Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing	Hymnal 205
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The Liturgy of the Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION

PresiderAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe 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

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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

ACTS 11:1-18

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PSALM 148 (Chanted by Choir - Congregation Sings the Antiphon) 0 Al - le - lú - ia, al - le al - le - lú - ia. lú ia. _ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; * 1. praise him in the heights. 2. Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host. Praise him, sun and moon; * 3. praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, heaven of heavens, * 4. and you waters above the heavens. Antiphon Let them praise the Name of the Lord; * 5. for he commanded, and they were created. He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * 6. he gave them a law which shall not pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, * 7. you sea-monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and fog, * 8. tempestuous wind, doing his will; Antiphon 9. Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, * 10. creeping things and winged birds; Kings of the earth and all peoples, * 11. princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and maidens, * 12. old and young together. Antiphon 13. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, * for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven. 14. He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Antiphon

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

REVELATION	21:1-6
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Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

At the beginning of the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

Sequence H	YMN COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE	Hymnal 487
Gospeller People	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Glory to you, Lord Christ.	o John.
The Gospel		John 13:31-35
Gospeller People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ	
The Sermon	ı I	Pastor Laura Henrik
THE NICENE	Creed	BCP 326
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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*.

The Prayers of the People - Form I

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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 Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Steve and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, 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 the Human Family (BCP p.815)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Care of Children (BCP p.829)

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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

We pray for our parish members: Charmaine Hensley; Steve and Liz Herbes; Charlie and Nancy Higdon; Bob Hightower; Brad and Ashley Hillis, Thomas;

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Nick Corrigan, 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.**

Blessings for Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

THE PEACE

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PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

AVE VERUM CORPUS BY ELGAR

PARISH CHOIR

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Doxology

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! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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 125

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.

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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

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

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn Jerusai	em The Golden	Hymnal 624
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After Communion, the Presider says Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 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 Christ our Lord. *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	HYMN THOU ART THE WAY, TO THEE ALONE	Hymnal 457
Presider People	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!	
Voluntary	Allegro by John Stanley	

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Those Who Serve Today - May 18, 2025

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Crucifer		Ben Shassere
Acolytes	Jack Lee	Arwyn Welch, Thomas Hillis
Lectors	Eph Klots	Peggy Volk
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee Lew Volk, Caleb Justice	
Ushers	John Cox, Jim Rousey	Craig Brent, Ed Johnson
Greeters	Jim Rousey	Judith Delaney, Tyler Walker
Counters	Roni Boyd, Bonnie Bautz	
EUCHARISTIC VISITOR	Carol Gardner	
Altar Guild	Barbara Steele, Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith	
AV TECH	Chuck Kirk	
Source Material	The source material for this service is the Book of Common Prayer, Year C	
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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Ruth and Blynn Prince in memory of their grandson, Harrison Dutton. The Ambry candle is given to the glory of God.

There are still opportunities to give Altar flowers in upcoming months. The sign up sheet is outside the church office door. The cost \$85 per Sunday. The ambry candle cost is \$5. Acknowledgments can be given in memory or thanksgiving of an occasion or loved one.

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Monday, May 19	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
Tuesday, May 20	Гuesday, May 20 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study		
	9:30 a.m.	Piano Tuning (nave)	
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service	
	6:00 p.m.	Vestry	
Wednesday, May 21	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group	
	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, May 22	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)	
Friday, May 23	8:30 a.m.	Wardens' Meeting	
		Office Closed	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 19 - MAY 24

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, May 21. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE BY EVELYN UNDERHILL

"The average Christian has no notion at all of the mighty symphony which fills the universe, to which our lives are destined to make their tiny contribution, and which is the self-expression of the Eternal God." So writes Evelyn Underhill, one of the great Christian writers and mystics of the 20th century. During the four Sundays in May, we will be exploring one of her great works quoted above titled simply *The Spiritual Life*. It is a book written both for those who are new on the Christian journey and those who are more experienced. We are entering a season at St. Stephen's where we will be learning more about our call to contemplate God's presence in our lives (the contemplative life) and learning how to better faithfully listen to that call (spiritual direction). While there are many works which can help introduce this, I can think of no better than this short but powerful work of Evelyn Underhill. Copies of the book are available from the office.

