

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

June 11, 2023 10:00 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 in virtual worship. 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 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.

Today's service music and hymns are found in either the blue 1982 Hymnal or the green Wonder, Love, and Praise songbook, located in the pew racks, unless otherwise noted.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

1) Morning has broken like the first morning
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

3) Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

2) Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.*

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.*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:1-12 (said in unison)

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- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; * it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; * play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; * sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, * and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; * the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, * by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin * and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; * let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; * he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; * he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, * and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

HEAL ME HANDS OF JESUS

1) Heal me, hands of Jesus,
and search out all my pain:
restore my hope, remove my fear
and bring me peace again.

2) Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,
take bitterness away;
let me forgive as one forgiven
and bring me peace today.

3) Know me, mind of Jesus,
and show me all my sins;
dispel the memories of guilt,
and bring me peace within.

4) Fill me, joy of Jesus:
anxiety shall cease
and heaven's serenity by mine,
for Jesus brings me peace!

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

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

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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, especially Melanie Carow,
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Benjamin,
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 St. Barnabas, Jefferson City.

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish; and for Holy Spirit, Firesteel, 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

We pray for our parish members: Caleb and Molly Justice, Luna; Ken and Katie Kendall; Goldie Kennedy; Lisa Kennedy and Lindsay Mayes.

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, Robert Graf, Jr., Reid Hartman, Seth Knazovich, Alex Mol, Thomas Stickle, and Kyle Zirkel

Silence

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead, to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead, to heal the sin-sick soul.*

1) Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.
Refrain

2) If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all."
Refrain

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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

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 130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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

HYMNAL S 164

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer
or the world: give us your peace, give us your 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.

COMMUNION HYMN**LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES**

1) Let us break bread together on our knees;
 Let us break bread together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

3) Let us praise God together on our knees;
 Let us praise God together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

2) Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 when I fall on my knees,
 with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.

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

Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.

THE BLESSING**RECESSIONAL HYMN****SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE**

1) Sing praise to God who reigns above,
 the God of all creation,
 the God of power, the God of love,
 the God of our salvation;
 with healing balm my soul he fills,
 and every faithless murmur stills:
 to God all praise and glory.

3) Let all who name Christ's holy Name
 give God all praise and glory;
 let all who know his power proclaim
 aloud the wondrous story!
 Cast each false idol from its throne,
 the Lord is God, and he alone:
 to God all praise and glory.

2) What God's almighty power hath made,
 his gracious mercy keepeth;
 by morning glow or evening shade
 his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
 Within the kingdom of his might,
 lo! All is just and all is right:
 to God all praise and glory.

DISMISSAL

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

*The Altar Flowers are given by Barbara and Rob Steele to the glory of God in celebration of their anniversary.
 The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*