

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 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**

*O Lamb of God*

Marcel Dupre

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

**ENTRANCE RITE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

Hymn 411

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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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:** *Proverbs 1:20-33*

Wisdom cries out in the street;  
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;  
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing  
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;  
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,  
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel  
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;  
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,  
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,  
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;  
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge  
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

would have none of my counsel,  
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way  
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,  
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure  
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19**    *Caeli enarrant*

The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleans me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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:** *James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers

and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

*O Jesus I have promised*

Hymn 655

**The Gospel:** *Mark 8:27-38* (Please stand.)

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Ray Hanna, Rector

## **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, Betty, Sue, Peggy, Jack, Charles, Hal and Shari; and our friends, family, and neighbors: Al, Don, Dennis, Ruth Ann, Joyce, Charlotte, Martha, Kristine, Lee, Bob, Phyllis, Susan, Joe, Sarah, David, Eric, Cailee, Chrissie, Edna, Mary Beth, 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.**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*How Firm a Foundation*

Paul Koch

## 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.**

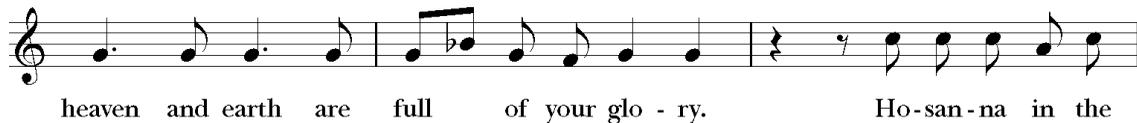
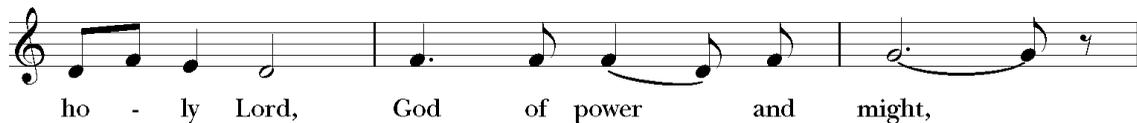
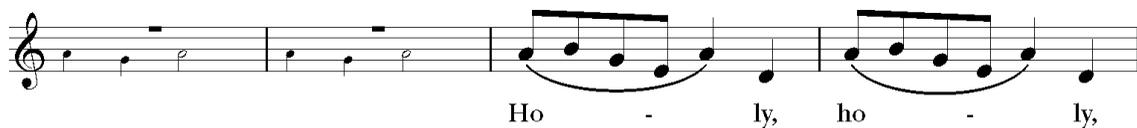
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:**



*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**

*Praise the Lord through every nation*

Hymn 484

## **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**

*Ye servants of God*

Hymn 535

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **VOLUNTARY**

*Fugue in F major*

G. Ph. Telemann

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