fainted within them.  |
|  | 6 <b>Then they cried to SHE WHO<br/>HEARS in their trouble,<br/>and from their distress she<br/>delivered them.</b>    |

- 7 And she led them on a straight path to a city fit for settling.
- 8 Let them give thanks to WOMB OF LIFE for her faithful love and her wonderful works for the woman-born.**
- 9 For she satisfies the thirsty soul and the hungry souls she fills with goodness.
- 19 They cried to the MOTHER OF ALL in their trouble, and she delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 She sent forth her word and healed them and saved them from their pits.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the WOMB OF LIFE for her faithful love and wonderful works for the woman-born.**
- 22 Let them sacrifice sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell other acts with shouts of joy.

**The Second Lesson:** A Reading from Paul's letter to the **1 Corinthians 12:14-26:**

Now look, the body is not a single part but rather, many. If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," is it then, not of the body? And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," is it then, not of the body?

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were hearing, where would be the smelling? Thus it is that God has designated the parts of the body, each of them, according to the will of God. If all were a single part, where would be the body? Thus, it is that there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no use for you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no use for you." Rather, on the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable. And those parts of the body that we think dishonorable we clothe with more honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with more decorum. However, our more respectable parts do not need such.

Yet God has so composed the body, giving the more honor to the lesser part, that there may be no division within the body, rather that the parts may have the same concern for one another. And if one part suffers, all suffer together with it; if one part is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Matthew 5:43-48**

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

"You all have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' Yet I say to you all: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of the One in heaven who begot you; for the sun—which belongs to God—rises on the evil and on the good, and God rains on the righteous and on the unrighteous woman or man. For if you all love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your sisters and brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Sovereign is perfect.

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

## **Sermon (Bishop Jennifer Reddall)**

### **Presentation of Candidates to be Received :**

Bishop: The Candidates for reception will now be presented:

Rev. Allison: I present these persons, Alan and Shelby, to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop (*to congregation*): Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with these who are committing themselves to Christ renew our own baptismal covenant.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and was 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.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will with God's help**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will with God's help**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will with God's help.**

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(The Bishop lays hands on each person being received in turn saying:)*

Bishop: (Alan, Shelby) we recognize you as a member of the on holy catholic and apostolic church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

### **Exchange of the Peace**

Bishop: Let us show our gladness for our newest additions to our church through the exchange of greetings of peace: 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.*

### **Recognition of EfM Graduates (Insert)**

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** *“Come thou font of every blessing”* **#686**

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.

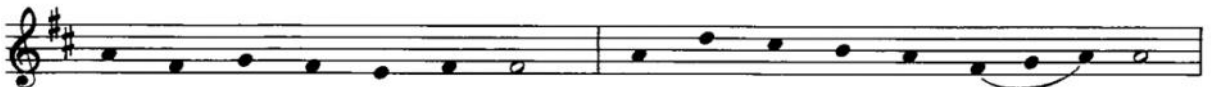
People: **You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

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:** "One bread, one body"

**G#813**

**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: "Awake O sleeper rise from death"*

**#547**

## 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!)**

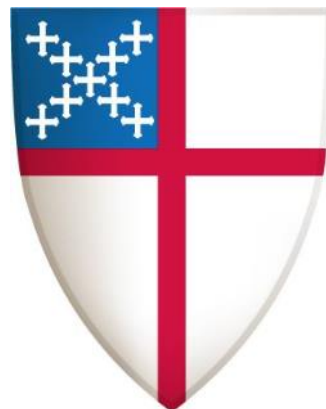
Postlude: "*Walk in Faith*", by David Paxton

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

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