



RETIREMENT SERVICE FOR REV. ALLISON CORNELL

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday 23 Aug, 5pm & Sunday, 24 Aug, 10am 2025



Prelude: "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart", Tune Marion arr Colin Curtis

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

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

Opening Hymn: "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" #580

Opening Acclamation:

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

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

Gloria—

S#280

**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.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Presider On Lord, one Faith, one Baptism

People One God and Father of all

The Collect:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray

All: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The 1st 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

Psalm 71:1-6:

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.**
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.**
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.**
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.**

2nd Lesson - A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (12:18-29):

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Luke (13:10-17):

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

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.

The Closing of the Pastoral Relationship:

Priest: On the 9th day of February, 2019, I was inducted by Bishop Kirk Smith as rector of St. Stephen's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities.

After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St. Stephens's ends the 24th of August 2025/this day.

I will be "between cures" for a while, serving as supply priest or interim in our diocese as I move more fully into retirement. Robin and I will also be doing a lot of traveling in the coming months, starting with a trip to Europe on the 27th thru October 5th.

Presider: Do you, the people of St. Stephen's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People We do.

The Priest expresses thanksgiving for the time of their tenure, joys, sorrows, and hopes for the future.

The Priest thanks other clergy, vestry, and parish administrators and indicates how ministry and work of the church will continue/function.

The Senior Warden will read a letter from Bishop Jennifer Reddall and may share the provisions being arranged for the continuation of ministry and the ecclesiastical responsibility in the time between priests.

The Priest presents to the warden(s) a letter of resignation, the keys of the parish, and the St. Stephen's turquoise cross.

Prayers of the People:

Senior Warden: Let us pray:

All God of unity and harmony, you have bound us together for a time as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past.

Silence

Snr Wrdsn: Lord God,

All: We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures.

Silence

Snr. Wrdsn: Holy Spirit,

All We thank you especially for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained.

Silence

Snr. Wrdsn: Heavenly Father,

All: We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son.

Silence

Snr. Wrdsn: And now, we pray,

All: be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn: "I want to walk as a child of the light"

#490

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 God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures bless you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

#S124

All:

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

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

Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many 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.

Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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, Thy 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with Thanksgiving.

All are welcome and invited to receive communion in this church. We use 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 consume the bread and take sip of wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you are not ready to receive communion today, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.

Communion Hymn: "I come with Joy to meet my Lord"

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

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants of your Word and Sacraments. We thank you especially for the work of Allison among us, and the presence of her spouse, Robin here. Grant that both they and we may serve you in the days ahead, and always rejoice in your glory, and come at length into your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken” #522

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!*)

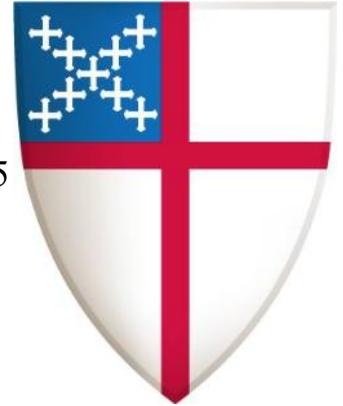
Postlude: “The Water is Wide”, Appalachian Tune arr John Purifoy

On *this* Sundays those who have RSVP’d, please join us at Pizzeria Mimosa, in Hereford for a Farewell lunch

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