

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO
MAY 14, 2023 ■ 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

VOLUNTARY

HYMN 594

God of grace and God of glory

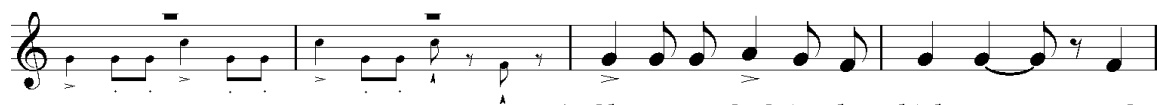
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Officiant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

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 S278



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the

Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of

God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

The First Reading: *Acts 17:22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by

human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

**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: *1 Peter 3:13-22*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: *John 14:15-21* (Please stand.)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Wyly

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy and Risen Lord, grant us to die daily to those things that separate us from your love and help us to live in the light of the resurrection praying, Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, help us to die to our own desires that we may be raised to new life in your love and service.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, heal the divisions among nations. Give to our nation's leaders, all the leaders of the world, and all those in any authority, the wisdom, compassion, and love to lead with grace.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, we pray for those who suffer from any kind of violence. Give your peace to all your children, that through your light we may prosper in your goodness.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, heal us from our perceptions of scarcity and bless us with an abundance of love for one another that no one should suffer from apathy or neglect.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, we pray for this parish and all its ministries. May we, as a community, hear your call in our lives and grant us your grace to be the light of Christ in a dark and dangerous world.

Alleluia, Amen

Holy and Risen Lord, we thank you for the manifold blessings of this life especially those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lee Borden, Betty Yarboro, Charles Foy, Drew Grice, Clark Fickling, Lloyd Turlington and Jenny Hall, and those celebrating anniversaries..... May we always remember everything is a blessing from you.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, comfort those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Jane Rustin, Marjorie Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe, and those whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts..... May we all be healed and renewed by the power of your resurrection.

Alleluia, Amen.

Holy and Risen Lord, give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Alleluia, Amen.

THE PEACE

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

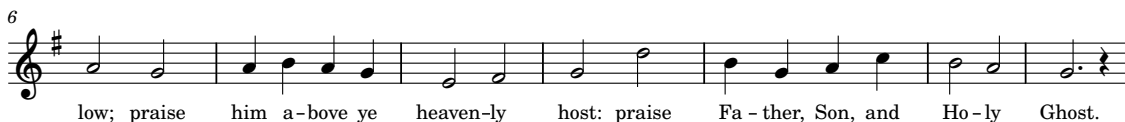
People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 405

All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.

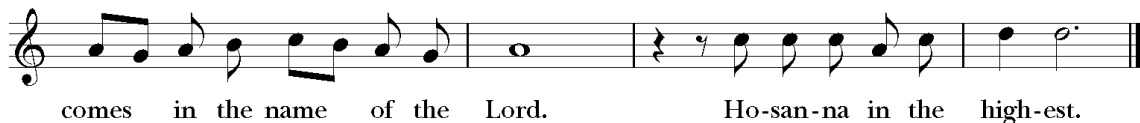
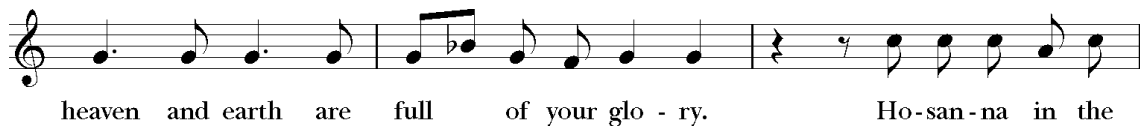
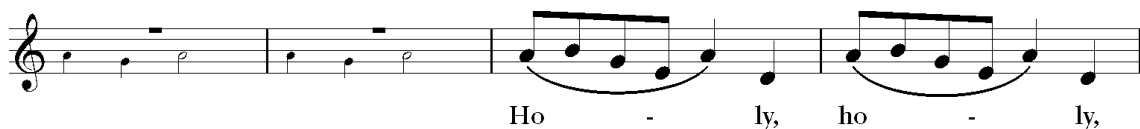
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS S-128



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God

HYMN 335

I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the appropriate time. You may receive both the bread and wine, one or the other, come forward for a blessing, or remain seated.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE BLESSING

HYMN 657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Betty Yarboro's birthday by Charlotte and Nick Weaver.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly

Organist: Patrick Ritsch

Crucifer: Samantha Wyly

Torch Bearers: Bella Morrison and Reagan Wyly

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Larson and Geoff Hulse

Ushers: Paul Rutter

Eucharistic Visitors: Geoff and Lee Hulse

Live Stream Technician: James Ruggles

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St. Stephen's Parish Prayer List

We pray for our parishioners:

Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Marjorie Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe

And for our family and friends:

Dennis Blake, Ruth Ann Brame, Charlotte Bridgers, Nancy Brookes, Howard Churchill, Lee Clayton, Will Cox, Donna Crumpler, Josh Davenport, Gordon Deal and Diana Myhre, Susan Edgerton, Viola Figueroa, Leah Fulkerson, Rachel Golden and family, Elaine Gregory, Bonnie Hale, David Hesmer, Nolan Hill, Annice Davis Hodges, Jinny (friend of Leigh Broadfoot), Tisha Johnson, Zeb Jones, Cailee Ladd, Chrissie Lewis, Alicia Kennedy Mathis, Greg Morris, Mary Beth Parker, Alex Peacock, Julia Peacock, Jodi Power, Gene Pryor, Adylene Rohrer, Drue Seefeld, Donna Shibley, Chris Smith, Jackson Smith, Yvonne Stovall, Steve Synder, Bob Williams, Jennifer WinterRose, Patricia Worley, Natalie Young

In the Armed Forces:

John Keena, Logan McDevitt, Taylor McDevitt, Wes Morrison, Steven S. and Jay Womble

Partner in Education:

Dillard Middle School, its students, faculty, and staff.

Happy Birthday!

May 14 — Lee Borden and Betty Yarboro

May 16 — Charles Foy and Drew Grice

May 18 — Clark Fickling

May 21 — Lloyd Turlington and Jenny Hall

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

I am new to the parish, I would like the Clergy to call.

I am interested in _____ ministry.

Marital Status: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Anniversary Date: _____

Baptism Date and Location: _____

Confirmation Date and Location: _____

Please list the people who reside with you and their ages:

Any additional information you wish to include?

Please tear off this sheet with your information entered and place in the offering plate or give to an usher or greeter. Thank you! We look forward to meeting you!



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Susan Brown, Betty Duncan, Bruce Griffin, David Huard, Gwyn LaFave, Sallie Wahl