

June

Ordinary Time

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday 21 June, 5pm & Sunday, 22 June, 10am 2025

# The Destruction of the Destroyer



LUKE 8:26—39

Today is a spoken service.....

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

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

## Opening Acclamation:

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

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

Presider Let us pray:

All: **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— Bless the Lord My Soul

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O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL

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ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)



1. O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim!
2. O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind!
4. Then bless his ho-ly name, Whose grace hath made us whole,



1. And all that is with-in me join To bless his ho-ly name!
2. For-get not all his ben-e-fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
4. Whose lov-ing kind-ness crowns our days! O bless the Lord, my soul!

Text: SM; para. of Psalm 103:1-5; James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
Music: *New Universal Psalmist*, 1770; Aaron Williams, 1731-1776, alt.

## Salutation

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

## Collect of the Day:

**O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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)*

## The First Lesson - A Reading from 1 Kings (19:1-15a):

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm - Psalm 43: (read responsively: congregation 2<sup>nd</sup> half of verse)**

- 1** Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people; \*  
**deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.**
- 2** For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you? \*  
**and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?**
- 3** Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, \*  
**and bring me to your holy hill  
and to your dwelling;**
- 4** That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness; \*  
**and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.**
- 5** Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
**and why are you so disquieted within me?**
- 6** Put your trust in God; \*  
**for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.**

## **The Second Lesson - A Reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians (3:23-29):**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke (8:26-39)**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** (CONTEMPORARY VERSION) All say together

**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**

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**Leader:** God of enlightenment, send out your light and your truth that they may lead your people into your joy and gladness

**People:** **Send us out to shine your light brightly and share our joy gladly.**

**Leader:** God of our strength, we lift to you those feeling weak, oppressed, or forgotten.

**People:** **that through your might, we may support, defend, and serve the cause of the innocent and downtrodden.**

**Leader:** God of loving-kindness, we bless you for your love shown to us in our creation, preservation, and salvation.

**People:** **Let all creation praise you forever.**

**Leader:** God of grace and mercy, fill us with knowledge of your will and peace.

**People:** **May your love heal our factions, divisions, and hatred and may your peace overcome our strife.**

Leader: God of healing and hope, you turn our wailing into dancing and comfort us in our sorrows.

**People: We pray that you would restore to health and wholeness all who cry out to you in their times of suffering.**

Leader: God of unity and harmony, you desire that we love one another, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. We lift up to you our neighbors:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *St. Francis-in-the-Valley, of Green Vally.*

And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O’Odom peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.

**People: And Lord, we ask your blessing and favor upon them, in your Holy Name. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that influences us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Christ our Lord, 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.*

## **The Offertory**

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.

**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 2*

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.

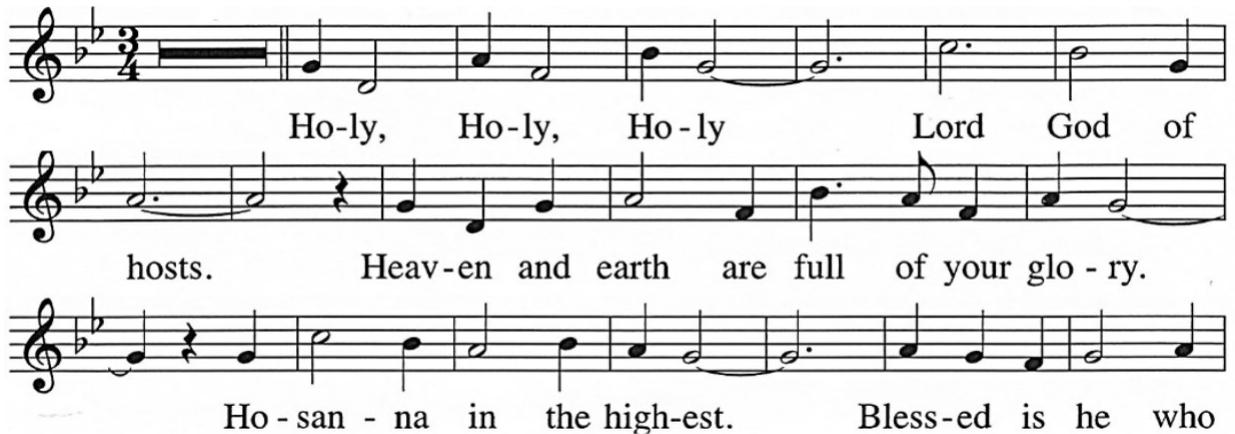
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

**You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and surrounded us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.**

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

**Sanctus G147**



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. 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.

*Presider continues:*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

**But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.**

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

**Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit (+) may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit (+) and live as Christ’s Body in the world.

**Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Presider: 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

*G #808 Refrain only Let us be Bread*

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and shared,  
life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.

## **Invitation to Communion:**

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

**People: Christ invites us all to be known and fed here.**

*All are welcome and invited to come to The Lord's Supper and receive communion in this church. It is gluten free bread and real wine. To dip/intinct your bread into the wine and then consume it, please come to the left altar rail. To eat your bread and then sip wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, come to either rail and cross your arms over your chest and we will give you a blessing.*

## Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, and Gratitude

### Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### Benediction:

Presider: May the Spirit of Truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess Jesus' ways, truth, and life and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and may the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the 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!*)**

**On Sundays please join us for our refreshments in the Parish Hall**

