

**EVENING PRAYER & DEDICATION OF
PARISH HALL & RENOVATIONS
OCTOBER 21, 2018
5:00 P.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.

PRELUDE

HYMN 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b *Benedic, anima mea*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; *
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.**

You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

**You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.**

You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Hallelujah!

**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 LESSONS (Please be seated.)

The First Reading: *Job 38:1-7*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson: *Mark 10:35-45* (Please stand.)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Heart That Centers, Lord, on You

Words: Thomas H. Troeger

Music: "James Street" by David Hurd

1. A heart that cen - ters, Lord, on you be -
2. Saint Ste - phen preached your word to cast clear
3. Saint Ste - phen's faith and sac - ri - fice in -
4. We want to live as Ste - phen did: to

3
comes a ves - sel filled with o - ver - flow - ing faith to do what
light up - on his age, and when the vio - lence of the past re -
spired our foun - ders' dreams of risk - ing all for Je - sus Christ, whose
wor - ship you a - lone, to name hard things that fear has hid, and

5
your own heart has willed. Saint Ste - phen drew up - on the strength a -
turned as hate and rage, the faith he brave - ly dared to live en -
con - stant, liv - ing streams poured through their lives and o - ver - flowed this
make the gos - pel known, to live the faith your word im - parts, to

7
faith - ful heart sup - plies: the height and depth, the breadth and length of
dured to his last breath: he prayed that you, Lord, would for - give those
house of song and prayer and on a wound - ed world be - stowed Christ's
do what's right and true, and by our wit - ness lead all hearts to

9
love that nev - er dies.
ston - ing him to death.
heal - ing love and care.
cen - ter, Lord, on you.

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REMARKS

The Rev. Ray Hanna, Rector

THE APOSTLES' CREED (All stand.)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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 SUFFRAGES (B)

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in
the communion of St. Stephen and all thy saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat thee, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **Amen.**

A COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

O God, the source of light and love, we give thee thanks for the vision and generosity of all those who made the Renovation for our Generations campaign successful. We dedicate this renovated Parish Hall and kitchen to your honor and glory. Grant, by thy grace, that all who enter this place will find welcome and hospitality and know the blessings of your Son Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord

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