



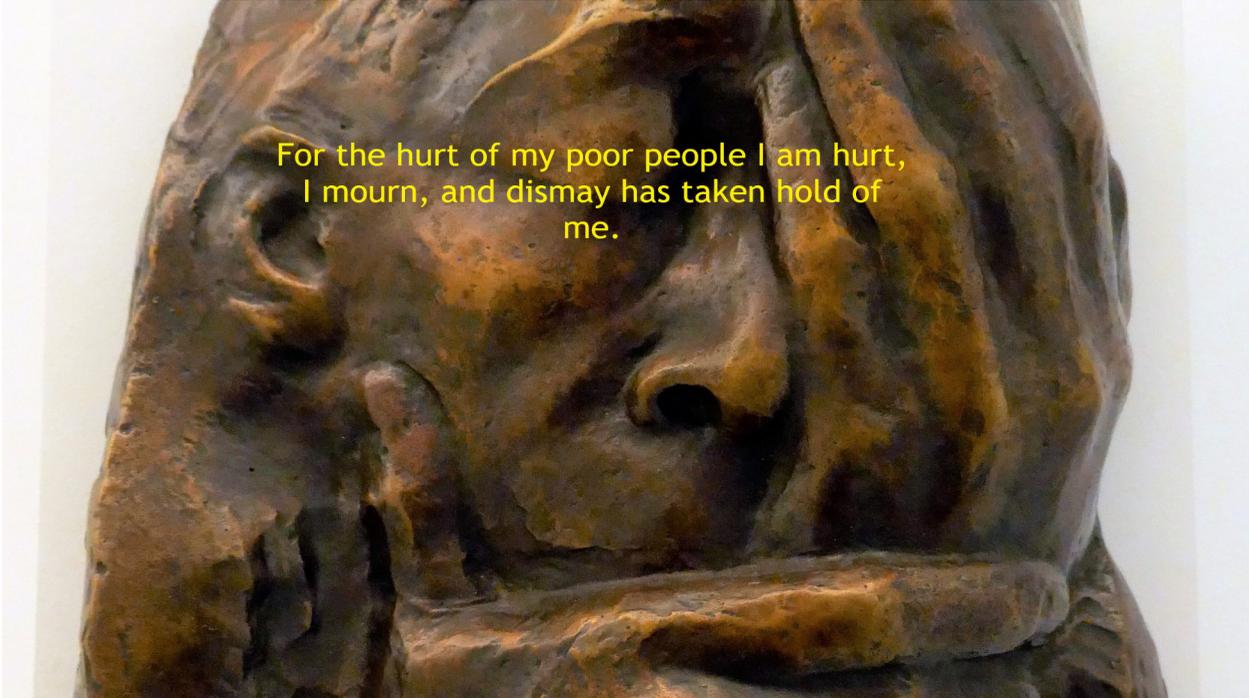
WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ANTE COMMUNION

Saturday 20 Sep, 5pm & Sunday, 21 Sep, 10am 2025



For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of
me.

Prelude: "Tis the gift to be Simple", American traditional, arr Doreen J Oberg
Welcome and Announcements 1 Rev. Dcn. Sherry Simon

The Word of God

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

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

Collect for Purity:

Presider: 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: *(Please sing together)*

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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.**

The Collect:

Presider: The lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

All Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ministry of The Word—*(please be seated for the lessons)*

1st Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their
images, with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm Psalm 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come
into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy
temple; ***
**they have made Jerusalem a
heap of rubble.**
- 2 They have given the bodies of
your servants as food for the
birds of the air, ***
**and the flesh of your faithful
ones to the beasts of the field.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like
water on every side of
Jerusalem, ***
**and there was no one to bury
them.**
- 4 We have become a reproach to
our neighbors, ***
**an object of scorn and derision
to those around us.**

- 5 How long will you be angry, O
Lord? ***
**will your fury blaze like fire for
ever?**
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the
heathen who have not known
you ***
**and upon the kingdoms that
have not called upon your
Name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob ***
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to
meet us; ***
**for we have been brought very
low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the
glory of your Name; ***
**deliver us and forgive us our
sins, for your Name's sake.**

2nd Lesson: A Reading from First Timothy (2:1-7):

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Lesson: Luke (16: 1-13):

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if

you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

HOMILY

Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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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 II revised)

Leader: We pray for God's people throughout the world:

For Sean and Jennifer our Bishops, For this gathering of St. Stephen's, and...

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer for **All Saints' Church & Day School, in Phoenix.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer for **The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.**

For the first peoples of the this land, the Apache and Tahono O'odom who call this area their home. And for all ministers and people

People: We pray for the Church and God's people.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for peace, for good will among nations and for the well being of all people.

People: We pray for Justice and Peace.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

People: We pray for all who are in any need or trouble.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for all who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him.

People: We pray that they may find and be found by God.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for the departed.

People: We pray for those who have died.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

People: We pray that we may have the grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Presider: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for St. Stephen's:

Presider: Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of our search committee, wardens, and vestry, who are in discernment for St. Stephen's church, Sierra Vista, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor:

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

The Peace:

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

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: “Lord of all hopefulness”,

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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.**

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Birthday’s, Prayers of Healing, Blessings and gratitude.....

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: “Come we that Love the Lord”, LEVAS II#12 {insert}

Dismissal

Deacon: People of St. Stephen’s, what does God call us to do?

People: **We are called to Love and Serve**

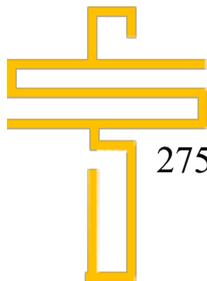
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God’s Spirit. *Alleluia!*

Alleluia!

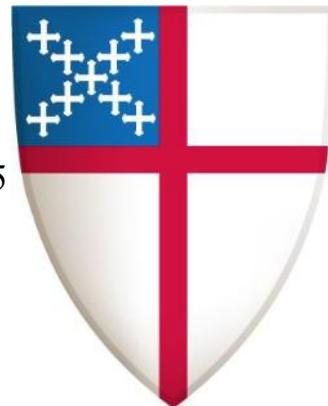
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Postlude: “*May The Lord Bless You and Keep You*”, by Rutter

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