

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**AUGUST 19, 2018 ■ 10:30 A.M.**



**Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has worshipped on this corner of North James and Mulberry Streets in Goldsboro since 1857 — in the same building! We welcome you to our historic building, but more than that, we are happy to have you worship with us.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Bread of Life*

Charles Callahan

The People of God gather to proclaim and respond to the Word of God

**ENTRANCE RITE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Hymn 493

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Gloria

*Lauda anima*



Glo - ry be to God in hea - ven, songs of  
Lamb of God, who on your shoul - ders bore the  
You, O Son of God, are ho - ly, you we  
joy and peace we bring, thank - ful hearts and voi - ces  
load of this world's sin, on - ly Son of God the  
praise with one ac - cord; none in heav'n or earth is  
rais - ing, to cre - a - tion's Lord we sing: Lord, we  
Fa - ther you have brought us peace with - in: Lord, have  
like you, on - ly you are Christ the Lord with the  
thank you, Lord, we bless you, glo - ry be to God our King.  
mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, now your glo - rious reign be - gin.  
Fa - ther, and the Spi - rit, ev - er wor - shipped and a - dored.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

### **The First Reading:** *1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 111**    *Confitebor tibi*

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.**

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.**

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the  
beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading:** *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

Hymn 487

**The Gospel:** *John 6:51-58* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Rebecca Bean

## **THE NICENE CREED** (All stand.)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen Rob our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide the President and Congress; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially our parishioners: Sarah, Anna, Will, Jeff, Thelma, Ann, Ann, Martha, Betty, Jack, Charles, Hal and Shari; and our friends, family, and neighbors: David, Al, Don, Dennis, Ruth Ann, Joyce, Charlotte, Martha, Kristine, Lee, Bob, Phyllis, Susan, Ann, Joe, Sarah, David, Eric, Cailee, Chrissie, Edna, Alex, Julia, Austen, Geoff, Bob, Dan, John, Jackson, Steve, Parrish, Bob and Adlai; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

We pray for God's protection for those serving in the Armed Forces of our country especially Bill, Eric, Taylor, Wes and Jay, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Stephen and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

**Lord, in your goodness, hear our prayer.**

## THE CONFESSION

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

## THE PEACE

**Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

## THE BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

### OFFERTORY

*Prelude in C minor*

Johann Kreiger

## AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

Words: Brian Wren

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is added.)* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Celebrant and People:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Hymn 324

## **SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

**Let us pray.**

**Celebrant and People:**

**Eternal God, heavenly father  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **PROCESSION OUT**

*O God, our help in ages past*

Hymn 680

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Voluntary in B-flat Major*

Johnathan Battishill

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