

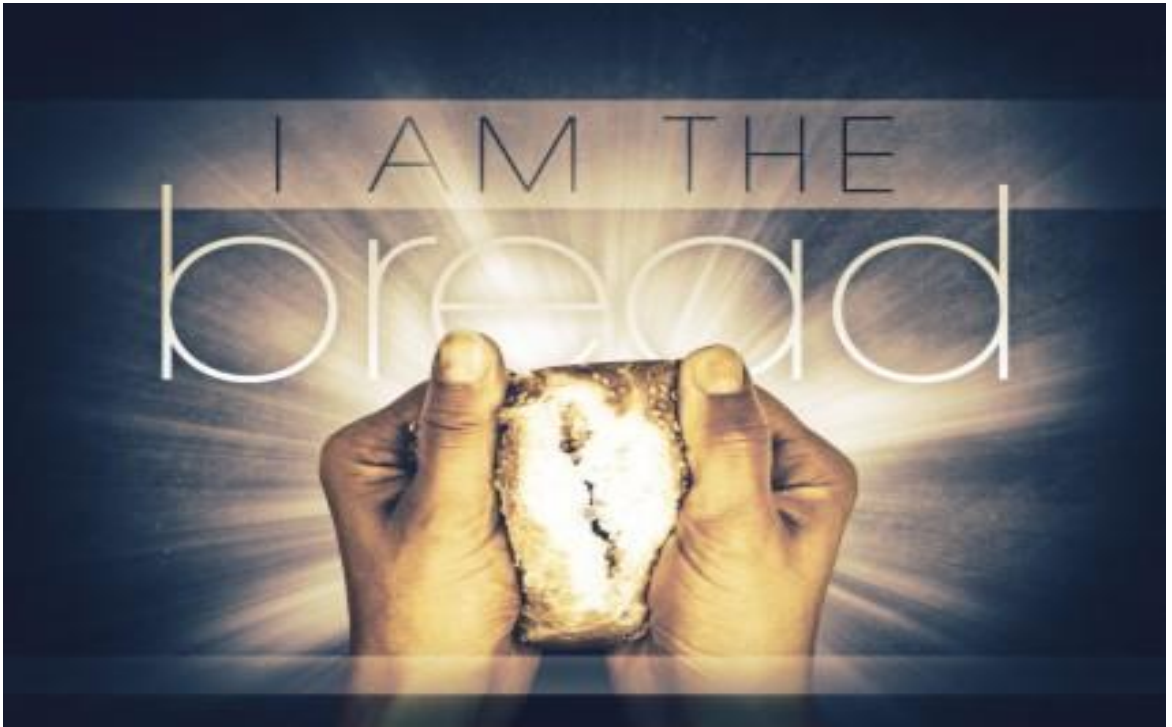
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



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

PROPER 13 IN ORDINARY TIME

5pm Saturday, 3 August & 10 am Sunday, 4 August 2024



Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

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

Opening Song: ***“How Great Thou Art”***

G#496

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.
Amen.**

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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Exodus (16:2-4,9-15):

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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

Psalm 78:23-29

**23 So he commanded the clouds
above ***

and opened the doors of heaven.

**24 He rained down manna upon
them to eat *
and gave them grain from
heaven.**

**25 So mortals ate the bread of
angels; ***

**he provided for them food
enough.**

**26 He caused the east wind to blow
in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his
might.**

**27 He rained down flesh upon them
like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of**

the sea.
**28 He let it fall in the midst of their
camp *
and round about their dwellings.**

**29 So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they
craved.**

Lesson 2: A Reading from Ephesians (4:1-16):

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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
John (6:24-3):

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

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 Anglican Church of Kenya in the Anglican cycle of prayer and for *St. Paul's, of Payson* 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: "For the fruit of all creation "

#424

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

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

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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 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:

“Let us break bread together on our knees” #325

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: "Rain Down"

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Dismissal

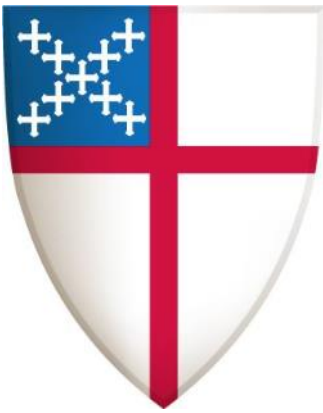
Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

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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