

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.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
5pm Saturday, 27 July & 10 am Sunday, 28 July 2024



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

Opening Song: ***“Rejoice the Lord is King”***

G#493

Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Blessed be the Holy Trinity (+) One God, who forgives all our sins,

All: And whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Presider: Let us together pray the Collect for Purity

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria—

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you
thanks,**

we praise you for your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,**

Lord God, Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:**

**receive our prayer. For you alone
are the Holy One,**

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Presider: Let us pray the Collect of the day *together*

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons: (Please be seated)

Lesson 1: A reading from 1 Samuel (9:1-3,15-18, 10:1):

Now there was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, himself a son of a Benjaminite, a warrior-hearted man of substance. He had a son whose name was Saul, a fine young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel finer than he; he stood above and beyond everyone else. Now the female donkeys of Kish, Saul's father, had strayed. So, Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the boys with you, get up and look for the donkeys."

Now the HOLY ONE had uncovered the ear of Samuel the day before Saul came, saying: "About this time tomorrow I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be a leader over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines, for I have seen the humiliation of my people, because their cry has come to me." When Samuel saw Saul, the HOLY ONE told him, "Here is the man of whom I spoke to you. He it is who shall govern my people." Then Saul approached Samuel in the center of the gate, and said, "Tell me, please, where is the house of the seer?" Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it on Saul's head, and kissed him, and said, "Has not the HOLY ONE OF OLD anointed you leader over God's own heritage?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22:23-31

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| <p>23 You who revere the FOUNT OF LIFE, praise her!
all the offspring of Leah and Rachel, Bilhah and Zilpah glorify her.
Stand in awe of her all you of Rebekah's line.</p> <p>24 For she did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
she did not hide her face from me, and when I cried to her, she heard.</p> | <p>25 On your account is my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who revere her.</p> <p>26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek her shall praise the MOTHER OF ALL.
May your hearts live forever!</p> <p>27 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the WELLSPRING</p> |
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<p>OF LIFE; and all the families of the nations shall worship before her.</p> <p>28 For sovereignty belongs to the SHE WHO Is HOLY, and she rules over the nations.</p> <p>29 They consume and they bow down, all the fat ones of the earth before her, they bend their knees, all who go</p>	<p>down to the dust, and cannot save their soul.</p> <p>30 Later descendants will serve her; future generations will be told about our God,</p> <p>31 they will go and proclaim her deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that she has done it.</p>
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Lesson 2: A Reading from 1 Corinthians (4:8-13):

You all already have enough. You all have already become rich! With us you all have begun to rule like royals! And I wish that you all had become royal rulers, so that we might reign with you! For I think that God has set us forth, we the apostles last, like those condemned to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, angels and mortals. We are fools for Christ, but you all are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you all are strong. You all are honored, but we dishonored. To this very hour are we hungry and thirsty, we are unclothed and beaten and homeless. And we are weary of the work of our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; persecuted, we endure. Being slandered, we proclaim comfort. We have become the garbage of the world, the scum of all things, to this very moment.

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke (19:11-27):

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the crowd was listening to Jesus, he added a parable to relay because he was near Jerusalem, and because they thought the reign of God was about to appear, immediately. Thus, Jesus said, "A highborn person went to a distant country to receive their royal authority and then returned. This person summoned ten of their slaves and gave them ten gold mina coins and said to them, 'Tend to business until I come back.'

But the citizens of their country hated this person and sent an envoy following, saying, 'We do not want this person to rule over us.' And it was as in returning, having received royal authority, this person ordered these slaves, to whom had been given the money, to be summoned in order to find out what profit they had made. The first came forward and said, 'Highness, your gold coin has made ten more gold coins.'

Then this person said to that slave, 'Well done, good slave! Because in little you have been trustworthy, take over ten cities.' And the second came, saying, 'Highness, your one gold coin has made five gold coins.' Then this person said to that slave, 'And you, be over five cities.' Then the other came, saying, 'Highness, here is your gold coin. I wrapped and stored it in a handkerchief, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh person; you take what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.'

This person said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew that I was a harsh person, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money on the banker's table? So-I, when I returned, could have collected it with interest.' And then this person said to the bystanders, 'Take the gold coin from him and give it to the one who has ten gold coins.' And they said to this person, 'Highness, he has ten pounds!' 'I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to reign over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed: (ELCA 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped 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: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray: O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth

People: **your saving health among all nations.**

Leader: We pray for the good state of the universal Church, praying especially today for:

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East in the Anglican cycle of prayer and for *Christ Church of the Ascension, of Paradise Valley* in the Diocesan cycle of prayer; and for the first peoples of this land, especially the Tohono O'odom and Apache peoples who call this area home. Guide and govern us by your good Spirit:

People: **that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.**

Leader: We commend to your heavenly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or spirit; remembering _____ (pause as *people add their petitions aloud or silently*).

Comfort and relieve them in their need,

People: give them patience and endurance in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions.

Leader: We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ, remembering _____ (*pause as people add names of those who have died*), and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,

People: with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

Leader: All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

All Amen.

The Confession:

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another:

All: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and have offended you in thought, word, and deed. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us and our hearts again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

Presider: By God's Grace you have been saved. In the name of Christ (+) your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may continue to live in your hearts through faith in his love. **Amen.**

The Peace:

Presider: The peace of Christ be with you always

All: and also with you.

Offertory

Presider: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Song: "Holy God we praise thy name"

G#519

Doxology #380 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (vs. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), prayer IX

Presider: The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider continues:

It is indeed right, and our worship and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

In fulfillment of your true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples to teach them and to lead them into all truth: uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of faith in Christ and giving to your church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing/*saying*:

Sanctus:

Journey Songs #189 Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is". The score includes a repeat sign and a triplets mark over the final "Ho - san - na".



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the seas; within each cell; with every breath:

People: We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future:

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now:

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave you thanks in prayer saying: *“Blessed are You, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received this bread we offer you: fruit of the earth, and work of human hands, it will become for us the Bread of Life.”*

Blessed be God forever.

Then Jesus broke the bread and gave it to his followers saying: *“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you saying: *“Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received this wine that we offer You: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”*

Blessed be God forever.

Then he gave the cup for all to drink saying: *“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit (+): in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, Holy God, through Jesus Christ, by your Spirit, in your church, world without end. Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray: (*Contemporary Version*)

**All: 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 (*The priest breaks the consecrated bread in silence*)

Fraction Anthem: Journey Songs #194 Lamb of God (insert below)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with lyrics: "world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace." The second staff includes a first ending bracket labeled "1..." and a final ending bracket labeled "Final".

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

[All are invited to come forward to receive the bread (gluten free) and wine, or if you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.]

Communion Music: "Now Thank We All Our God" #396

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers & Gratitudes

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand as you are able)*

Presider: Let us pray

All: God of abundance, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through the gift of faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Benediction:

Presider: May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
and protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

And may He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Recessional Hymn: “They’ll know we are Christians by our love”

G#728

Dismissal

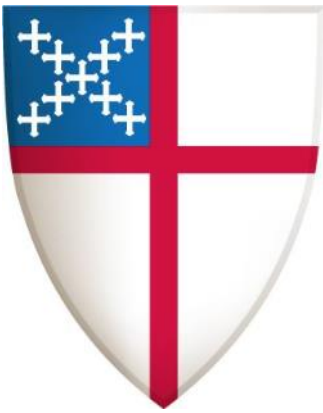
Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve!

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please join us for refreshments after the Sunday worship service.



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