NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO AUGUST 7, 2022 ■ 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 Song of Peace Jean Langlais

HYMN 401 The God of Abraham praise Leoni

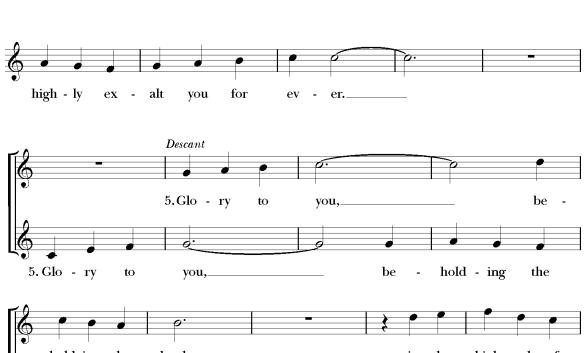
Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

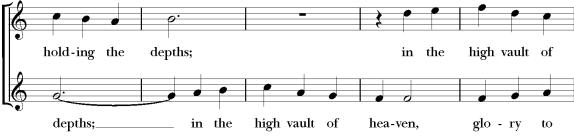
People: And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

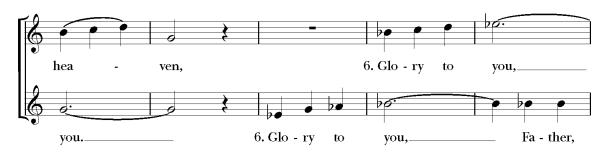
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

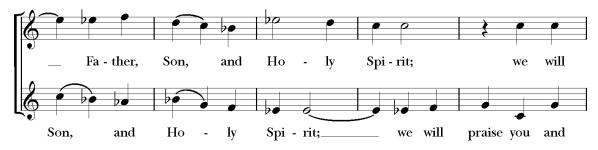
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22 Exultate, justi

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! * happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, * and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze * on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them * and understands all their works.

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; * a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; * for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, * on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, * and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; * he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, * for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, * as we have put our trust in you.

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: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the

innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 533

How wondrous and great thy works

Lyons

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-40 (Please stand.)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially, Joe, our President, Roy, our Governor, and David, our Mayor.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially our parishioners: Gina Christophe and baby boy, Leynio; Margie Clarke, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Glenn Johnson, Melissa Knebel, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Margaret Sharp, Charles Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Suzanne Thorne, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Anna Sauls, Gay Jeffreys Elmore, Kemp Woodard, Lilly Stanley, Nora Brantley and Atha Brantley, and those celebrating anniversaries. May we always remember everything is a blessing from you.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence may be kept and a Collect or other ending may be said.

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.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

HYMN 636

How firm a foundation

Foundation

AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS







THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 1, from Enriching Our Worship)

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,

source of life and fountain of mercy.

The following Preface may be used at any time.

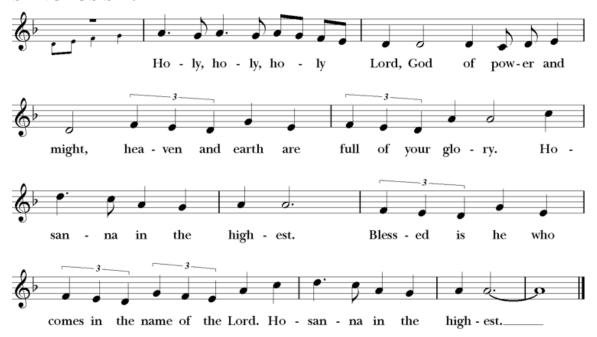
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

In place of the preceding, a Proper Preface from the Book of Common Prayer may be used.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS S129



The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [______ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

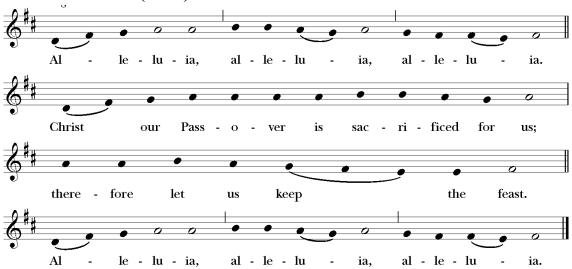
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 (S154)



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
The Gifts of God for the People of God

HYMN 318

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

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Let us pray.

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

HYMN 388 *O worship the King, all glorious above* Hanover

THE BLESSING

Priest: Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY Suite on "Oh, Worship the King" Joyce Jones

Altar Flowers Today

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their 24th wedding anniversary by Ed and Margaret Sharp.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly Crucifer: Sallie Brown Fleming Ushers: Jamie Stanley and Mike Saylors Lectors: Ann Hine and Adam Livengood Live Stream Technician: Steven Smith

Organist: Michael Cherup

Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Livengood and Davis Harris

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St. Stephen's Parish Prayer List

We pray for our parishioners:

Gina Christophe and baby boy, Leynio; Margie Clarke, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, Glenn Johnson, Melissa Knebel, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Margaret Sharp, Charles Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Suzanne Thorne, Betsy Toomey, John Wolfe

And for our family and friends:

Sam Adams, Dennis Blake, Ruth Ann Brame, Charlotte Bridgers, Nancy Brookes, Howard Churchill, Lee Clayton, Will Cox, Donna Crumpler, Josh Davenport, Jennifer Douglas, Susan Edgerton, Viola Figueroa, Leah Fulkerson, Rachel Golden and family, Bonnie Hale, David Hesmer, Nolan Hill, Katie Irtz, Tisha Johnson, Cailee Ladd, Chrissie Lewis, Greg Morris, Jim Neese, Mary Beth Parker, Alex Peacock, Julia Peacock, Jodi Power, Gene Pryor, Martin Richter, Adylene Rohrer, Gabrielle Ponzi Rowe, Donna Shibley, Jackson Smith, Steve Synder, Bob Williams, Patricia Worley

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!

August 5 — Anna Sauls
August 6 — Gay Jeffreys Elmore
August 8 — Kemp Woodard
August 9 — Lilly Stanley
August 10 — Nora Brantley and Atha Brantley



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