

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**DAILY MORNING PRAYER**  
**RITE TWO**



**Sunday, July 30, 2023, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Voluntary**

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost*

**Johann S. Bach**

**Processional Hymn 594** (10:30 a.m. only) (Please stand as you are able.)

*God of grace and God of glory*

*Cwm Rhondda*

*Officiant:* The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. John 4:23

**Confession of Sin**

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

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

### **The Invitatory and Psalter** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Officiant and People:**

**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.**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

**People:** Come let us adore him.

### **Venite Psalm 95:1-7**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

**People: Come let us adore him.**

## **The Psalm**

*People may be seated*

*(Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse)*

**Psalm 105:1-11, 45b** *Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.**

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.**

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.**

7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

**8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:**

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

**10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,**

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

## 45b 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 remain seated.)*

#### **The First Reading:** *Genesis 29:15-28*

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **9 The First Song of Isaiah**

*Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \***

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \***

**and he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \***

**from the springs of salvation.**

**And on that day you shall say, \***  
**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**  
**Make his deeds known among the peoples; \***  
**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**  
**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \***  
**and this is known in all the world.**  
**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \***  
**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**  
**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.**

*People may be seated*

**The Epistle: *Romans 8:26-39***

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**13 A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine*  
*Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

*People may be seated*

**The Gospel:** *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

*Reader:* A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**The Sermon (10:30 a.m. service)**

**Ms. Kelli Tingen**

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**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 also with you.

*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.**

*Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages*

**A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**R. And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**R. Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;



**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Collects**

*Officiant:* Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*Officiant:* We pray this morning for those on our Parish Prayer List; for Betty Anderson, Margie Clarke, Glenda Futch, Ed Futch, Debby Hickey, John Peacock, Marguerite Pennington, Jane Rustin, Marjorie Snyder, Dorisenia Thompson, Betsy Toomey and John Wolfe.

*Officiant:* 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.

*Officiant:* Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Sue McDonald; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Officiant:* I bid your prayers of intercession or thanksgiving now. You may offer them silently or aloud.

**Hymn 711** (10:30 a.m. only) (Please stand as you are able.)

*Seek ye first*

*Seek Ye First*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People all standing*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 488** *(10:30 a.m. only)*

*Be thou my vision*

*Slane*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Closing Voluntary**

*Postlude in A minor*

Benedetto

**SERVING TODAY**

**8:00 a.m. Service**

**Officiant:** Michael Headon

**Lector:** Dorisenia Thompson

**10:30 a.m. Service**

**Officiant & Preacher:** Kelli Tingen

**Organist:** Jean Clay

**Live Stream Technician:** James Ruggles

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