



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

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**5pm Saturday, 5 October 2024 & 10 am Sunday, 6 October 2024**



**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev Allison Cornell**

## Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

Opening Hymn: ***“I heard the voice of Jesus say”***.

**G# 622**

Opening Acclamation:

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Gloria — H1982 # S-280 Glory to God

**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.**

Salutation:

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

**The Collect:**

**All: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Word of God** *(please be seated)*

**First Lesson - A Reading from the book of 2nd Samuel 13:1-16,21-22:**

Now it was after the defeat of the Ammonites. The sister of Absalom,

David's son, was beautiful; her name was Tamar and Amnon son of David loved her. Amnon was distressed to the point of sickness over Tamar his sister, for she was a virgin and it seemed impossible in his eyes to do anything to her. Now Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, and Jonadab was an extremely astute man. He said to Amnon, "Why are you so poorly royal son, morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said to him, "Tamar, sister of Absalom my brother, I love her."

Jonadab said to Amnon, "Lie down on your bed and make yourself sick and your father will come to see you, then say to him, 'Please let Tamar my sister come and feed me bread and prepare the food before my eyes so I may see it and eat it from her hand.'" So Amnon lay down and made himself sick and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make heart-cakes before my eyes that I may eat from her hand."

Then David sent Tamar to the palace saying, "Go to the house of your brother Amnon and prepare food for him." So, Tamar went to the house of Amnon her brother; he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made heart-cakes in his sight and cooked the cakes. Then she took the pan and tipped them out before him, but he refused to eat. Then Amnon said, "Send everyone out away from me." So everyone went out away from him.

Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the room that I may eat from your hand." So Tamar took the heart-cakes she had made and brought them into the room to Amnon her brother. And she brought them to him to eat and he seized her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." She said to him, "No! Do not my brother! Do not rape me! Such a thing is not done in Israel! Do not commit this sacrilege! And I, where could I go with my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outcasts in Israel. Now please, speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you." He did not want to listen to her voice; he overpowered her, and he raped her and lay with her.

Then Amnon hated her with a very great hatred, for greater was his hatred toward her than his love of her, so Amnon said to her, "Get up! Get out!" But she said to him, "No, this great evil, sending me away, is more than what you did to me." And he would not listen to her.

And the king, David, heard of all these things and he became very angry, yet he would not grieve the spirit of Amnon his son, because he loved him, for he was his firstborn. Now Absalom spoke not to Amnon neither ill nor well for Absalom hated Amnon, because of that deed—he raped Tamar his sister.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm - Psalm 103:1-17**

- 1 Bless the FOUNT OF WISDOM, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless her holy Name.**
- 2 Bless the FOUNT OF WISDOM, O my soul,  
and forget not all her benefits.**
- 3 She forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 She redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;**
- 5 She satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 SHE WHO IS WISDOM executes righteousness  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 She made her ways known to Miriam and Moses  
and her works to the children of Israel.**
- 8 WISDOM'S womb is full of love and faithfulness,  
slow to anger and overflowing with faithful love.**
- 9 She will not always accuse us,  
nor will she keep her anger forever.**
- 10 She has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so indomitable is her faithful love upon those who revere her.**
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has she removed our sins from us.**
- 13 As a mother's love for her children flows from her womb,  
so too does WISDOM'S love for those who revere her flow from her womb.**
- 14 For she herself knows whereof we are made;  
She remembers that we are but dust.**
- 15 Our days are like the grass;  
we flourish like a flower of the field;**
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone,  
and its place shall know it no more.**
- 17 But the faithful love of SHE WHO IS WISDOM endures forever  
on those who revere her,  
and her righteousness on children's children.**

## **Second Lesson - A Reading from Paul's Letter, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-12:**

You all remember, sisters and brothers, our labor and our toil; night and day we worked, so that we might not be a financial burden to any of you while we

proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You all are witnesses, with God, how holy, just, and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. As you all know, we dealt with each one of you like a parent with children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into God's own realm and glory.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Mark (10: 13-16:)**

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

Now people were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, he was angry and said to them, "Let the little children come to me, do not prevent them; for it is to such as these that the realm of God belongs. Truly I tell you all, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** *All say together* (CONTEMPORARY 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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: Help us, O God our Savior;

**People: Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

Leader: Look upon your congregation;

**People: Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

Leader: Declare your glory among the nations;

**People: And your wonders among all peoples.**

Leader: Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

**People: Never forget the lives of your poor.**

Leader: Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

**People: And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Leader: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

**People: So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

**Leader:** In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *All Saints, in Safford*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *The Anglican Church of*

*Papua New Guinea*

We pray also for the first peoples of this land especially the

Apache and the Tohono O'odom peoples who call this area their home

**People: The Lord bless and keep them.**

Leader: During the current election cycle we also pray for our nation: Lord God Almighty, you have made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace;

**People: Grant that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will**

Leader: We lift these prayers to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**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.

