

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**DAILY MORNING PRAYER LITURGY**  
**RITE TWO**



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**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**PRELUDE**                   *Trumpet in Dialogue*                   L.N. Clerambault

**PROCESSIONAL**                   *O for a thousand tongues*                   Hymn 493

The Officiant begins the service with a Scripture

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

**Officiant and People:**

**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 your 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**

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 forever. Amen.**

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

**Officiant and People:**

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: Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

## THE COLLECT

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: *2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33*

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130** *De profundis*

(we read the Psalm responsively by whole verse)

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,\***  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; \***  
**in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,\***  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**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: Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God

in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn 664

*My shepherd shall supply*

**The Gospel:** *John 6:35, 41-51* (Please stand.)

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Reflection

**Bob Cagle**

## Offertory

*Gloria Tibi Trinitas*

T. Tallis

## The Prayers

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.**

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People: And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People: Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People: For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

**People: Your saving health among all nations**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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:

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage!

Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,

Be with us now, today and always. **Amen**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**RECESSONAL**

*O day of God*

Hymn 601

**POSTLUDE**

*Passacaglia*

A. Raison

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of his brother, Lt. Pitt Rutter, USN, and his mom, Joanna Pittman Fox, by Paul Rutter.

### SERVING TODAY

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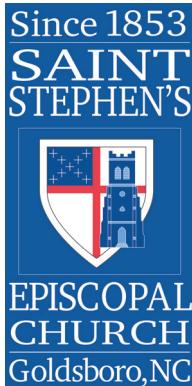
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