

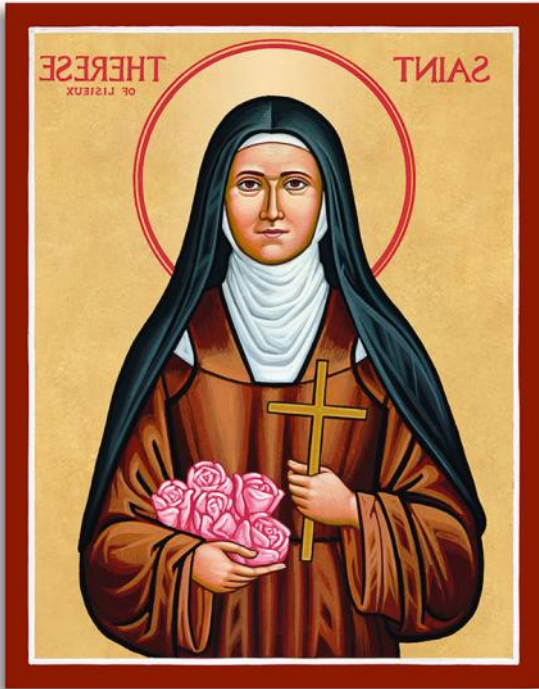
# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## The Season After PENTECOST

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

### FEAST OF THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

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**Therese of Lisieux** **OCD** (French: *Thérèse de Lisieux* [tɛʁɛz də lizjø]; born **Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin**; 2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), **religious name** **Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face** (*Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus et de la Sainte Face*), was a French **Discalced Carmelite** who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known in English as the **Little Flower of Jesus**, or simply the **Little Flower**, and in French as *la petite Thérèse* ("little Therese").<sup>[2][3]</sup>

Therese has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life. She is one of the most popular **saints** in the history of the church,<sup>[4][5]</sup> although she was obscure during her lifetime.<sup>[6]</sup> **Pope Pius X** called her "the greatest saint of modern times".<sup>[7][8]</sup>

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

**Entrance Rites** *The people stand as they are able.*

**Opening Acclamation:**

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: Gracious Father, who called your servant Thérèse to a life of fervent prayer: Give to us that spirit of prayer and zeal for the ministry of the Gospel, that the love of Christ may be known throughout all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

### **First Lesson: Judith 8:1-8**

Now in those days Judith heard about these things: she was the daughter of Merari son of Ox son of Joseph son of Oziel son of Elkiah son of Ananias son of Gideon son of Raphain son of Ahitub son of Elijah son of Hilkiah son of Eliab son of Nathanael son of Salamiel son of Sarasadai son of Israel. Her husband Manasseh, who belonged to her tribe and family, had died during the barley harvest. For as he stood overseeing those who were binding sheaves in the field, he was overcome by the burning heat, and took to his bed and died in his town Bethulia. So they buried him with his ancestors in the field between Dothan and Balamon. Judith remained as a widow for three years and four months at home where she set up a tent for herself on the roof of her house. She put sackcloth around her waist and dressed in widow's clothing. She fasted all the days of her widowhood, except the day before the sabbath and the sabbath itself, the day before the new moon and the day of the new moon, and the festivals and days of rejoicing of the house of Israel. She was beautiful in appearance, and was very lovely to behold. Her husband Manasseh had left her gold and silver, men and women slaves, livestock, and fields; and she maintained this estate. No one spoke ill of her, for she feared God with great devotion.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

### **Psalm 119:57-64**

**57 You only are my portion, O Lord; \***

**I have promised to keep your words.**

**58 I entreat you with all my heart, \***

**be merciful to me according to your promise.**

**59 I have considered my ways \***

**and turned my feet toward your decrees.**

**60 I hasten and do not tarry \***

**to keep your commandments.**

**61 Though the cords of the wicked entangle me, \***

**I do not forget your law.**

**62 At midnight I will rise to give you thanks, \***

**because of your righteous judgments.**

**63 I am a companion of all who fear you; \*  
and of those who keep your commandments.**

**64 The earth, O Lord, is full of your love; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.**

## **Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Luke (21:1-4)**

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

Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

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.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People: 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 Jerusalem – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Luke's, in Prescott.*

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.