LECTIONARY STUDY

The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Pollard library.

DOK MEETING

The Daughters of the King (DOK) will be meeting Sunday, May 18, from 12-1 pm in the Pollard Library. Daughters are encouraged to wear blue. All women are invited to be involved with the Daughters and meetings are open to all. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact either of their co-chairs: Rebecca Cavender (rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com) or Beth Reed (brussellreed@yahoo.com).

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

The loose plate offering for the remainder of May will go towards the Blessing Box.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Coffee and conversation is offered in the Parish Hall each Sunday after both our services.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION

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 Ramen noodles, cereal, Chef-Boyardee. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

9:30 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

9:30 A.M. IN THE POLLARD ROOM

Today

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ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

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Mass in the Grass

NEXT SUNDAY - MAY 25

Weather permitting - Bring a lawn chair for Mass in the Grass in the Grove at 10:30 next Sunday. Lemonade and light refreshments will follow.

Coming in June

June 8 Holy Ghost Weenie Roast in the parish hall following the 10:30 a.m. Pentecost service. Life will furnish the hot dogs, burgers, buns and the fixings. There will also be a birthday cake to celebrate the birth of the Church! Bring your favorite cook-out sides to round out the meal!

June 22 Safe Church Training (on-site)

June 29 Parish Potluck at 11:45 prior to the Planned Giving Presentation.

PRIOR WEEK AND 2025 YEAR-TO-DATE P	AS OF MAY 11, 2025	
Last Week's Offering *	\$3,945	
2025 YTD offering	\$258,889	
2025 Revenue - budget	\$552,548	
% Received to date	47%	
*includes online giving		

FINANCE REPS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Make up sessions to discuss church finances will be held in the Parish Hall between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services this Sunday. Look for Finance Committee reps in the Parish Hall ready to share information, answer your questions and receive your input. Please drop by !

ST. STEPHEN'S KEY POLICY & SAFE CHURCH TRAININGJUNE 22We make the joke around St. Stephen's that half of Oak Ridge has a key to our building.

We make the joke around St. Stephen's that half of Oak Ridge has a key to our building. This joke, however, has become more serious over the last couple of years as we continue to have issues with items disappearing, lights being left on all over the building, and outside doors being left unlocked on a regular basis.

It is also part of our policy that anyone who is not current with their Safe Church Training from the diocese should not have a key to the building. This policy, which is also a diocesan policy, is a protective measure to make sure that anyone who has access to the building has the information and knowledge to be aware of appropriate boundaries and interactions within the building and their responsibility to report anything that is suspicious. While not at St. Stephen's, there have been recent incidents at other churches in our area where inappropriate activity has taken place due to people having unlimited access to spaces who were not authorized to have it.

In discussion with your Wardens (Leah Bailey and Ben Shassere) and our Safe Church Coordinator (Judith Delaney), we have made the decision to begin enforcing this rule. In other words, if you are not current on your Safe Church training, please know

Today

that we will contact you to ask for your key until you have successfully completed or updated your training. Please understand that this is not a punitive measure. Rather, our commitment to being a safe space has to align with the policies that we have which allow us to make sure everyone with a key has an understanding of the responsibility that comes with that privilege.

We will have an in-person Safe Church training here again at St. Stephen's on June 22 following the 10:30 service. In addition, you are welcome at any time of year to sign up to take the training online. Either will get you covered. The training must be updated every 3 years according to diocesan policies. The training does take 3-4 hours, but it is a crucial piece of the responsibility we ALL have to make sure appropriate boundaries and behavior are always the norm here at St. Stephen's. If you would like to sign up for either the in-person or online training, please call the church office at 865-483-8497 or e-mail us at secretary@ststephensor.org.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (Fr. Bailey), either of your Wardens, or Judith Delaney.

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VESTRY

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