

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

August 14, 2022 7:45 A.M.



*Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join us today. We are delighted that you are here with us! If you are looking for a church home, you will be most welcome to join our church family in worshipping God and in our many ministries to each other and the world around us.*

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. Those who are not baptized are invited to receive a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available in the narthex and will be provided by an usher upon request.*

*For your convenience and others around you, please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins. If you need to answer a call, please do so in the narthex.*

*Please call the clergy or the church office for any information or help we can provide. We invite you to fill out a green visitor card found in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.*

*At this time, masks are optional at our in-person worship services.*

*The service is from the Book of Common Prayer.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# 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

BCP 356

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.*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18 (*said in unison*)

BCP 702-703

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS

HEBREWS 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:49-56

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

THE REV. 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.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP 387

*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, Brian, our Bishop,  
 and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey, Ashton and Steve, our  
 clergy, 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,  
*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 in to joy;  
*People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

*Silence*

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for schools and colleges.

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 Extra-Provincial Churches.

We pray for those in assisted living: Mary Lou Murphy and Mary Helsley.

We pray for the sick especially Elizabeth Pack and Nancy McCord.

We pray for our parish members: Susan and Cyril Meredith, Jr; Jenny and Cyril Meredith, III, Cyril IV, Tommy.

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 Knazovich, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, Kyle Zirkel.

*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**

**BCP 360**

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**

**BCP 360**

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### **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.

*Here a 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:

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*

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**

**BCP 364**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us 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.

*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.*

**THE BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

