



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

## **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**5pm Saturday, 7 September & 10 am Sunday, 8 September 2024**



Prelude: "Worship in Your Heart", by Doreen Oberg  
Welcome and Announcements

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## Opening Song: *"Glory and Praise to our God"*

**G#537** Vs 1, 2 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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| 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty<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 | 4. Praise to the Lord O let all that<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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Word of God —(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

### First Lesson: 1 Samuel 27: 1-3, 8-12:

David said to his heart, "Now, one day I shall be swept away by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better than that I escape to the land of the Philistines, then

Saul will despair of seeking me any further within the border of Israel and I shall escape out of his hand." So David got up and went over, he and six hundred men who were with him, to Achish son of Maoch, ruler of Gath. And David stayed with Achish at Gath, he and his troops, each man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, wife of Nabal. And David and his men went up and raided on the Geshurites, the Girzites, and the Amalekites, for they were the inhabitants of the land from of old on your way to Shur and on to the land of Egypt. Then David smote the land and there was neither woman or man living; and he took sheep and cattle and donkeys and camels and clothing and would return and come back to Achish. Then Achish would ask, "Against whom did you all raid today?" And David would say, "against the Negeb of Judah," or "against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelites," or, "against the Negeb of the Kenites." Neither woman nor man David left living to be brought back to Gath, saying, "Lest they tell about us, and say, 'Thus did David.'" Thus was his custom all the days he lived in the country of the Philistines. Now Achish trusted David saying, "He has made himself an abhorrent stench in the nostrils of his people, in Israel; so he shall be my slave for all time."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

### **Psalm 94:1-15:**

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| <p><b>1 I God of vengeance, DREAD GOD,<br/>God of vengeance, shine forth!</b></p> <p><b>2 Rise up, Judge of the earth;<br/>repay recompense on the proud!</b></p> <p><b>3 How long shall the wicked, JUST<br/>ONE,<br/>how long shall the wicked exult?</b></p> <p><b>4 They gush, they speak arrogance;<br/>all the workers of iniquity boast.</b></p> <p><b>5 Your people, they crush,<br/>FAITHFUL ONE,<br/>and your heritage, they abuse.</b></p> <p><b>6 Widow and immigrant they slay,<br/>and orphans they murder.</b></p> <p><b>7 And they say, "The HOLY ONE,<br/>she does not see,<br/>the God of Rebekah's line does</b></p> | <p><b>not understand."</b></p> <p><b>8 Understand, you ignorant among<br/>the people;<br/>fools, when will you become<br/>wise ?</b></p> <p><b>9 The one who planted the ear, does<br/>she not hear?<br/>The one who formed the eye, does<br/>she not see?</b></p> <p><b>10 The one who disciplines the<br/>nations,<br/>the one who teaches knowledge to<br/>the woman-born,<br/>does she not chastise?</b></p> <p><b>11 The ALL-KNOWING GOD<br/>knows the thoughts of the woman-<br/>born,</b></p> |
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that they are but breath.  
12 Blessed is the one who you  
admonish, **JUST ONE**,  
whom you instruct from your  
teaching,  
13 to grant them respite from evil  
days,  
until a pit is dug for the wicked.

14 For the **FAITHFUL ONE** will not  
forsake her people;  
her heritage she will not abandon.  
15 For to the righteous justice will  
return,  
and after it go all the upright in  
heart.

## **Second Lesson: James 2:8-13:**

You all will do well if you actually fulfill the majestic law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show favoritism, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point becomes accountable for the whole. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be merciless to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy shouts victory over judgment.

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 (7:14-23)**

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

Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a woman or man that by going into them has the power to defile, rather what comes out of a person is what defiles a person." Now when Jesus had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. He said to them, "Are you all then also without understanding? Do you all not see that whatever goes into a woman or man from outside has no power to defile? For it does not enter the heart but rather the stomach and goes out into the sewer." Thus, Jesus declared all foods clean. Jesus also said, "It is what comes out of a woman or man that defiles. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, an evil eye or envy, slander, pride, thoughtlessness. All of these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 *The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Paul's Sudanese Mission, 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: "I come with joy to meet my Lord" #304**

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**

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving - *BCP Rite II Prayer C*

*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

**G#147**

**Holy Holy Holy**

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*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 JS#214 Lamb of God*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "have mer-cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace." Above the second staff, there are markings for "1, 2" and "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 "Here O my Lord I see thee face to face" #318**

**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 “Ye Servants of God”**

**#535**

**Dismissal:**

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

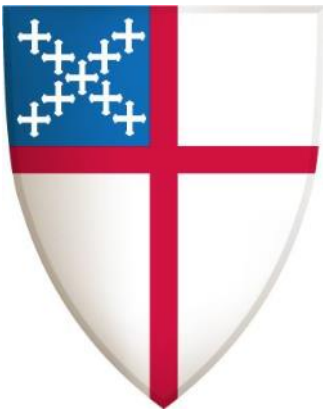
**People: We are called to love and serve.**

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

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

Postlude: *“Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”,* Mariner's tune

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



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