

**ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 9 May 5pm & Sunday, 10 May 10 AM

	Saturday 5pm	Sunday 10am
Celebrant/Officiant	Fr. JJ Bernal	Fr. JJ Bernal
Deacons	Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon	Dorothy Gutwein Sherry Simon
LEM	Tim Holsonback	Maryjane Mahland
Lector	Tim Holsonback	Sharon Lake
Music Director		Doreen Oberg
Choir		Pat Wick Renee Olejnicak Doreen Oberg + you

**Prelude: "Lift Your Voice, Rejoicing, Mary",
music Fisk of Gloucester, Thomas Foster**

Processional Hymn: "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness" #492

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Celebrant may say

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

S#280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy
People Christ, have mer - cy
Officiant Lord, have mer - cy

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the

places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

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.

**12 I will enter your house with
 burnt-offerings and will pay
 you my vows, *
 which I promised with my
 lips and spoke with my mouth
 when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of
 fat beasts with the smoke of
 rams; *

 I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who
 fear God, ***

**and I will tell you what he has
 done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my
 mouth, *

 and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
 the Lord would not have heard
 me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
 he has attended to the voice of
 my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not
 rejected my prayer, *
 nor withheld his love from me.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn: "This is my Father's world"
The Gospel

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John (14: 15-21)

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sequence Hymn: "This is my Father's world"

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The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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 VI— *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For reconciliation with Native American people

For healing and justice with all who share this land.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of Pakistan (United)*.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Alban's in Wickenburg*.

We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O'odom peoples who call this area their home.

Lord, bless and keep them.

Prayer for St. Stephen's:

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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (...) **Amen**

The Peace:

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

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & announcements

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

Offertory sentence;

Presider chooses an Offertory sentence:

1. *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (Psalm 50:14) or*
2. *Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. (Psalm 96:8) or*
3. *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn: “Come down, O Love divine”

#516

Presentation of Alms: Doxology

#380 vs 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 Great Thanksgiving “C”

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Presider: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

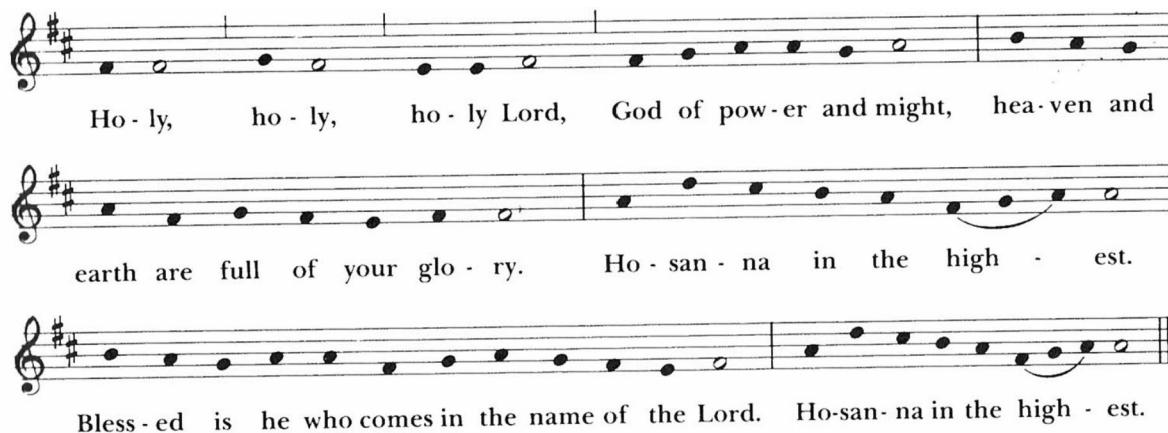
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Santus

S#124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

{At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.}

The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving—

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily

serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant ús peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

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, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn: "O thou who earnest from above" #704

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing....

Presider: May the peace of God 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, on, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn: "O Jesus, crowned with all renown" #292

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

People: We are called to Love and Serve

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia,. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Postlude: "Song of Mary, pure and lowly", music Raquel by S. Chavez-Melo

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Gretchen Lamberth, Maryjane Mahland, Eddie Masga
Brent & Linda Milgrom, & Doris Milard (5/31).

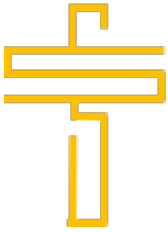
DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

• We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for Fr. Henri and our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.

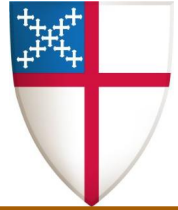
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

Doris Millard (on going at Via Elegante for comfort and peace), Alverita Egbert (For healing and God's continuing blessings), Jerry and Susan Fine (Continuing prayers for healing and peace), Bill and Mindy Saunders (For continue prayers of healing for both), MJ Mahland (Thanks giving for a successful hip surgery and quickrecovery), Sandra Dushensky (For healing), Nancy Rae (For surgery on May 1st and for a speedy recovery).

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