

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## Seasons of Creation and Stewardship

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

### EVENING PRAYER

5pm Saturday, 9 November 2024



**Welcome and Announcements - Deacon Dottie Gutwein**

## Prayer for members of the Armed Forces: Veterans Day Nov 11 2024

Deacon: Let us pray:

**All:** Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Opening Sentence:** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 1:2)*

### Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(a short silence is observed)

Deacon: We have wounded your love.

**People:** O God, heal us.

Deacon: We stumble in the darkness.

**People:** Light of the world transfigure us.

Deacon: We forget that we are your home.

**People:** Spirit of God, dwell in us.

**All:** Eternal Spirit, living God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you,  
to the very secret of our hearts  
and all that rises to trouble us.  
Living flame burn into us,  
cleansing wind, blow through us,  
fountain of water, well up within us,  
that we may love and praise you in deed and in truth.

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Leader:** O God, make speed to save us.

**People:** O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All:** **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Leader:** The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

**Venite:** *(In unison)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! Amen.**

**The Lessons** *(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: A Reading from the book of 1st Kings 17:8-16:**

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink."

As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.”

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 146:**

#### **1 Hallelujah!**

**Praise the Lord, O my soul! \***

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \***  
**for there is no help in them.**

**3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \***  
**and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \***  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \***  
**who keeps his promise for ever;**

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \***  
**and food to those who hunger.**

**7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;**  
**the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \***  
**the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**8 The Lord loves the righteous;**  
**the Lord cares for the stranger; \***  
**he sustains the orphan and widow,**  
**but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \***  
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.**  
**Hallelujah!**

## **Second Lesson: A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews: 9:24-28:**

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44**

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Sermon—Rev. Dottie Gutwein*

## The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

## *The Collect of the Day:*

**All: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Suffrages (A)

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude  
*(The Leader invites the people to offer their prayers silently or aloud)*

#### *A Collect for Evening*

Leader: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Prayer of St. Chrysostom: *(in Unison)*

Leader: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

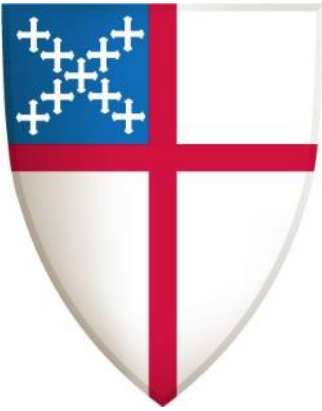
Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

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

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Deacon: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**



## ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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