



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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RESERVE SACRAMENT COMMUNION

Saturday 25 Oct 5pm & Sunday, 26 Oct, 10am 10am



Prelude: "Amazing Grace", traditional American Melody, arr John Purifoy

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dcn. Dottie Gutwein

Opening Hymn: “Rejoice, The Lord is King”, {see song book insert}

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 Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.

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

1st Lesson: A Reading from the Book of Joel (2:23-32)

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your
vindication,

he has poured down for you
abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against
you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your
God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put
to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst
of Israel,

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there
shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be
those whom the Lord calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

The Psalm Psalm 65

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
**to you shall vows be performed in
Jerusalem.**

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh
come, *
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell
there! *
**they will be satisfied by the beauty
of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

5 Awesome things will you show us in
your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth

and that I, the Lord, am your God
and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see
visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my
spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God**

and of the seas that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your
power; *

they are girded about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *

**the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.**

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the
earth will tremble at your marvelous
signs; *

**you make the dawn and the dusk
to sing for joy.**

9 You visit the earth and water it
abundantly;

you make it very plenteous; *

the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, *

for so you provide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth
out the ridges; *

**with heavy rain you soften the
ground and bless its increase.**

12 You crown the year with your
goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be
rich for grazing, *

and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves
with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves
with grain; *

let them shout for joy and sing.

2nd Lesson: A Reading from second Timothy (4:6-8, 16-18):

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel Lesson: Luke (18: 9-15):

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 III)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer)

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(A moment of silence for quiet prayer - The People may add their own petitions.)

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 sentence;

Deacon: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name: Bring offerings and come into His courts.

Offertory Hymn: *"God is Love"*,

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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.

Deacon: These are the gifts of God for the people of God: take them in remembrance Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith and thanksgiving.

Communion with Reserve sacrament

Communion Hymn: *"Let us Bread Bread Together"*, #325

Birthday's, Prayers of Healing, Blessings 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 the 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 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: *"I Love thy Kingdom"*,

{see song book insert

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

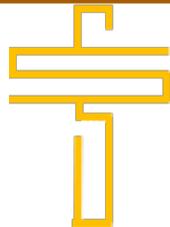
People: We are called to Love and Serve

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

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

Postlude: "God Be With You, Till We Meet Again", melody William G. Tomer

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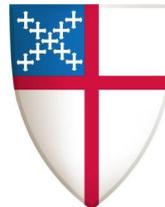
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