



## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II AT 8 & 10 AM

The Sundays of Ordinary Time - Summer 2017

**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S.** If you are visiting, we hope that you find St. Stephen's a warm and friendly place, where you can “recharge your spiritual batteries” for the week ahead. Everyone is invited for fellowship, coffee, lemonade and snacks in the Parish Hall following the 10 a.m. service. If you are looking for a church home, please introduce yourself and sign our Guest Book! We hope you will worship with us again and try our fellowship, programs and various ministries. Please contact the office if you have any questions. HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all Christians and Christ-seekers, regardless of age.

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# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

A note about page references: "BCP" refers to the red *Book of Common Prayer* found in the book rack. The 10 a.m. service includes music, indicated by the \*. Hymns are listed on the hymn-boards and on the calendar insert. They are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*; unless designated "WLP" which refers to the green hymnal *Wonder, Love and Praise*.

## \* Prelude

## Welcome to Worship

*The Celebrant*

## The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God, for ever and ever.**

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

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.**

## \* Song of Praise: Opening Hymn

*(see hymn-boards and/or insert)*

*At 8:00 all say: A Song of Faith (Canticle K: 1 Peter 1:3-4,18-21)*

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, \***  
**by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope;**  
**Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, \***  
**we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven.**  
**The ransom that was paid to free us \***  
**was not paid in silver or gold,**  
**But in the precious blood of Christ, \***  
**the Lamb without spot or stain.**  
**God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory \***  
**so that we might have faith and hope in God. Amen.**

## Collect of the Day

*lesson insert*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## First Reading

*lesson insert*

*All sit.*

...The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm of the Day

*lesson insert*

*All stand.*

### \*Sequence Hymn

*(see hymn-boards and/or calendar insert)*

## Holy Gospel

*lesson insert*

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

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

...The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

### 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**

*All may stand or kneel.*

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the healing of God's world.

*(A brief silence)*

Steadfast God, you send your church into the world as laborers into the harvest. Heal our divisions and united us in mission. Make us one, as your Holy Trinity is one. We pray for **{diocesan cycle of prayer}** and in our own parish family, for **{parish cycle of prayer}**.

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Creator, you entrusted humankind with stewardship of the earth and all its inhabitants, your creatures great and small. Fill our hearts to compassion and our minds with understanding, for the present and future of our planet.

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, you desire peace for all nations. Give rulers and citizens wisdom in the use of power, that wars may cease and all who suffer exile, hunger and terror may find safe haven. Guide our President, Donald, and all those elected to public service. Protect the people we love who are **servicing in the military**: *{names}*

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate Father, you brought us to yourself in Jesus. Send your Spirit to those who are suffering with broken hearts, fearful spirits, or debilitating illness. Especially we pray for **{immediate needs}**. And we remember those with long-term needs, and those we name aloud: *{intercessions are invited}*

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal Life-giver, we entrust to you the souls of those we love who have **died** *{especially ....}*. We praise you for all the saints who have blessed our lives, whose steadfast faith has strengthened ours. Make us witnesses and evangelists in our own day.

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

God of many names, thank you for the diversity of people who worship, pray and serve you in this community. Teach us to be respectful and welcoming of all, as we follow the example of Jesus our Savior.

Hear us, O God: **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence. The congregation may kneel.*

## Confession of Sin

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest declares Absolution; all respond: Amen.*

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another.*

## Announcements

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service, or after the final Blessing. Please come up to the Lectern if you have news to share.*

## Holy Communion

### \* Offertory Music

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented as we sing:*

### \* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

## The Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

*The people remain standing*

*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 God 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. 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.

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

## **Sanctus**

*Said at 8:00*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*\* Sung at 10:00*

*music at WLP #858 (Land of Rest)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may stand or kneel. 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.

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 blessed Stephen 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.**

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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

The gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

*HOLY COMMUNION is offered to all Christians regardless of age, and administered at the rail. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You may choose to receive a blessing from the priest instead. If mobility is an issue, please let an usher know if you would like Communion brought to you in your pew.*

## **\* Communion Music**

*(see hymn-boards and/or calendar insert)*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The congregation may kneel or stand, as able*

## Post-communion Prayer

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Blessing

### \* Post-communion Hymn

*(see hymn-boards and/or calendar insert)*

## Dismissal

*People respond,*   **Thanks be to God.**

### \* Postlude

*Please join us for Fellowship in the Parish Hall after the service!*

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on our programs and events, visit our website: [www.ststephenstroy.org](http://www.ststephenstroy.org)*

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## St. Stephen's Vestry, 2017

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Paula Somerville (2018)  
Richard Kenefic (2019)  
Scott Armstrong (2020)  
Karol Sprague (2020)

Rob Redmer (2019), *Junior Warden*  
Norma Ross (2018)  
Katy Allen (2019)  
Roy Waters (2019)  
Alan Giles (2020)  
Justin Wojas (2020)