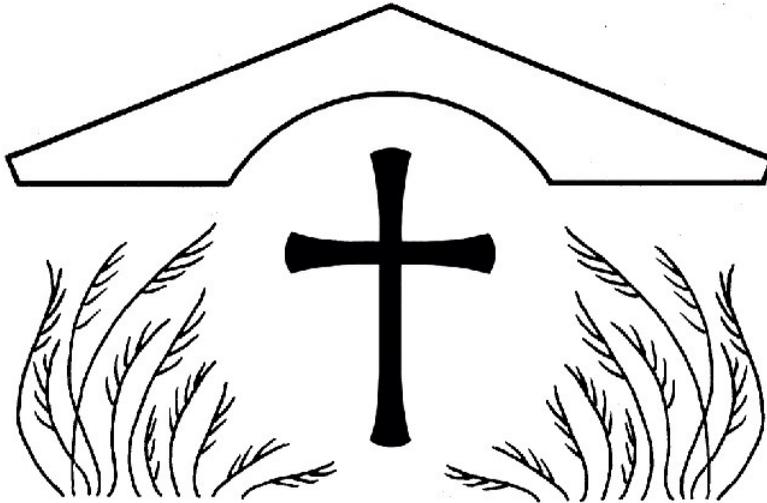


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 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

O Word of God

please stand

*Ostinato Refrain

O Word of God, come in - to this space. O
Word of God, come send us your grace.
O - pen our minds; show us your truth.
Trans - form our lives a - new.

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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 of bandit places, love that demands our all: reveal to us our wounds and give us grace to know our neighbour, tending us with foreign hands; through Jesus Christ, who crossed over for us. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY (30:9-14)

please be seated

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

**1 To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

- 2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 **Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.**
- 4 **Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 **Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.**
- 7 **Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- 8 **You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.**
- 9 **All your paths are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

please stand

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Shepherd me, O God

please stand

Refrain:

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
Beyond my fears, from death into life.**

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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

Send Your Spirit

please be seated

**Send your Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Kindle your fire within us.
Send us forth to forgive and to love.
Breathe in us peace, O God.**

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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

Sacred Creation

**Sacred the land, sacred the water,
Sacred the sky, holy and true.
Sacred all life, sacred each other;
All reflect God who is good.**

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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.