

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday 7 June, 5pm & Sunday, 8 June, 10am 2025



Prelude: "May Jesus Christ Be Praised", tune Laudes Domine, Joseph Barnby, and Bunessan trad, Gaelic arr. by Lenny Seidel

Entrance Rites - The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn: "Praise the Spirit in creation" #507

Opening Acclamation:

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider Let us pray:

All: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with our Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Text: SM; para. of Psalm 103:1–5; James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: New Universal Psalmodist, 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, God who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Word of God (6)

(please be seated)

The First Lesson - A Reading from Acts (2:1-21):

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 104: 24-34,35b: (read responsively by whole verse)

- in wisdom you have made them all: the earth is full of your creatures.
- 25 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 26 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,* which you have made for the sport of it.
- 27 All of them look to you* to give them their food in due season.
- 28 You give it to them; they gather it;* you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 29 You hide your face, and they are terrified:* you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

- 24 O, Lord how manifold are your works!* 30 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created:* and so you renew the face of the earth
 - 31 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;* may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
 - 32 He looks at the earth and it trembles;* he touches the mountains and they smoke.
 - 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I

I will praise my God while I have my being.

34 May these words of mine please him; *

I will rejoice in the.

35b Bless the Lord, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson - A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (8:14-17):

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: John (14:8-17, 25-27)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

Leader: Holy God, by your spirit you gave birth to your church: may our many members be the one Body of Christ in this World,

People: and then lead us by your Holy Spirit in the ways of truth and love.

Leader: Holy God, you gave your disciples the ability to speak in languages of the people: may we also speak about your deeds of power and grace throughout the world,

People: that all may know of your loving-kindness and saving mercy.

Leader: Holy God, the earth is full of your creatures: may all who look to you be given their food in due season.

People: Open your hand in the desolate places and fill the hungry with good things.

Leader: Holy God, you poured out your Holy Spirit in your holy city Jerusalem: pour out your Spirit in our own towns and cities.

People: Raise up modern day prophets and visionaries to call us to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Leader: Holy God, you give the gift of healing by your Spirit: bring healing and wholeness to all those on our hearts and minds this day,

People: In your might and compassion, renew the face of the Earth. Bring renewal to those in need.

Leader: Holy God, you adopt us as your children, joint heirs with your Christ. In your unending loving-kindness we lift up to you:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: St. John the Baptist, in Glendale.

And we pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.

May we continue to support one another in love and empathy. Come, Spirit of Truth,

People: Come Holy Spirit, Come.

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.

Offertory Music: "Holy Spirit Ever Living"

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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

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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.

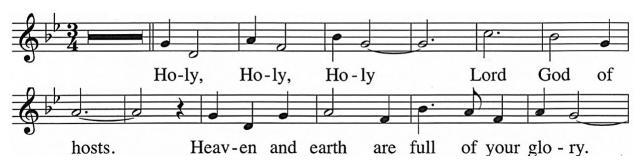
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

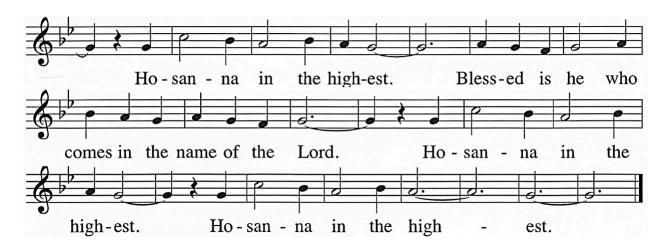
Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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





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 <u>your Name</u>.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

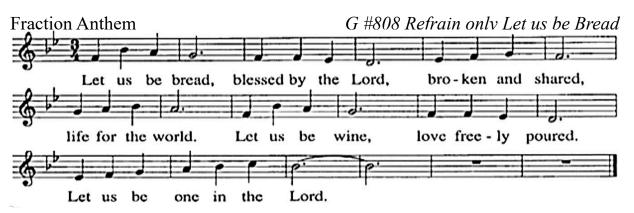
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

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)



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.

Communion Music: "Come Down O Love Divine" #516

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!)

Closing Hymn: "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" #510

Postlude: "May The Lord Bless And Keep You", John Rutter

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

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