

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5pm Saturday, 13 July & 10 am Sunday, 14 July 2024



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

Opening Song: “*I want to walk as a child of the light*” #490

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 Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons: (Please be seated)

Lesson 1: A reading from 1 Samuel 4:2, 5-11, 19-22

The Philistines deployed against Israel and the battle was lost and Israel was struck down by the Philistines, and they killed on the field of battle four thousand men.

Now it happened as the ark of the covenant of the FIRE OF SINAI came into the camp, all Israel shouted a great shout and the earth herself echoed it. And when the Philistines heard the sound of the great shout, they said, "What is this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews?" Then they learned that the ark of the ANCIENT OF DAYS had come to the camp. And the Philistines were afraid; for they said, "Gods have come into the camp." And they said, "Woe to us! Never has there been such a thing. Woe to us! Who can deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with every kind of plague in the wilderness. Strengthen yourselves and be men, O Philistines, lest you become enslaved to the Hebrews as they were enslaved to you; be men and fight."

So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated and fled, each to their tent. Now there was a very great slaughter and there fell from Israel thirty thousand foot-soldiers. Then the ark of God was taken and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

Now Eli's daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth and when she heard the news that the ark of God was taken and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she squatted and gave birth, for her labor pains came on and overwhelmed her. Then at the moment of her death, the women standing with her said to her, "Fear not, for you have given birth to a son." But she did not answer or incline her heart. She named the child "Ai Kavod," Ichabod, meaning, "Woe [Ail! The glory [Kavod] has departed from Israel," because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been taken."

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

Psalm 77:1-12,19-20:

- 1 With my voice to God I cry aloud,
with my voice to God, that she
may hear me.**
- 2 In the day of my trouble the Holy
One I seek,
my hand at night is stretched
out without rest;
my soul refuses to be
comforted.**
- 3 I contemplate God, and I groan;
I meditate, and my spirit faints.
Selah**
- 4 You hold my eyelids open;
I am distraught and cannot
speak.**
- 5 I consider the days of old,
and remember the years of
time past.**
- 6 I contemplate my song in the
night with my heart;
I meditate and search my
spirit:**
- 7 "Will the Holy One reject for all
time,
and never again show favor?**
- 8 Has her faithful love ceased for all
time? Has her promise ceased to
pass from generation to
generation?**
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has she in anger closed off her
mother-love?" Selah**
- 10 And I say, "This is what ails me,
that the right hand of the Most
High has changed."**
- 11 I will contemplate the deeds of
the AGELESS GOD;
and I will remember your
wonders of old.**
- 12 I will meditate on all your work,
and reflect on your deeds.**
- 19 In the sea was your way, and
your paths in the many waters,
yet your footsteps were not
seen.**
- 20 You led your people like a flock,
by the hand of Miriam, Aaron,
and Moses.**

Lesson 2: A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (5:1-5):

Now, since we are made righteousness through faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Through Christ we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in our hope of God's glory. And not only that, for we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance character, and character hope, and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, She, who has been given to us.

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

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John (14:25-31)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"These things have I said to you while I am still with you all. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Most High will send in my name, She will teach you all things and She will remind you all of all that I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you all. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them fear. You have heard me say to you all, 'I am going away and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Creator, because the Almighty is greater than I. And now, I have told you this before it happens, so when it happens, you all might believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming and has nothing in me. Rather, that the world may know that I love the Creator of All, just as the Sovereign God commands me, so I do. Rise now, let us leave this place.

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 Diocese of Gujarat – The Church of North India (United) in the Anglican cycle of prayer and for *St. Andrew's, in Nogales* 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: “Come down o love divine”

#516

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



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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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 begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the". The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics: "world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace." It includes a first ending bracket labeled "1..." and a final ending bracket labeled "Final".

*Other Invocations available in accompaniment books.

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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: *"Praise the spirit in creation"* #507

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: *"Sing praise to God who reigns above"* #408

Dismissal

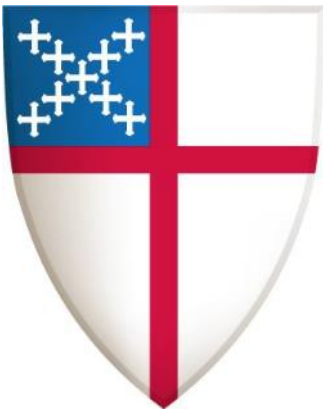
Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

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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