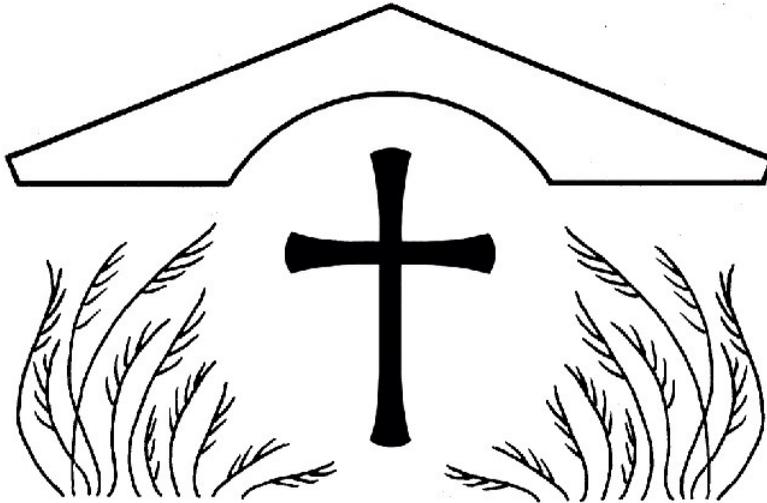


# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 7, 2022



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Junior Warden

Minister of Music

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The Rev. Kate Sefton

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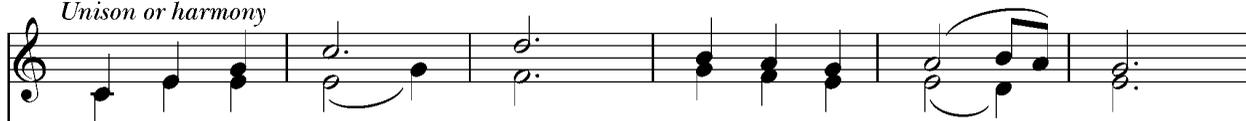
# The Gathering of the Community

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Morning Has Broken

*please stand*

*Unison or harmony*



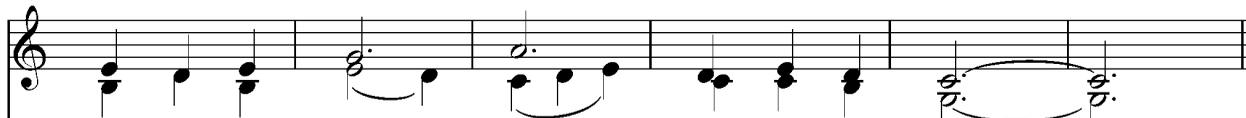
1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

## GLORIA

1. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 2. in ex - cé - l - sis De - o!  
3. Gló - ri - a, gló - ri - a, 4. al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia!

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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 our Thief, you steal from us our dead complacent hearts and kindle a new flame: take from our hands the burden of worthless things, and make them ready to receive a greater gift: the love of a Servant King; through Jesus Christ, the Son of Man. **Amen.**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (15:1-6)

*please be seated*

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if

you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High; \*  
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!**
- 13 You look down from heaven \*  
and behold all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.**
- 15 You fashion all the hearts of them \*  
and understand all their works.**
- 16 There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
the strong are not delivered by their great strength.**
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 But your eye, O God, is upon those who fear you, \*  
on those who wait upon your love,**
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for you; \*  
you are our help and our shield.**
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, \*  
for in your holy Name we put our trust.**
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.**



## 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

Forgiveness

*please be seated*

*Words and Music by Patty Griffin*

EUCCHARISTIC 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 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!**

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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

## One Grain of Sand

**One grain of sand all in the world  
One grain of sand all in the world  
One grain of sand all in the world  
One little boy, one little girl**

**One little star up in the sky  
One little star up in the sky  
One little star up in the sky  
One little you, one little I**

**One leaf of grass on a windy plain  
One leaf of grass on a windy plain  
One leaf of grass on a windy plain  
We come and go again and again and again**

**I love you so  
I love you so  
I love you so  
More than you'll ever ever ever know**

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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

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine**

**These little eyes of mine...**

**This little voice of mine...**

**All around the world...**

*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.