



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

July 7, 2024 10:00 A.M

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WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are delighted you chose to attend our service this morning. The order of liturgy is found in your bulletin and in the Book of Common Prayer (red book). Hymns are found in the blue hymnal or *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green book). These can be found in the pew racks. Hearing devices are available from an usher. Restrooms are located at the end of the hallway by the elevator.

A nursery is available for children birth through 3-years of age. The children will be brought to their parents in time to receive communion and/or a blessing. Children are invited to participate in Children's Chapel, which takes place during the sermon. The focus will be on the Gospel for the day. Those who want to participate should follow the cross during the sequence hymn. Children will return for the Peace.

PRELUDE

SIMPLE GIFTS BY DALE WOOD

SIMON BALLINTOY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O GOD OF BETHEL BY WHOSE HAND

HYMNAL 709

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider

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

People

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

WLP 900

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 of the Day, readings and psalm can be found in the insert.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL 5 1-5, 9-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 48 (Said in unison)

INSERT OR BCP 651

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

During the Sequence Hymn, children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

AMAZING GRACE

HYMNAL 671

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. ASHTON SIMS

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.*

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

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

People **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Brian, our Bishop and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey, Ashton and Steve, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Intercessor We pray for Joe, our President and Bill, our Governor, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

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

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

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

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Mike Bautz;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest,

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

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

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

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for the Country (BCP, page 820)

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And for the Good Use of Leisure (BCP, page 825)

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish.

We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Province of South Sudan

We pray for those in assisted living or rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Chris Kirk and Francis McGinnis; Eph and Mary Ellen Klots; James and Amelia Knight; Manfred Krause and Denise Caldwell.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

Silence may be kept. The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword
His truth is marching on

Refrain: Glory, Glory, hallelujah! (x3) His truth is marching on

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on

Refrain

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free
While God is marching on

Refrain

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

The people remain standing. The priest then says

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

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

The Proper Preface is said

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

HYMNAL S 128

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

The people stand or kneel, as they are able. Then the 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to 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.

On the night before he died for us, 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:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The 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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread, and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Presider 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

I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

HYMNAL 304

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.*

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

GO FORTH FOR GOD

HYMNAL 347

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

EXERPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON AMERICA
BY CHARLES IVES

SIMON BALLINTOY
NANCY CAROW

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.
The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - JULY 7, 2024

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jamey Kennedy	Tate Cavender, Tucker Reed
LECTORS	Mary Shepard	Barbara Steele
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jamey Kennedy	Nancy Anderson, Gary Dreier
USHERS	John Cox, Jim Rousey	Alan Liby, Judith Delaney
GREETERS	Mary Nell Campbell	Ed Johnson, Heather Hartman
COUNTERS		Roni Boyd, Carol Skyburg
EUCHARISTIC VISITOR	Carol King	
ALTAR GUILD	Judith Delaney, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince, Julie Webber	
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ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

Fully edited pertinent information (including dates, times, location(s), and contact information) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. Final submissions are at the discretion of clergy and staff.

LEMONADE IN THE GROVE

RESUMES JULY 28

We will resume serving lemonade on July 28, due to other Parish events that will take place after service the next few weeks. Please join us for these activities. More information below!

LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS

TODAY

As today is the first Sunday of the month, our loose plate offering will go toward the **Clergy Discretionary Fund**. The offering for the remainder of July will go to the Anderson County Justice Center.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of **peanut butter and bar soap**. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

AS AMERICAN AS PIE RETURNS

TODAY

Today is our "As American As...Pie" event following the 10:00 service. Fr. Ashton and Adam Ballintoy will be judging the pies, and could use our encouragement as they make their way through the many offerings! Please come and join us for these tasty treats--there should be something for everyone!

S'MORES ON THE GROVE

NEXT SUNDAY

The first day of school in Oak Ridge will be July 22nd, which means that the last "late-night Sunday" for the summer will be July 14th! That evening, Parish Life will sponsor Fireside S'Mores for our families beginning at 8:00. All will be provided...you need only bring a lawn chair.

ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering	\$10,032
2024 YTD offering	\$325,529
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$340,286
over/(under)	(\$14,757)

CELTIC SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY

Contemplative Prayer and Eucharist will be held next Sunday, July 14 at 5:00 p.m. Please join us once again for the monthly Celtic Contemplative Eucharist. This month St. Stephen's will be hosting with Fr. Bailey as our celebrant and preacher.

FAREWELL TO FR. ASHTON

NEXT SUNDAY

Fr. Ashton and Anna's last Sunday with St. Stephen's is July 21. A luau-themed potluck and reception to honor them will be held on July 14 in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service. Please bring a sharable, tropical inspired side dish. Cards and notes of appreciation for the Sims are encouraged! **In celebration of their ministry, a "purse" from the parish will be presented to the Sims on July 21.** Purse contributions must be designated as such (e.g., checks to St. Stephen's with the memo field denoting "Fr. Sims purse") and can be placed in the collection plate through July 14 or taken to the church office during weekday business hours.

NEW SERVICE TIMES

BEGINNING SUNDAY AUGUST 4

After a period of discernment and conversation with members of the parish, the Vestry has unanimously consented to officially launch the new service times beginning Sunday, August 4. **The new service times will be 8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.**

OUTDOOR SERVICE AT MELTON LAKE MARINA

SUNDAY AUGUST 4

Our kickoff for our new Sunday schedule will include a special outdoor service under the pavilion at Melton Lake Marina! Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the pavilion next to the playground at Melton Lake Park. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

This is also the perfect opportunity to invite someone to attend church with us that day since we will having service in a public park! One way you can do this is by requesting a yard sign that will advertise the service in the park on August 4. If you are interested, please contact the office.

And yes, for those who would prefer a more regular service, our early service will still be held in the nave on that Sunday at 8 a.m. Whether it's at the church or at the park, hope you can join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 8

Christian Education will begin the Sunday after Labor Day between our worship services. Join us from 9.30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - JULY 8 - JULY 13

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, July 8		Camp Clearfork begins
Tuesday, July 9	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Healing Service
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Wednesday, July 10	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
Thursday, July 11	4:30 p.m.	Centering Prayer
Friday, July 12		Office Closed

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SENIOR WARDEN - COURTNEY MANROD (2025) • JUNIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025)
SECRETARY - BETSY ELLIS • TREASURER - ALAN LIBY (2026)

(2024) ADAM CAVENDER • TOM CLARY • EMILY DOANE • BETH REED
(2025) CLEON HARTMAN • ASHLEY HILLIS
(2026) CRAIG BRENT • BEN SHASSERE • TYLER WALKER

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP
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