



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

*April 28, 2024 10:00 A.M.*

## Welcome

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.

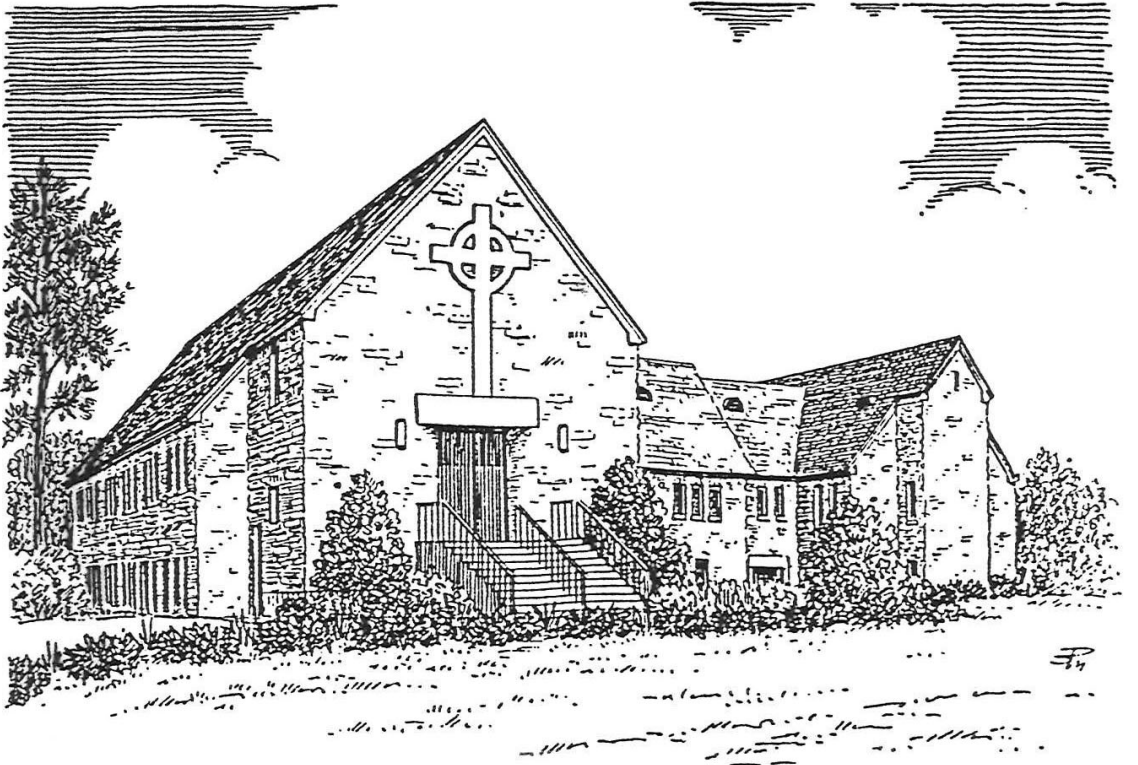
A nursery is available for children birth through 3-years of age. The children will be brought to their parents in time to receive communion and/or a blessing.

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.



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



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN      O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH      HYMNAL 448

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

*Presider*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
*People*      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto 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

HYMNAL S-280

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.

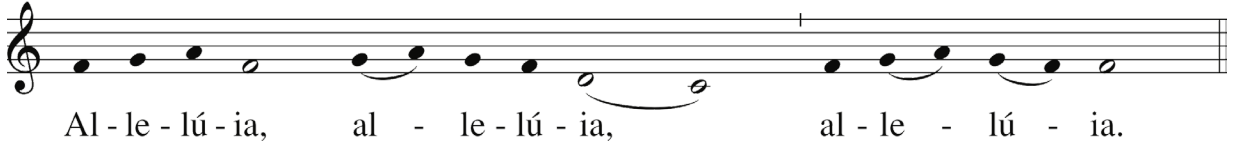
*The Collect of the Day, New Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings can be found in the insert.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 8:26-40

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.



24. My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

***Antiphon***

25. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

“May your heart live for ever!”

***Antiphon***

26. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations bow before him.

***Antiphon***

27. For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

he rules over the nations.

***Antiphon***

28. To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

***Antiphon***

29. My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

they shall be known as the Lord’s for ever.

***Antiphon***

30. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

the saving deeds that he has done.

***Antiphon***

**EPISTLE**

**1 JOHN 4:7-21**

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*At the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children’s Chapel.*

*Gospeller*  
*People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**THE GOSPEL**

**JOHN 15:1-8**

*Gospeller*  
*People*

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

**SERMON**

**FR. BAILEY NORMAN**

**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.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey, Ashton and Steve, our clergy, and Adam, our seminarian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Grace, Chattanooga.

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish and St. John the Evangelist, Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

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 Church of Bangladesh.

We pray for those in assisted living: Mary Rhoades, Roger Derby, Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis and Pat Swinney.