### **Absolution**

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.**

### **Exchange of the Peace**

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

**All And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Presider: I appeal to you, friends, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Offertory Music :** *“Why Stand So Far Away “,*

**G#575**

Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 3)

**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.**

### **The Holy Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving

*EOW 3*

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 our thanks and praise.**

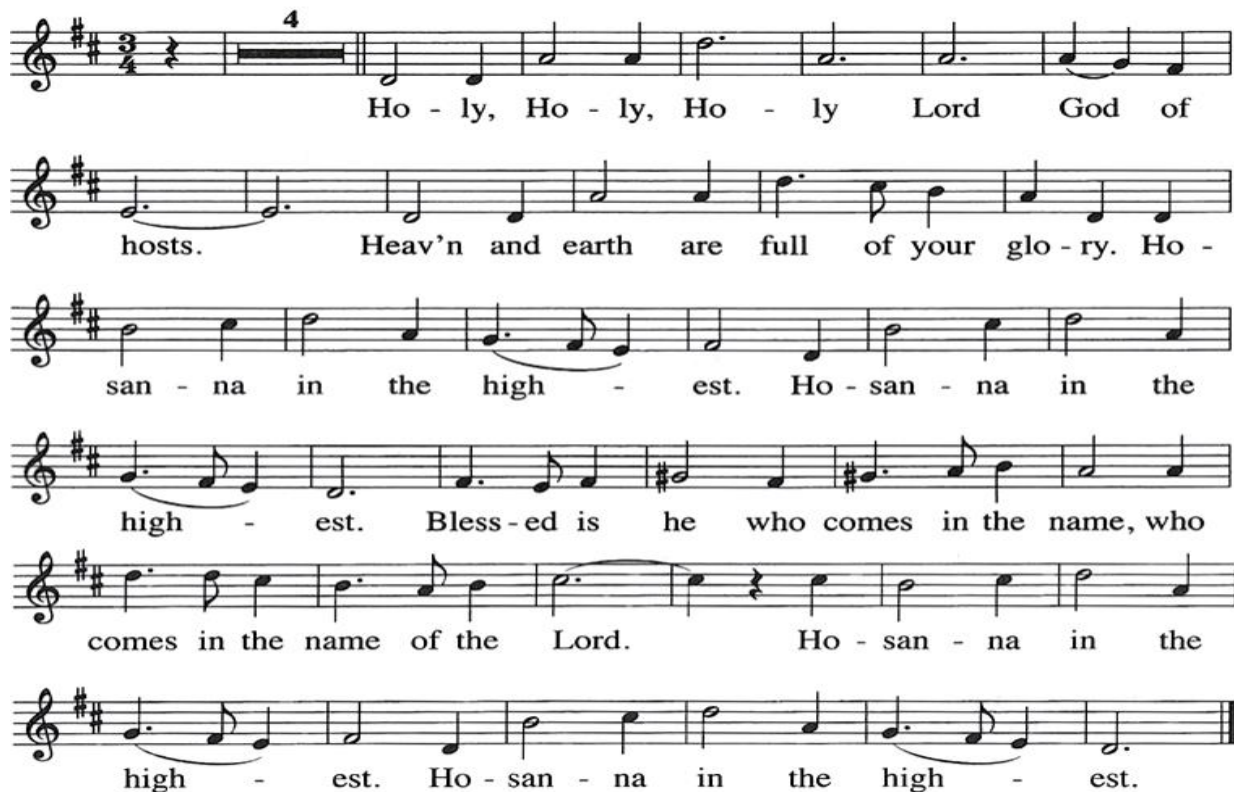


Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

*Presider and People: Sanctus Missa Pacem*



The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It begins with a four-measure rest, indicated by a '4' above the staff. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into



your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us (+) and upon these gifts of bread and wine (+) that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray: (*Contemporary Lord’s Prayer*)

**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** (*Presider breaks the consecrated bread*)  
*Fraction Anthem Agnus Dei—Lamb of God Missa Pacem*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff is for the Cantor or choir, and the second through fifth staves are for the All: congregation. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us." This phrase is repeated. The second time through, the lyrics are: "us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace." The score includes performance directions: "Cantor or choir:", "All:", "Repeat as needed", and "Last time".

**Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

{Everyone is welcome and invited to come forward and receive the bread and wine in this church. Our bread is gluten/nut free. It is real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left altar rail. To eat the bread and then sip wine from the cup please go to the right altar rail. If you are not ready to take communion at this time, you may come forward and cross you arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. }

Communion Music: “O God Why Are you Silent?”

**G#570**

*Prayer for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Election & Gratitude*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **Benediction:**

Presider: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a devoted parent. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *“Healer of our every ill “*

**G#854**

## **Dismissal**

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

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

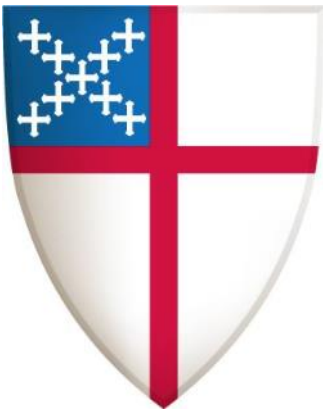
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God’s Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude

*Please join us Sunday Morning for refreshments after the service in the Parish Hall.*





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