

# 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.*

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**5pm Saturday, 6 July & 10 am Sunday, 7 July 2024**



Prelude: *"America the Beautiful" tune Materna by Samuel Ward, arr. Eugene Butler*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

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

Opening Song: "Lead me, guide me"

**G#555**

**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/Praise Hymn: G#746 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" vs 1,2 3**

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing  
2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With -  
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap -

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, his  
out our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he  
proach with joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his

praise forth tell, Come we be - fore him, and re - joice.  
does us feed, And for his sheep he does us take.  
Name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.

### **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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Ezekiel 2:1-5**

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \***  
**to you enthroned in the heavens.**
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***  
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \***  
**until he show us his mercy.**
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \***  
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \***  
**and of the derision of the proud.**

## **Lesson 2: A Reading from the book 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**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 **Mark 6:1-13**  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

Nicene Creed: *(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 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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean* in the Anglican cycle of prayer and for *Saints Philip & James, of Morenci* 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:** "All that we have"

**G#597**

**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

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  
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing/*saying*:

*Sanctus:*

*Journey Songs #189 Holy, Holy, Holy*

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..**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: '\*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of 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'.

\*Other Invocations available in accompaniment books.

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**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)

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.**

*(People come forward to receive the bread and wine)*

**Communion Music: "On Eagle's Wings"**

**G#593**

## **Celebration of 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.

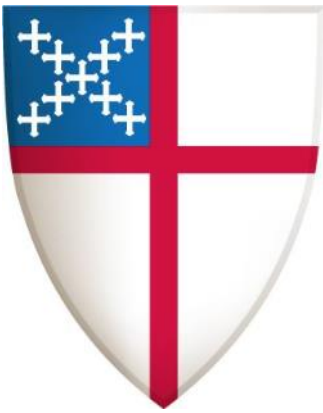
And may He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

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

**Amen**

**Recessional Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus say"** **G#622**

**Dismissal**



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