



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**May 17, 2026 10:30 A.M.**



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE**

**HYMNAL 214**

**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**

**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.**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

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

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.**

**ACTS 1:6-14**

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



Al - le - lú - ia,      al - le - lú - ia,      al - le - lú - ia.

1. Let God arise, and let his enemies be | scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee | before him.
2. Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a | way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence | of God.
3. But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before | God; \*  
let them also be merry | and joyful.
4. Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the | heavens; \*  
Yahweh is his Name, rejoice | before him!

*Antiphon*

5. Father of orphans, defender of | widows, \*  
God in his holy hab | itation!
6. God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into | freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in | dry places.
7. O God, when you went forth before your | people, \*  
when you marched through | the wilderness,
8. The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of | Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God | of Israel.
9. You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in | heritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it | was weary.
10. Your people found their home in | it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for | the poor.

*Antiphon*

33. Sing to God, O kingdoms of the | earth; \*  
sing praises to | the Lord.
34. He rides in the heavens, the ancient | heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his migh | ty voice.
35. Ascribe power to | God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in | the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy | places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed | be God!

*Antiphon*



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

BCP 383

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 Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Laura, our clergy; 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 reasonable 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 St. Paul, Seymour. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, and for St. Julia Station, Porcupine. 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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. We pray for those in rehab or assisted living: Jo Ann Baker; Dianne Davis; Roger Derby; Horia and Shafik Iskander; Allan Reiss; Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Jerry Hanna; Dean Hartley; Cleon & Heather Hartman, Mitchell Gibbons; Roy Hartwick.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Robert Manrod, Alex Mol, and Christopher Zunan.

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**

**BCP 360**

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O LORD PLEASE HEAR MY PRAYER  
MOSES HOGAN

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! Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The presider 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, 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.*

**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.

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

### COMMUNION HYMN

### LORD ENTHRONED IN HEAVENLY SPLENDOR

HYMNAL 307

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**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

### CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

HYMNAL 494

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

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

### VOLUNTARY

*The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.  
The Ambry candle is given to the glory of God by Renee and Carol King  
in memory of Adolf and Soren King.*

## THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - MAY 17, 2026

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
<b>CRUCIFER</b>		Diane Sams
<b>ACOLYTES</b>	Jack Lee	
<b>LECTORS</b>	Roni Boyd	Teddy Dantzler
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	Jack Lee	Cyril Meredith, Jr. Courtney Manrod
<b>USHERS</b>	MN Campbell, Cameron Ellis	Craig Brent, Ed Johnson
<b>GREETERS</b>	MN Campbell	Judith Delaney, Rhonda Ashburn
<b>COUNTERS</b>		Roger Johnson, Roni Boyd
<b>EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS</b>		Judith Delaney
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith, Karen Yearwood	
<b>AV TECH</b>		Chuck Kirk

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

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Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, May 20. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensorg.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.

### **LOOSE PLATE OFFERING**

**TODAY**

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The loose plate offering for the rest of May goes toward Clearfork. For more information please see the E-News.

### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

**TODAY**

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

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

### **LECTIONARY STUDY**

**TODAY**

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The weekly deep-dive reflection into the Sunday gospel restarted this Easter season! Fr. Bailey will be facilitating the conversation at 9:30 each Sunday morning in the Pollard Room. Even for those who might not like "traditional" Bible study, this class is a great way to engage some of the practical applications of the gospel in our walk with Christ and how we live out our faith in our homes and beyond. Hope to see everyone there!

### **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 children's cereal, children's snacks and cereal bars. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

### **LEMONADE IN THE GROVE**

**MAY 31**

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Lemonade in the Grove begins on May 31st and will continue through Labor Day. Join us for light refreshments, great conversation, and of course, lemonade!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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There are dates available in the coming weeks for Altar Flowers, and/or Ambry Candles as memorial or thanksgiving remembrances. If you would like to provide the flowers, please call the church office or add your name to the calendar posted outside the parish office.

### **HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET!**

**JUNE 6**

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Recently, many of us received yet another bogus email or text claiming to be Fr. Bailey. Unfortunately, according to our resident tech guru, Jennifer Davis, this is something that most of us will experience many times in the coming years. Jennifer teaches an ORICL class at Roane State entitled "How to Protect Yourself in the Age of the Internet", and has offered to do a shortened, no-cost, one-afternoon version of the class for us here at St. Stephen's on Saturday, June 6th from 12:00-2:30 in the Parish Hall! Participants will also receive a thumb-drive with additional resources. We are very grateful for Jennifer's willingness to share her expertise with us!

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

# NEXT WEEK

On May 24th, weather permitting, our 10:30 a.m. service will be outdoors in the Grove. Wear your red and celebrate Pentecost followed by the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast in the Parish Hall after the service. The Men's Group will be manning the grills and will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Since Pentecost marks the birthday of the church, there will also be birthday cake! Please bring your favorite cookout food to supplement the meal.

**Don't forget to wear red!**

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## PENTECOST READERS NEEDED

As is our custom, we invite those of you who are able and willing to read in other languages to help "speak in tongues" during our Pentecost service!

All of our readers will be reading concurrently, so even if you're a little rusty in your language, I assure you no one else will know! Please note that we will be OUTSIDE in the grove for the 10:30 service that day, so if you attend that service but would rather read indoors, I can put you at the 8:00 service if you are willing.

Please e-mail me (Fr. Bailey) at [rector@ststephensor.org](mailto:rector@ststephensor.org) if you are able to read, at which service (8 or 10:30), and which language. I'll send you the translation into your language by next Friday to give you a couple of days to practice.

*Fr. Bailey*

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## SERVE BEHIND THE SCENES

Join the Altar Guild. Do you have a heart for service and an eye for detail? St. Stephen's Altar Guild is looking for new members to join our ministry of care.

We work quietly behind the scenes to ensure the beauty and readiness of our sanctuary. From preparing the Holy Eucharist to caring for sacred linens, our work is the "silent heartbeat" of every service—from Sunday mornings to weddings and funerals.

### Why We Need You

Currently, we are operating with three teams in rotation, and our goal is to return to four teams. Your help will allow us to continue this faithful, year-round duty without overextending our current volunteers.

Give just 1-2 hours a month to help set up and /or close our services. This role is perfect for those who enjoy quiet, meaningful work in the peaceful stillness of the sanctuary.

No experience is required. We provide full training for every willing hand!

Ready to help? Please reach out to Roni Boyd [mikeroni2@comcast.net](mailto:mikeroni2@comcast.net) or Julie Webber [Julie.webber@ststephensor.org](mailto:Julie.webber@ststephensor.org)

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 18 - MAY 23, 2026

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, May 18	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	4:30 p.m.	Outreach
	5:15 p.m.	Community Mediation
	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism
Tuesday, May 19	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Healing Service
	2:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer In-person
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, May 20	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, May 21	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, May 22	Office Closed	
Saturday, May 23	10 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal



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