



Ordinary Time in July

**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.*

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saturday 26 July, 5pm & Sunday, 27 July, 10am 2025**



Lord, teach us to

*Pray*

Luke 11

**Prelude: "It Is Well with My Soul", by Phillip Bliss, arr Eugenie Rocherolle**  
**Welcome and Announcements** **Rev. Allison Cornell**

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

**Opening Hymn: "Thanks to God whose word was spoken" #630**

**Opening Acclamation:**

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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— "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" #377 vs 1 & 3**

The musical score is written for a choir in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.  
3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.

**The Collect:**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

**All: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

**The First Lesson - A Reading from Hosea (1:2-10):**

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

# **The Psalm**

## **Psalm 85:**

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.**
- 3 You have withdrawn all your fury \*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.**
- 4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; \*  
let your anger depart from us.**
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? \*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?**
- 6 Will you not give us life again, \*  
that your people may rejoice in you?**
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, \*  
and grant us your salvation.**
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **The Second Lesson - A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians (2:6-15)[16-19]:**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the

power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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### **Gospel Lesson: Luke (11:1-13)**

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a

snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Sermon (Rev. Deacon Sherry Simon)**

**Nicene Creed** (Traditional) 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: 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

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.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

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

**People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *St. Peter's, in Litchfield Park*  
In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

We pray also for the Apache and Tahono O'odom first-peoples who call this area their home

**People: For neighbors near and far that God may bless and keep them.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Leader Hear us, Lord;

**People For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

**People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (people remember those who have died)

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

## **Confession of Sin**

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.**

## **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 The peace of the Lord 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: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Music: “Higher Ground” LEVAS II #165** *{See announcements}*

**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*

*Rite II 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 our 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.**

*Wonder Love and Praise #785*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*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,

**Lord's Prayer(Traditional)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, 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, ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)*

Fraction Anthem

*G #825 Refrain only Now in this banquet*

Now in this ban - quet, Christ is our bread;  
Here shall all hun - gers be fed.  
Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured,  
Love is the sign of our Lord.

## **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

Come, it is Jesus the Christ who invites us to meet him 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: "As We gather at your table"**

**G#738**

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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:**

Presider: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forever more. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" LEVAS II #189**

*{See announcements}*

## **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: "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", Mariner's Hymn**

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

