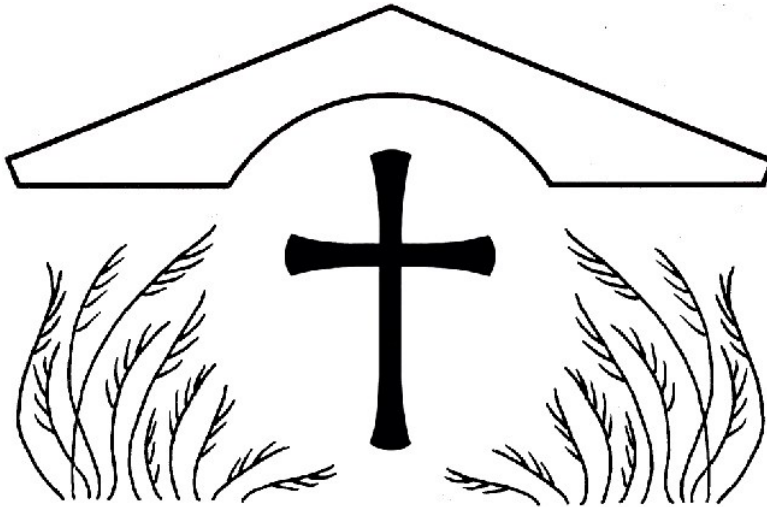


# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 21, 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

God Welcomes All

*please stand*

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends**

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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

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 the Sabbath, this is the day and this is the hour when women long oppressed learn to stand with dignity, when your healing escapes our desire for control: may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loose each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead. **Amen.**

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-8

- 1 **Bless the Holy One, O my soul, \***  
**and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.**
- 2 **Bless the Holy One, O my soul, \***  
**and forget not all the gifts of God.**
- 3 **O God, you forgive all our sins \***  
**and you heal all our infirmities;**
- 4 **You redeem our life from the grave \***  
**and crown us with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- 5 **You satisfy us with good things, \***  
**and our youth is renewed like an eagle's.**
- 6 **O God, you execute righteousness \***  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 **You made your ways known to Moses \***  
**and your works to the children of Israel.**
- 8 **You are full of compassion and mercy, \***  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

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GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-17

*please stand*

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because

Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Bless the Lord, my Soul

*please stand*

**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
And bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
Who leads me into life.**

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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

What Does the Lord Require of You?

*please be seated*

- 1. What does the Lord require of you?  
What does the Lord require of you?**
- 2. Justice, kindness,  
Walk humbly with your God.**
- 3. To seek justice and love kindness  
And walk humbly with your God.**

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#### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Ubi Caritas

*please stand*

**Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.**

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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 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMN                      The Light Shines through the Darkness

**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*

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*

Filled 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

## Come Now, O Prince of Peace



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,

2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,

3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,

4. Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

*Korean: O - so - so o - so - so, pyong-hwa eui im - gum*



Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile your peo - ple.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile all na - tions.

Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec-on-cile all na - tions.

*U - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - so.*

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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.