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

The Great Thanksgiving - *BCP Rite II Prayer C*

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.**

*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 pow-er, God of might, 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

*(Traditional)* **Lord's Prayer:**

**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 Insert JS #194 Lamb of God*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Fraction Anthem 'Lamb of God'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. 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'. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a first ending bracket labeled '1...' and ending with a double bar line labeled 'Final'. The lyrics for the second staff are: 'world, have mer-cy on us. world, 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.)*

## **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.**

**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!)**

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Therese felt an early [call to religious life](#) and, after overcoming various obstacles, in 1888, at the early age of 15,<sup>[9]</sup> she became a nun and joined two of her elder sisters in the [cloistered](#) Carmelite community of [Lisieux](#), [Normandy](#) (another sister, Céline, also later joined the order). After nine years as a Carmelite nun, having fulfilled various offices such as [sacristan](#) and assistant to the [novice mistress](#), in her last eighteen months in Carmel she fell into a [night of faith](#), in which she is said to have felt Jesus was absent and been tormented by doubts that God existed. Therese died at the age of 24 from [tuberculosis](#).

After her death, Therese became known globally through her spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, which explains her theology of the "Little Way". As a result of her immense popularity and reputation for holiness, she was quickly beatified and canonized by [Pope Pius XI](#), who completed the process just 28 years after her death. In 1997, [Pope John Paul II](#) declared her a [Doctor of the Church](#). Her [feast day](#) in the [General Roman Calendar](#) was 3 October from 1927 until it was moved in 1969 to 1 October.<sup>[10]</sup> She is well known throughout the world, with the [Basilica of Lisieux](#) being the second most popular place of pilgrimage in France after [Lourdes](#).

## **Life: Family background**

[Zélie Martin](#), mother of Therese

Therese was born on Rue Saint-Blaise, in [Alençon](#), France on 2 January 1873, and was the daughter of [Marie-Azélie Guérin](#) (usually called Zélie), and [Louis Martin](#) who was a jeweler and watchmaker.<sup>[11]</sup> Both her parents were devout Catholics who would eventually become the first (and to date only) married couple canonized together by the [Roman Catholic Church](#) (by Pope Francis in 2015).

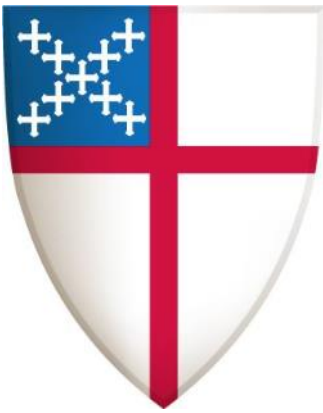
Louis had tried to become a [canon regular](#), wanting to enter the [Great St Bernard Hospice](#), but had been refused because he did not know [Latin](#). Zélie, possessed of a strong, active temperament, wished to serve the sick, and had also considered entering [consecrated life](#), but the [prioress](#) of the [canonesses regular](#) of the Hôtel-Dieu in Alençon had discouraged her outright.<sup>[12]</sup> Disappointed, Zélie learned [lacemaking](#) instead. She excelled in it and set up her own business on Rue Saint-Blaise at age 22.<sup>[13]</sup>

Louis and Zélie met in early 1858 and married on July 13 of that same year at the [Basilica of Notre-Dame d'Alençon](#). At first they decided to live as brother and sister in a [perpetual continence](#), but when a confessor discouraged them in this, they changed their lifestyle and had nine children. From 1867 to 1870, they lost 3 infants and five-year-old Hélène. All five of their surviving daughters became nuns. In addition to Therese, they were:

- Marie (February 22, 1860, a Carmelite in Lisieux, in religion Sister Marie of the Sacred Heart, d. January 19, 1940),
- [Pauline](#) (September 7, 1861, a Carmelite in Lisieux, in religion Mother Agnes of Jesus, d. July 28, 1951),
- [Léonie](#) (June 3, 1863, a [Visitandine](#) at [Caen](#), in religion Sister Françoise-Thérèse, d. June 16, 1941), and
- [Céline](#) (April 28, 1869, a Carmelite in Lisieux, in religion Sister Geneviève of the Holy Face, d. February 25, 1959).

"A dreamer and brooder, an idealist and romantic, [the father] gave touching and naïve pet names [to his daughters]: Marie was his 'diamond', Pauline his 'noble pearl', Céline 'the bold one'. But Therese was his 'little queen', to

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