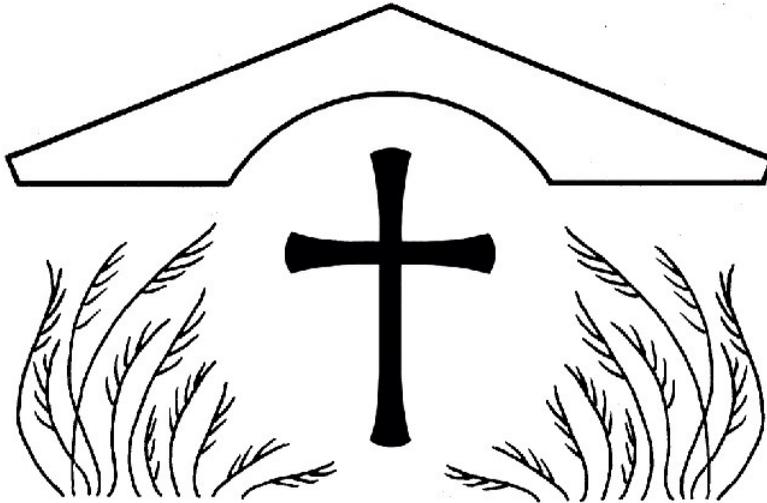


# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 17, 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

Turn Our Hearts

*please stand*

**Turn our heart to you, O God.  
With you there is healing,  
Wholeness and forgiveness,  
Freedom from fear, lasting peace.**

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Presider In the name of God: Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life.  
People **Amen.**  
Presider Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.  
People **God is with us, here we find new life.**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

God of Mercy



1. God of mer - cy, you are with us.  
2. God of pa - tience, strong and gen - tle,  
3. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



1. Fill our hearts with your kind - ness.  
2. fill our hearts with your kind - ness.  
3. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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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 unnatural wisdom, you gave us Jesus our Rabbi to question the roles we play, the submissions we enforce: may your living truth free us from the lie of exclusion and make us all learners and doers of your word; through Jesus Christ, teacher and liberator. **Amen.**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (18:1-10a)

*please be seated*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

People         **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15

- 1 **O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle; \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 **Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, \*  
who speak truthfully from the heart.**
- 3 **There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil to their friends; \*  
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors;**
- 4 **In their sight the wicked are rejected, \*  
but they honor those who fear God.**
- 5 **They have sworn to do no wrong \*  
and do not take back their word.**
- 6 **They do not give their money in hope of gain, \*  
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 **Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.**

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

*please stand*

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

                         The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Rod McAulay

*please be seated*

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon*

HYMN

Kingdom Come

*please stand*

**Make the kingdom come.**

**Make the dying done!**

**Make the kingdom be.**

**Kingdom of the free!**

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying: **We thank you, God.**

For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,  
**We thank you, God.**

For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold, **We thank you, God.**

For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,  
**We thank you, God.**

For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe, **We thank you, God.**

From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand, **Good Lord deliver us.**

From squandering resources, abusing our companion species, and polluting the habitat we all share, **Good Lord deliver us.**

From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation,  
**Good Lord deliver us.**

For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts,  
**Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth,  
**Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew,  
**Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

We pray for those who seek healing, especially...

We pray for those we love but see no longer, especially...

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin against God and God's creation.

**Holy and merciful God,  
we confess that we have failed to honor you  
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.  
We have walked heavily on your earth,  
overused and wasted its resources,  
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,  
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,  
holding future generations hostage to our greed.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.  
Renew in us the resolve to tend and keep your earth  
as you desire and intend,  
with grateful and compassionate hearts,  
through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
**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

Sacred is the Call

*please be seated*

**Refrain:**

**Sacred is the call, awesome indeed the entrustment:**

**Tending the holy, tending the holy,**

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas

*please stand*

**Ubi caritas et amor,**

**Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER—*From the Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us praise and magnify the God of all of Creation.

**We sing to the Creator with songs of creation.**

Let us give thanks to God, Creator, Lover, and Sustainer of the universe.

**Let us rejoice in our Maker, Sustainer and Reconciler.**

You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things, came to be. Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements, and you brought forth life in forms innumerable, including this our fragile earth, and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. As we have turned from your way, so we turn again to the warmth of your love. Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks for the glories of your creation given into our care, and for the opportunities we have to share that richness with all your people.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we praise you now and for ever saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power, 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.**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread to speak to us of the breaking of his body upon the cross. He gave it to his friends and said: Take and eat, for this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine, work of human hands, gift of our earth, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He poured out the wine to speak to us of the pouring out of his blood. He gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation; we who need reconciliation one with another; we who hope for reconciliation with all creation, draw close to this mystery. In being broken, spilt and buried, life sprang forth again. In the breaking, there is an opening up; in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing; in death and burial, there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives, and in our hearts, for his second coming, keep us close to this vision that we have seen. Through the giving of the bread and wine, reconcile us to our world and give us the broken oneness, the spilt unity, and the buried resurrection by which we can restore your creation and fulfill your will.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive. Unite us with you through the body and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh as your Word has made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom, in the unity of your Creative Spirit, with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe, we stand before you and worship you, God of all, in songs of everlasting praise,

**Blessing and honor and glory and power be yours 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.*

**Be still and know that I am God.**

**Be still and know that I am.**

**Be still and know.**

**Be still.**

**Be.**

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*please stand*

Most loving God, Creator and Redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit be upon you, that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

*please stand*

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; savor creation's richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

RECESSIONAL

God of the Sparrow

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## God of the Sparrow



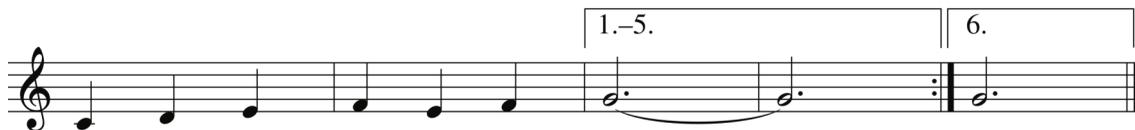
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God of the swirl - ing stars  
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 God of the lov - ing heart



How does the crea - ture say Awe  
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 How does the crea - ture say Care  
 How does the crea - ture say Love  
 How do your chil - dren say Joy



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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.