



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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10 am Sunday, 22 September 2024



Prelude: *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*, tune Nettleton,

Welcome and Announcements

arr Doreen Oberg
Rev Allison Cornell

Opening Song: *"Praise my soul the king of heaven"*

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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*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The king of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
Join the great throng
Psaltery organ and song
Sounding in glad adoration

4. Praise to the Lord O let all that
is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him
Let the amen
sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.

The Collect:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

All: 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 Word of God —(*Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*)

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 Book of Jasher. He said:

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!

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Ezekiel 19: 1-3; 10-14:

- 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.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: 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.**

SERMON (Deacon Dorothy Gutwein)

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 Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Trinity Cathedral, 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: “Lord of all Hopefulness”

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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

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Holy Holy Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav - en and

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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.

he 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
have mer-cy on us. grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 *“As the deer longs for running streams”*

JS#44 {see back of Announcements}

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 *“On Eagle's Wings”*

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Dismissal:

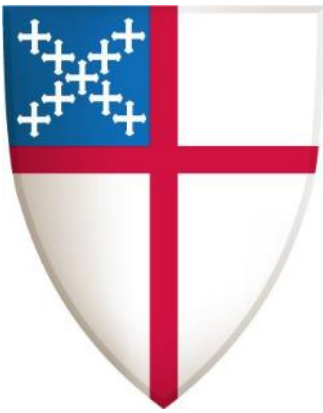
Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *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”*, tune Sicilian Mariners
Please, join us Sunday mornings for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.



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