



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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF LAMENTATIONS

LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 137

BCP 792

- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered you, O Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we hung them up on the trees in the midst of that land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song, and our oppressors called for mirth: "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."
- 4 How shall we sing the Lord's song upon an alien soil.
- 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord, against the people of Edom, who said, "Down with it! down with it! even to the ground!"
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy the one who pays you back for what you have done to us!
- 9 Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, and dashes them against the rock!

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I

the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 17:5-10

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REV. CANON MICHELLE BOLT

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 I

BCP 383

- Intercessor* 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* 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.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey, Ashton, and Steve, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Francis, Ooltewah; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John’s, Deadwood, our sister parish, St. Michael, Batesland, South Dakota, Holy Cross, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Anglican Church of Canada, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For Joe, our President; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For this city of Oak Ridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
- People* **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those in assisted living: Mary Lou Murphy and Mary Helsley; for parish members: Allan Reiss and Jamey Kennedy; Pat Reuss; Wayne and Mary Rhoades; Jeffrey and Sandi Robertson, Brian; Jim and June Rousey, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Knazovich, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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 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 ~~*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:

SANCTUS

BCP 362

**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.

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.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

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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 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.*

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