We pray for those who are sick, especially Mike Bautz.

We pray for our parish members: Elwood and Roslyn Gift; Dominic and Lynn Giuliano, Daphne, Mila, Robert; Johnny Goshen.

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,

For these and all other intentions of this congregation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The presider adds a concluding collect*

## **BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

### **THE PEACE**

**BCP 360**

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People*        And also with you.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER  
SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY**

**PARISH CHOIR**

### **DOXOLOGY**

**LASST UNS ERFREUEN**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise him above ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

**BCP 367**

*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.

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



*A Proper Preface is said*

*Presider* 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 129**

**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. Then the Presider continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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.*

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

**FRACTION**

**HYMNAL S 155**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*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**

**GOD IS LOVE, AND WHERE TRUE LOVE IS,  
GOD HIMSELF IS THERE**

**HYMNAL 577**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

**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 VISITORS**

*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**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*

**RECESSIONAL**

**LORD WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE**

**HYMN 610**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

**VOLUNTARY**

**TOCCATA IN SEVEN BY JOHN RUTTER**

**SIMON BALLINTOY**

*The Altar flowers are given by James and Amelia Knight to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of their son Richard Knight..*

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

## LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS

APRIL

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Today the loose plate offering will go to support the summer Clearfork Learning Camp.

## WHAT IS CLEARFORK LEARNING CAMP?

JULY 8 - JULY 12

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Clearfork Learning Camp is a week-long summer program that provides educational and recreational opportunities for children and youth in Clairfork, Tennessee. This Appalachian community faces many challenges, such as poverty, unemployment, and a lack of resources. St Stephen's Church organizes the camp in partnership with the local Clearfork Community Institute, which aims to empower the residents of Clairfork through education, advocacy, and community development. The camp offers arts and crafts, music, and sports activities.

## ADULT EDUCATION-FINDING GOD IN THE GARDEN

THROUGH MAY 5

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This adult formation class will gather to share a devotion and gardening wisdom. A plant exchange table will be set up each week to allow participants who wish to share potted plant divisions and seedlings from their garden.

We will meet in the St. Francis Garden behind the St. Stephen's Labyrinth, weather permitting. In case of rain, we will meet in the Parish Hall and the plant exchange table will be set up there.

The class will meet at 11:30 on the following dates:

April 28- Companion Planting

May 5- The Soils

Devotional material will be taken from the text, *Devotions from the Garden* by Miriam Drennan. Purchase of the book is not required.

## BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!

ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

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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, canned fruit, fruit cups, cereals**

## LITTLE RED WAGON

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Many of you may have noticed that the Narthex has a new addition - **a brand new red wagon**, to collect items donated for the Blessing Box. (Details in this week's E-News)

## ST. THERESE FLOWER GUILD

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The members of St. Therese Flower Ministry want to invite you to take one or more of the flower vases (filled with altar flowers) in the ramp room for someone who is celebrating a special occasion, needs cheering up (including yourself) or that you just want to let know they are being thought of. These are available any time after Monday afternoon. they are being thought of. These are available any time after Monday afternoon.

**CONFIRMATION****WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

Bishop Cole will be with us Wednesday evening for his annual visitation. Please join us as we welcome him and those who will be confirmed, received and reaffirmed. After the service, DOK will host a reception in the Parish Hall serving cake, punch and coffee.

**CHORAL EVENSONG****APRIL 28**

Today the University of Tennessee Chamber Singers will offer a service of Choral Evensong at St Stephen's at 4:00 p.m.

**ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE****AS OF APRIL 21, 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	\$2,847
2024 YTD offering	\$245,242
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$209,406
over/(under)	\$35,835

**SMOKIES GAME****JUNE 4TH**

Tickets will be available to purchase on May 19th between the 7:45 and 10:00 services in the parish hall, and in the Grove (weather permitting) after the 10:00 service on May 26 and June 2nd. Tickets are \$21 a person. Additional information is in the E-News.

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY — APRIL 28, 2024

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Diane Sams
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Thomas Hillis, Arwyn Welch
LECTORS	Roni Boyd	Bill Petersen
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Gary Dreier
USHERS	Jim Rousey, John Cox	James Welch, Ed Johnson
GREETERS	Mary Shepard	Mary Cooper, Ashley Hillis
COUNTERS		Roni Boyd, Wes Delaney
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		Cameron Ellis
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Steele, Nancy Anderson, Susan Meredith	
AV TECH		Matthew Doane
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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE — APRIL 29 - MAY 4, 2024

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, April 29	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens' meeting
Tuesday, April 30	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist + Healing Service
Wednesday, May 1	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	6:00 p.m.	Service of Confirmation
	7:00 p.m.	Coffee with Bishop Cole
Thursday, May 2	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, May 3		Office closed
Saturday May 4	11:00 a.m.	Pack Memorial Service
	2:00 p.m.	World Labyrinth Day

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

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

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP  
THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

