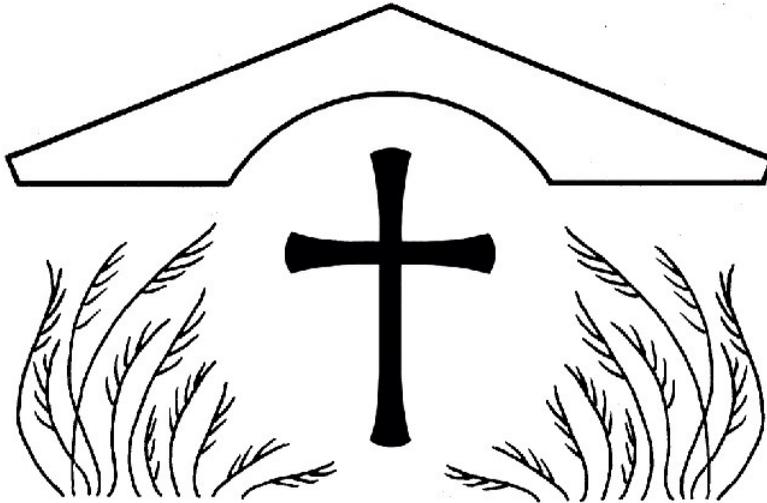


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022



Ministers

Rector

Deacon

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Minister of Music

Cantor

The People of the Parish

The Rev. Christy Laborda Harris

The Rev. Kate Sefton

Marshall Ward

Meg Nalley

Miles McKenzie

Kristina Ibarra

The Gathering of the Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Light of Lights

please stand

**Come light of lights into my heart,
Come wisdom of spirit into my heart**

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Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Be with us, Spirit of God;
People **nothing can separate us from your love.**

Presider Breathe on us, breath of God;
People **fill us with your saving power.**

Presider Speak in us, wisdom of God;
People **bring strength, healing, and peace.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Open My Heart

Open my heart, open my heart.

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The Liturgy of the Word

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God, whose kingdom comes impossibly near: share with us the authority that sets others free; send us on the way of challenge and conversion; reveal to us the vision of hatred falling from its throne in summer lightning storms; through Jesus Christ, who empowers us. **Amen.**

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her--
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-8

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of God's Name;
sing the glory of God's praise.**
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds; *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

- 3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name.”
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful are these doings toward all people.
- 5 God turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in God,
- 6 Whose might rules for ever;
whose eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let not the rebellious lift up their heads.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
let the sound of praise be heard;
- 8 God holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

please stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. L.A. King

please be seated

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon

HYMN

Our Eyes are Turned to the Lord

please stand

Refrain:

Our eyes are turned to the Lord, Our God!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for God to fill us with the Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow. We pray especially for...
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life. We remember those we love but see no longer, especially...
Lord, come to bless us
and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION

You pour your Spirit upon all flesh;
we try to fence her in.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

You speak through many languages;
we block out foreign accents.

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

You make one body from all our gifts;
we refuse to be connected.

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*You are invited to pass the peace
distanced and respectfully.*

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY HYMN

Within Our Darkest Night

please be seated

**Within our darkest night,
you kindle the fire that never dies away,
never dies away.**

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**For thy gracious blessing we give thanks, O Lord.
For thy loving kindness we give thanks, O Lord.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

-From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare

God of wind and flame,
we praise your wild beauty
flying free
in the shining air.

Your Spirit nurtured life
in outrageous diversity;
she raised up judges to protect the weak,
made kings dance in ecstasy,
and prophets burn with holy anger.

Through the Spirit,
the Word became flesh
and the world was called to hear his voice;
she drove him into the desert
his first sure step
to victory over death and division.

When he left his followers,
she was poured out on all flesh
and crossed the line between male and female, slave and free,
Jew and gentile.

She is with us now,
bringing Christ near
filling our worship,
guiding us in hope.

Therefore, with all God's rainbow people,
and all who have tasted the Spirit of life,

with the thirsty and the cold,
and all who long to dream again,
we worship your glory
as heaven touches earth:

**Holy, holy, holy God,
God of power and might,
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest!**

Call-and-response

**Blessed is the one who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these holy gifts,
that these fragile earthly things
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother,
Jesus Christ;
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with faltering friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them to the table,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
'This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

As on that night, so here and now Jesus offers himself
In touch and taste beyond what words can hold.
Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, in our eating and drinking
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim him as creation's host,
transforming poverty into plenty
in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with hope that one day death and greed will be no more
and people without number
will come from east and west, north and south
to share the kingdom meal.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
by whom and with whom and in whom
in the unity for the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As Jesus taught, we now pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. You are invited to come forward when the ushers indicate. Please extend your hands together to receive the bread. If you are gluten free, please let us know. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. If you would like your bread intincted (dipped in the chalice) please let the clergy person with the bread know before the bread is handed to you. It will be intincted for you and handed to you. We are no longer able to allow you to intinct the bread yourself nor are we able to place it in your mouth. Alternately, you may sip directly from the chalice or choose to receive the bread only.

**The light shines through the darkness,
The light shines through the darkness,
The light shines through the darkness,
And will never grow dim.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

please stand

Let us pray,

Spirit of Life, we thank you for disordering our boundaries and releasing our desires in this feast of delight: draw us out of hidden places and centers of conformity to feel your laughter and live in your pleasure. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit be the storm that shakes the foundations, the leap of new fire, which turns oppression to ash; may her wildness seduce us with holy desire; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

please stand

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL

Listen as they Rise

**Hear our prayers as they rise up like incense,
And spread throughout the skies,
Hear our prayers as they rise up like incense,
Listen as they rise.**

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For a Birthday

Watch over thy child(ren), O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stand(s); comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall(s); and in *his* heart(s) may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For an Anniversary

Almighty God, Giver of life and love: Bless those whom You have joined in holy matrimony. Grant them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their life together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. And so knit their wills together in Your Will, and their spirits in Your Spirit, that they may show forth Your Love and abide in Your Peace all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.