



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.

EVENING PRAYER PROPER-20

Saturday 21 Sep 2024 5pm



Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Deacon Dottie Gutwein

Opening Sentence: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord
 Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 1:2)*

Confession of Sin

Deacon/Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept for a moment.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in
 thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left
 undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved
 our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your
Name. Amen.**

Deacon/Leader: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through
 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the
 Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in
 the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Leader: The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

O Gracious Light *(for the Gloria): (in unison)*

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

The Lessons (*Please be seated*)

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 1:17-27:

David keened this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son. Then he taught the Bow Song to the women and men of Judah; it is written in the

The splendor of Israel upon heights
lays slain!
How the mighty have fallen!
Tell it not in Gath,
proclaim it not in the streets of
Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the Philistines
rejoice,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised
exult.
Hills of Gilboa,
let there be neither dew nor rain upon
you,
nor offering-laden fields.
For there the shield of the mighty was
abhorred,
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no
more.
From the blood of the slain,
from the fat of the mighty,

the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,
and neither did the sword of Saul

return empty.
Saul and Jonathan, beloved and
delightful.
In life and in death they were not
parted;
they were swifter than eagles,
they were stronger than lions.
Daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you with scarlet, in
luxury,
who overlaid your garments with
adornments of gold.
How the mighty have fallen
in the midst of battle!
Jonathan upon your heights lies slain.
I grieve over you, my brother,
Jonathan;
a great delight were you to me;
your love to me was wonderful,
more than the love of women.
How the mighty have fallen,
and the weapons of war destroyed!

Book of Jasher. He said:

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

- 1 All of you,
raise a keening for the royal seed
of Israel,**
- 2 and say:
What a lioness was your mother
among lions!
Among young lions she lay,
raising her cubs.**
- 3 She raised up one of her cubs, who
became a young lion,
who learned to catch prey, who
devoured the woman-born.**
- 10 Your mother was like a vine in a
vineyard planted by the waters,
fruitful and full of branches from
abundant water.**
- 11 She had mighty branches for a
ruler's scepter;
she grew tall, her height among
the clouds,**
- and was seen because of her
height and because of her many
branches.**
- 12 Then she was uprooted in a rage,
she was thrown to the ground,
the east wind withered her fruit,
they were stripped off;
her strongest stem was withered,
then consumed by fire.**
- 13 Now she is planted in the
wilderness,
in a dry and thirsty land.**
- 14 Now fire has gone out from her
staff, and has devoured her
branches, her fruit,
now there is no mighty branch
within her, no scepter for ruling.
This is a keening-lament, and it is
used for lamentation.**

Ezekiel 19: 1-3; 10-14:

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18:

Now we do not want you to be ignorant, sisters and brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you might not grieve as those do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose, even so they who sleep, will God by Jesus, bring with him. For this we declare to you by the word of the Most High God, that we who are alive, who remain until the coming of Jesus, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For Jesus himself, with a command, in the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive who are left, together with them, will be caught up in the clouds to meet Jesus in the air; and so we will be with Jesus forever. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

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People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John (16:16-22:)**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "A little while, and you all will not see me, and another little while, and you all will see me." Then some of his disciples said to one another, "What does this mean that he is saying to us, 'A little while, and you all will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and 'Because I am going to the Creator'?"

They said, "What does he mean by this 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Are you all discussing among yourselves what I meant when I said, 'A little while, and you all will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you all will see me'? Very truly, I tell you all that you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you all will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has pain because her time has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the tribulation because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So, you all have pain now; but I will see you all again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection on readings / homily (optional)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was

conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin

Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was

crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the

resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages (A)

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude

(The Leader invites the people to offer their prayers silently or aloud)

A Collect for Evening

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom: *(in Unison)*

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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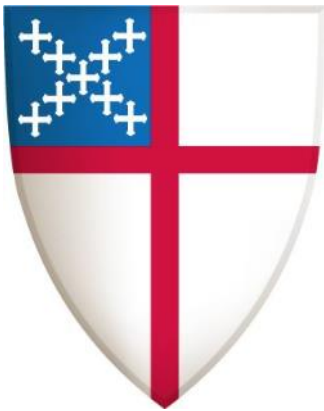
Deacon/Leader: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon/Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Deacon/Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.



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