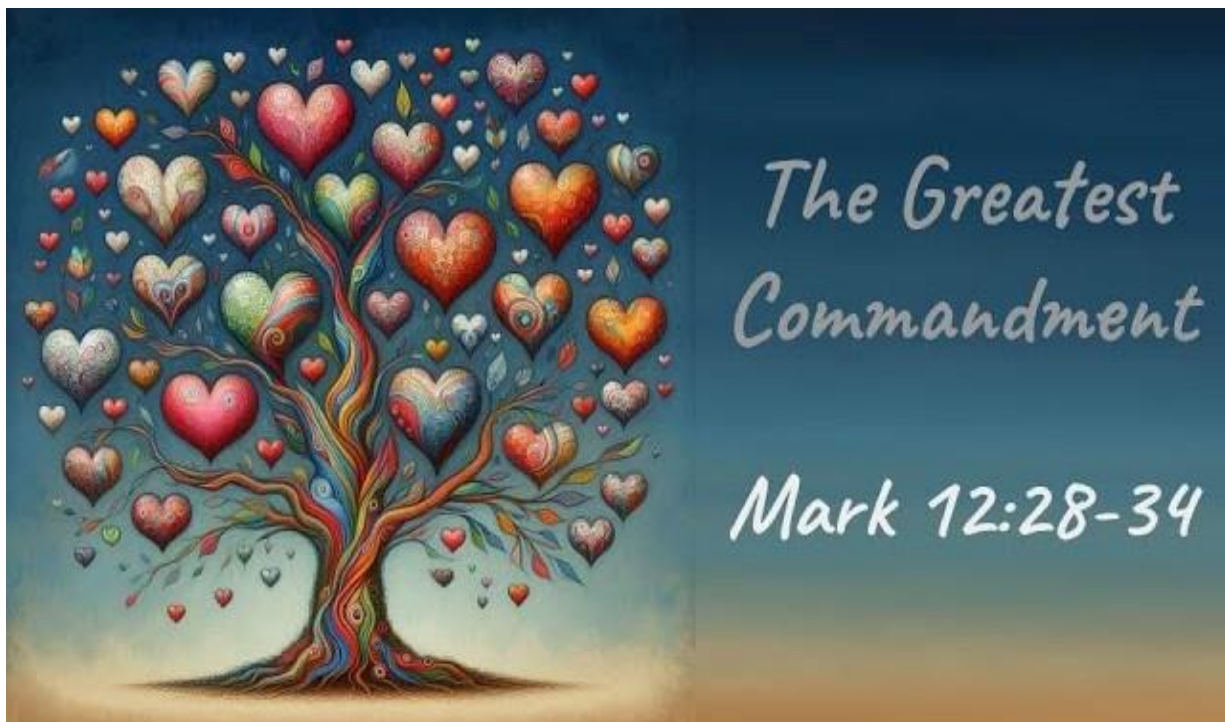




*Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.*

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**5pm Saturday, 24 August & 10 am Sunday, 25 August 2024**



Prelude: *"It Is Well with my Soul"*, Tune Ville du Havre by Phillip Bliss,  
arr Bethany McDonald  
**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev Allison Cornell**

## **Opening Song: “Now that the daylight fills the sky” #3**

**Presider** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Presider & People:**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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: Hymnal 1982 #390 Praise to the Lord vs 1 & 4**

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| <b>1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</b><br>The king of creation<br>O my soul praise him<br>For he is thy health and salvation<br>Join the great throng<br>Psaltery organ and song<br>Sounding in glad adoration | <b>4. Praise to the Lord O let all that</b><br>is in me adore him<br>All that hath life and breath<br>come now with praises before him<br>Let the amen<br>sound from his people again<br>Gladly forever adore him. |
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### **The Collect:**

**Presider** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
**Presider** Let us pray.

**All:** Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 for the reading of the lessons)

### **First Lesson: 1 Samuel 14:49-51, 18:17-21, 29**

Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, Ishvi, and Malchishua, and the names of his two daughters, the name of the firstborn was Merab, and the name of the

younger, Michal. The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam daughter of AHIMA, and the name of the commander of his army was Abner son of Ner, Saul's uncle. Kish was the father of Saul and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

Then Saul said to David, "Look, here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you as a wife; only be my valiant warrior and fight the battles of the HOLY ONE." For Saul said to himself, "Let me not raise a hand against him, rather let the hand of the Philistines do it." Then David said to Saul, "Who am I and what is my lineage, my ancestral house in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the ruler of Israel?" But at the time for giving Merab the daughter of Saul to David, it happened that she was given to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife. Now at the same time Saul's daughter Michal loved David. Saul was told, and the matter was all right in his eyes. So Saul said to himself, "Let me give Michal to David that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." So, Saul said to David a second time, "Through the second shall you be my son-in-law this day."

