



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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

5pm Saturday, 26 October 2024 & 10 am Sunday, 27 October 2024



Prelude: *"His Eye is on the Sparrow"*, tune Charles Gabriel, arr Robert Hughes
Welcome and Announcements **Rev Allison Cornell**

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn: "All are welcome".

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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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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)*

First Lesson - A Reading from the book of Jeremiah 31:7-9:

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 126

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Lesson - A Reading from Paul's Letter the Hebrews 7:23-28:

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (10: 46-52):

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon (Rev. Canon Anita Braden)

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 *St. Anthony on the Desert, in Scottsdale*

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

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, O Lord mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do;

People: that they may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish then.

Leader: Lord, direct us in all our doings with your most gracious favor and further us with your continual help;

People: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your Holy Name.

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 : “Let us break bread together”,

#325

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It begins with a 4-measure rest, indicated by a bracket with the number '4' above it. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. 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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

Cantor or choir: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
All: world, have mer - cy on us.
Repeat as needed
Last time *Cantor or choir:* us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
All: world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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: “My God thy table now is spread”, #321

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: "How firm a foundation ye saints of the lord", #637

Dismissal

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

People: We are called to love and serve.

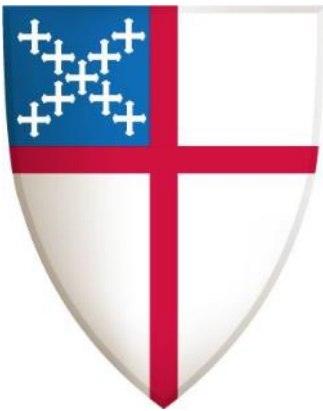
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude: "*We Give Glory to Thee*", Doreen Oberg

Please join us Sunday for potluck in the Education Bldg. Followed by....





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