



# *The Season After* PENTECOST

## 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.*

### FEAST OF WILLIAM WHITE

9:30 am Wednesday, 16 July 2025

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William White was born in Philadelphia on March 24, 1747, and was educated at the college of that city, graduating in 1765. In 1770 he went to England, where he was ordained as a deacon on December 23, and as a priest on April 25, 1772.

Upon his return home, he became assistant minister of Christ and St. Peter's from 1772 to 1779, and rector from that year until his death on July 17, 1836. He also served as chaplain of the Continental Congress from 1777 to 1789, and then of the United States Senate until 1800. Chosen unanimously as first Bishop of Pennsylvania in 1786, he went to England again, with Samuel Provost, Bishop-elect of New York; and the two men were consecrated in Lambeth Chapel on [Septuagesima](#) Sunday, February 4, 1787, by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishops of Bath and Wells and of [Peterborough](#). Bishop White was the chief architect of the Constitution of the American Episcopal Church and the overseer of its life

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## **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.**

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**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Salutation**

Presider: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

## **Collect of the Day:**

**All: O Lord, who in a time of turmoil and confusion raised up your servant William White to lead your church into ways of stability and peace; Hear our prayer, and give us wise and faithful leaders, that, through their ministry, your people may be blessed and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

**First Lesson: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah (1:4-10):**

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People

Thanks be to God

**The PSALM:**

**Psalm 40:4-10 (read in unison)**

**4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \***

**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

**5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!**

**how great your wonders and your plans for us! \***

**there is none who can be compared with you.**

**6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \***

**but they are more than I can count.**

**7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \***

**(you have given me ears to hear you);**

**8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \***

**and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

**9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \***

**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'**"

**10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O Lord, you know.**

## **Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy**

### **1 Timothy(3:1-10):**

The saying is sure: whoever aspires to the office of bishop desires a noble task. Now a bishop must be above reproach, married only once, temperate, sensible, respectable, hospitable, an apt teacher, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, and not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, keeping his children submissive and respectful in every way— for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may be puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace and the snare of the devil.

Deacons likewise must be serious, not double-tongued, not indulging in much wine, not greedy for money; they must hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them first be tested; then, if they prove themselves blameless, let them serve as deacons.

Reader The Word of the Lord    **People**                    **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Lesson:** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark (4:30-34):**

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

Jesus said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord    **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## Homily (Deacon Sherry Simon)

**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:** 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: *The Diocese of Central New York – The Episcopal Church*

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer: *Grace Church, in Lake Havasu City.*

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*

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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 -

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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*)

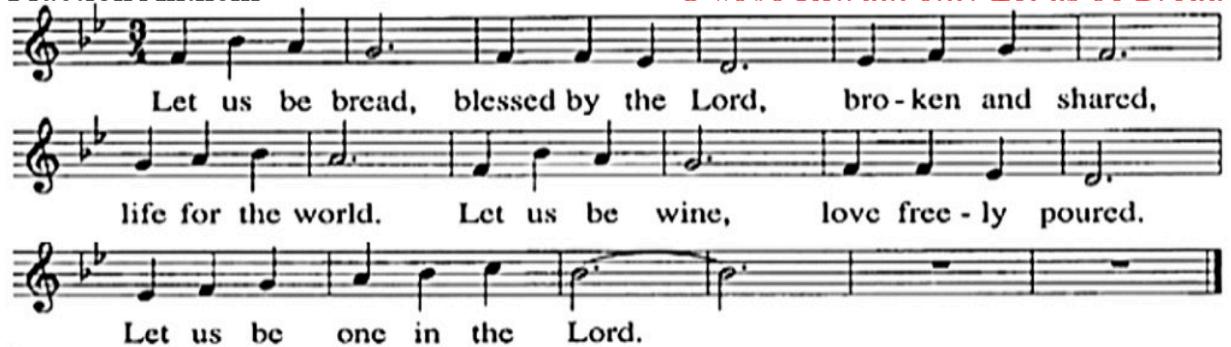
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done On earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are 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!*)**

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during the first generation of its history. He was the Presiding Bishop at its organizing General Convention in 1789, and again from 1795 until his death in Philadelphia on July 17, 1836.

He was a theologian of significant ability, and among his protégés, in whose formation he had a large hand, were many leaders of a new generation such as John Henry Hobart, Jackson Kemper, and William Augustus Muhlenberg. White's gifts of statesmanship and reconciling moderation steered the American Church through the first decades of its independent life.

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**[William White](#)** (April 4, 1748 [N.S.](#) – July 17, 1836) was the first and fourth [Presiding Bishop](#) of the [Episcopal Church of the United States](#) (1789; 1795–1836), the first [bishop](#) of the [Diocese of Pennsylvania](#) (1787–1836), and the second [United States Senate Chaplain](#) (appointed December 9, 1790). He also served as the first and fourth President of the [House of Deputies](#) for the [General Convention of the Episcopal Church](#) (1785, 1789).<sup>[1]</sup>

## **[Education and Ordination](#)**

Born in [Philadelphia](#), White began his education at College of Philadelphia (which was later known as the [University of Pennsylvania](#)), taking his B.A. in 1765 and his [A.M.](#) about three years later. In 1770, he sailed for England on the ship *Britannia*, for his ordination as a deacon by [Philip Yonge](#), [Bishop of Norwich](#) (but with the authorisation of [Richard Terrick](#), [Bishop of London](#)), which took place in the [Chapel Royal](#) at [St James's Palace](#) on December 23, 1770.<sup>[2]</sup> He subsequently returned to England on two occasions: once in 1772, to be ordained priest (again at the Chapel Royal, by Terrick on April 17),<sup>[3]</sup> and again in 1787, when he was consecrated bishop on February 4<sup>[4]</sup> at [Lambeth Palace Chapel](#)<sup>[5]</sup> by [John Moore](#), [Archbishop of Canterbury](#); [William Markham](#), [Archbishop of York](#); [Charles Moss](#), [Bishop of Bath and Wells](#); and [John Hinchliffe](#), [Bishop of Peterborough](#). In 1781, after further theological studies, he received a [Doctor of Divinity](#) degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

## **[Consecrators](#)**

[John Moore](#), [Archbishop of Canterbury](#)

[William Markham](#), [Archbishop of York](#)

[Charles Moss](#), [Bishop of Bath and Wells](#)

[John Hinchliffe](#), [Bishop of Peterborough](#)

William White was the [second](#) bishop consecrated for the [Episcopal Church of the United States](#). [Samuel Seabury](#) of Connecticut had been first, consecrated in 1784 in Aberdeen, Scotland.<sup>[6]</sup>

## **[Ministry](#)**

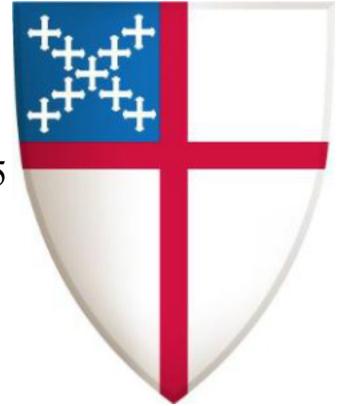
Rector of [St. Peter's](#) and of [Christ Church](#) for 57 years, White also served as Chaplain of the [Continental Congress](#) from 1777 to 1789, and subsequently as [Chaplain of the Senate](#). Though an [Anglican](#) (Episcopalian) cleric who was sworn to the king in his ordination ceremony,

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