And Saul came to fear David more and Saul became the enemy of David every day from then.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

**Psalm 31:1-7, 14-16, 19-24:**

- 1 In you, WOMB OF LIFE, I take refuge;  
let me not ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness rescue me.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me;  
quickly deliver me.  
Be for me a rock of refuge,  
a stronghold to save me.**
- 3 For you are my rock and my stronghold;  
for your Name's sake lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Free me from the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.**
- 5 Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, ARK OF SAFETY, God of truth.**

- 6 I hate those who attend to worthless vanity,  
but in the MOTHER OF ALL I place my trust.**
- 7 I will exult and I will rejoice in your faithful love,  
because you have seen my affliction;  
you have studied my soul's sorrows.**
- 14 Yet I, in you I trust, FAITHFUL GOD;  
I declare, "You are my God."**
- 15 My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and those who hound me.**
- 16 Let your face shine upon your slave;**

- save me in your faithful love.
- 19 How great is your goodness  
that you have secured for those  
who fear you,  
and that you do for those who take  
refuge in you,  
before all the woman-born.
- 20 In the shelter of your presence you  
shelter them  
from human plots;  
you hide them safe under your  
shelter  
from contentious tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the MOTHER OF  
CREATION,  
who is marvelous in her faithful  
love to me,
- a city under siege.
- 22 Now I, I had said in my alarm,  
"I am cut off from your sight."  
However, you heard my  
supplications  
when I cried to you for help.
- 23 Love GOD WHOSE NAME IS  
HOLY, all you her godly ones.  
The FAITHFUL GOD preserves  
the faithful,  
and repays with interest the one  
who acts out of pride.
- 24 Take courage, and she shall  
strengthen your hearts,  
all you who wait for the  
MOTHER OF ALL.

## **Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-10:**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet, " and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (12:28-34)**

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

Now, one of the biblical scholars came near and heard them the other biblical scholars, the chief priests, and the elders discussing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, the scholar asked Jesus, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is: Hear, O Israel: The Holy One our God, the Holy is one; you shall love the Holy One your God with all your heart, and with

all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Then the biblical scholar said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'God is one, and besides God there is no other'; and to love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself. This is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

When Jesus saw that the scholar answered wisely, he said, "You are not far from the reign of God." After that no one dared to ask Jesus any question.

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

## SERMON

### *Nicene Creed (Traditional)*

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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: Form VI**— *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For reconciliation with Native American people

**For healing and justice with all who share this land.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Inglesia Episcopal de San Pablo, in Phoenix*..

We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O’Odom peoples who call this area their home.

**Lord, bless and keep them.**

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*(a short pause)*

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*(The people exchange greetings of peace with each other)*

### **Offertory**

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory music: “God is Love”**

**#576**

Doxology #380 vs 3 *(Peoples’ offerings are brought to the altar)*

**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.**

## **Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving - *BCP Rite II Prayer C*

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:*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

*The Presider continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Fraction Anthem Insert JS #194 Lamb of God*

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 lyrics: "\*Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff continues the melody with the 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".

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and it is real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)*

**Communion Hymn "Jesu Jesu"**

**#602**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers,  
Gratitude Sharing**

**Post Communion Prayer** *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

**All:** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction/Blessing:**

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

**Closing Song** *“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

**G#493**

**Dismissal:**

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

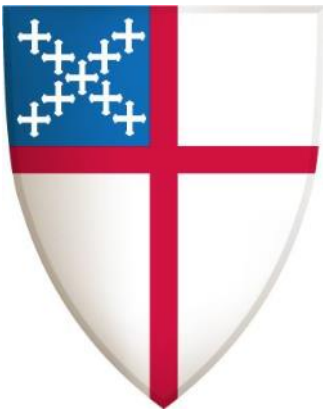
**People: We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God’s Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Postlude: *“Round of Alleluia”*, by Doreen Oberg

*Please, join us Sunday mornings for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.*



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