



## 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.*

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RESERVE SACRAMENT COMMUNION

Saturday 11 Oct, 5pm & Sunday, 12 Oct, 10am 2025



Prelude: *"How Firm A Foundation"*, arr. by Robert J. Hughes based early American tune

Welcome and Announcements

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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 Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen.**

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

### 1st Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (29:1, 4-7)

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### The Psalm      Psalm 66:1-11

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 **Say to God, "How awesome are  
your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength  
your enemies cringe before you.**
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 **Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing  
toward all people.**
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water  
on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 **In his might he rules for ever;**

- his eyes keep watch over the  
nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.**
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be  
heard;
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is  
tried.
- 10 **You brought us into the snare; \*  
you laid heavy burdens upon our  
backs.**
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place  
of refreshment.

### 2nd Lesson: A Reading from second Timothy (2:8-15):

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ

Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### **The Gospel Lesson: Luke (17: 11-19):**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*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 **St. Luke's at the Mountain, in Phoenix.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer for **The Church of the Province of Uganda.**

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: "Fairest Lord Jesus",**

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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.**

### **Communion with Reserve sacrament**

## **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.....**

## **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: "Humbly I adore thee",**

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## **Dismissal**

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

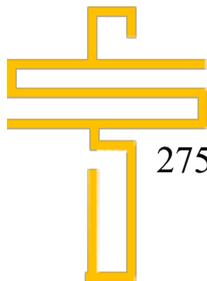
**People: We are called to Love and Serve**

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

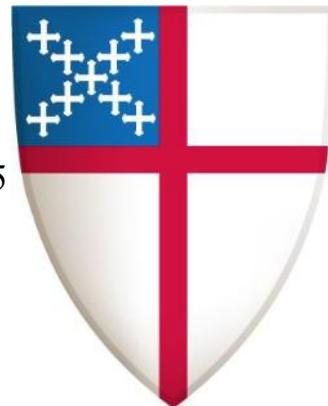
**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

**Postlude: "Song of Salvation", by Tom Birchwood**

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