



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 17, 2018 at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH. 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!

THE EUCHARIST, OR HOLY COMMUNION, is the sacrament commended by Christ for his continual remembrance; and it is our central act of worship. All Christians and Christ-seekers are welcome, regardless of age. You may choose to receive a blessing instead.

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The Right Reverend Wendell N. Gibbs, Bishop

The Reverend Susan Anslow Williams, Rector

Scott Armstrong and Justin Wojas, Wardens

Suzanne Gore, Director of Music

QUIET EUCHARIST at 8:00 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Greeting and Opening Acclamation		<i>BCP p. 355</i>
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.		
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.		
Collect for Purity		
Gloria in Excelsis, <i>said by all</i>		<i>BCP p. 356</i>
Collect of the Day: The Lord be with you. R. <i>And also with you.</i>		<i>lesson insert</i>
First Reading	Ezekiel 17:22-24	<i>sit, see insert</i>
Gradual Psalm	92:1-4,11-14	<i>see insert</i>
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	<i>see insert</i>
Holy Gospel	Mark 4:26-34	<i>stand, see insert</i>
<i>Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>		
<i>Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>		
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>	<i>sit</i>
Nicene Creed		<i>stand, BCP p. 358</i>
Prayers of the People: A Litany for the Church		<i>Bulletin p. 3</i>
The Peace	<i>Let us greet one another in the name of our risen Lord!</i>	
Announcements		

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering and Presentation of our gifts		
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		<i>BCP p. 361</i>
Memorial Acclamation <i>said during the Eucharistic Prayer:</i>		
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.		
The Lord's Prayer		<i>BCP p. 364</i>
Breaking of the Bread, <i>silence is first observed.</i>		
Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!		
The Communion: <i>All are welcome to the Lord's Table</i>		
Post-Communion Prayer		<i>kneel or stand, BCP p. 365</i>
Blessing		
Dismissal <i>response: Thanks be to God!</i>		

HOLY EUCHARIST at 10:00 a.m. with Music and the Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

Prelude: *Lead me unto Thee*

J. Southbridge

Introit: *Psalm 23*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: **518**, “Christ is made the sure foundation”

please stand

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

All **And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God’s call to us.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of us all.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

lesson insert

All may be seated for the lessons and psalm.

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

sit, see insert

Gradual Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

see insert

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

see insert

Sequence Hymn: **296**, “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Holy Gospel Mark 4:26-34

stand, see insert

Response before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Response after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *The Rector*

sit

Nicene Creed

stand, BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People: A Litany for the Church

For the Church universal, of which you, O Christ, are the foundation and chief cornerstone,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your Name,
We thank you, Lord.

For making us your children by adoption and grace, and refreshing us day by day with the bread of life, ***We thank you, Lord.***

For the knowledge of your will and the grace to perform it,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as may be best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

For the pardoning of our sins, which restores us to the company of your faithful people,
We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of lives with your goodness,
We thank you, Lord.

For the faith and perseverance of those who have gone before us,
We thank you, Lord.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Wendell our Bishop, and for the [*Diocesan cycle of prayer*].

In our parish family we pray for [*Parish cycle of prayer*].

We pray for all those who risk their lives for peace in the world, especially [*those in the military*].

We pray for those who are sick or in need, especially [*those with immediate concerns*], those with long-term illnesses, and those we name aloud....

We pray for those who have died, especially [*names and*] those we name aloud....

For the fellowship of Mary the God-bearer, blessed Stephen our patron, and of all the saints,
We thank you, Lord.

Celebrant:

Lord, you have apportioned to your people the manifold gifts of the Spirit: Grant amid the changes of the world that your Church may abide, and be strengthened in ministry through continuous outpouring of your gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Ending of a Pastoral Relationship

with The Rev. Laurel Dahill and The Ven. Keith Mackenzie

Laurel: Friends, as you know, we are gathered today not only to worship God, in Christ, through the Holy Spirit, but also to say Good-bye to your priest and rector after nearly six years together.

Susan: I first led worship here on September 15, 2012; and on October 11, I was inducted by Bishop Gibbs as rector of St. Stephen's. I have, with God's help and to the best of my abilities, exercised this trust, accepting its privileges and responsibilities. After prayer and careful consideration, it now seems to me that I should leave this charge, and I publicly state that my tenure as rector of St Stephen's ends effectively on this day.

Susan presents several items and returns her keys to the Warden.

Katy Allen makes a presentation on behalf of the congregation. Others may speak/present.

Laurel: Do you, the people of St Stephen's, recognize and accept the conclusion of this pastoral relationship?

People: **We do.**

Will you continue to pray for one another, speaking with charity about the time that is past, and engaging the transitions that lie ahead of you with trust in God?

People and Priest: **We will.**

Keith: The Bishop has sent the following message:

“Dear people of St Stephen's: As you move forward, the Wardens and Vestry will be working closely with Jim Gettel, Canon for Congregational Life, and others in the Bishop's Office, to help facilitate this time of transition. With the Bishop's oversight, a process will be put in place to guide parish leadership toward a time when a new incumbent may be installed.”

Susan: Let us pray.

The departing rector and the congregation then say together

O God, you have bound us together for a time as priest and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place: We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared in these years now past. *Silence*

We thank you for your patience with us despite our blindness and slowness of heart. We thank you for your forgiveness and mercy in the face of our many failures. *Silence*

Especially we thank you for your never-failing presence with us through these years, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have attained. *Silence*

We thank you for those who have been joined to this part of Christ's family through baptism. We thank you for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly with the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of your Son. *Silence*

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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

Let us share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Parish Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory: Concerto in C major, mvmt 2, by J. Haydn

Thomas Snook, Piano

Doxology *as the gifts are presented*

please stand as able

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: Eucharistic Prayer A

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The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The celebrant continues with the Preface

Sanctus, *sung to "Land of Rest"*

music at WLP #858

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.

The congregation may stand or kneel following the Sanctus as the celebrant continues

Memorial Acclamation *said during the Eucharistic Prayer:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread, *silence is first observed*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.*

Music at Communion: "One Bread, One Body"

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man... no more. *Refrain*
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord... of all. *Refrain*
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one... for all. *Refrain*

A Song, *text written and sung by Colin Davis*

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son,
and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit.
We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants
of your Word and Sacraments.
We thank you especially for the work of Susan among us,
and the presence of her daughters Emily and Margaret.
Grant that they and we may serve you in the days ahead,
and always rejoice in your glory,
and come at length into your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Choral Benediction: “Go ye now in peace”

J. Eilers

The Blessing

May God, who has led us in the paths of justice and truth, lead us still, and keep us in his ways. **Amen.**

May God, whose Son has loved us and given himself for us, love us still, and establish us in peace. **Amen.**

May God, whose Spirit unites us and fills our hearts with joy, illumine us still, and strengthen us for the years to come. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn **535**, “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

Dismissal

Postlude: *O Worship the King*

Please join us for a special Reception in the Parish Hall after the service.

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St. Stephen’s Vestry, 2018

Katy Allen (2019)
Rob Redmer (2019)
Scott Armstrong (2020), *Warden*
Karol Sprague (2020)
David Eldon (2021)
Jackie Ingersoll (2021)

Richard Kenefic (2019)
Roy Waters (2019)
Alan Giles (2020)
Justin Wojas (2020), *Warden*
Corinne Fragnoli (2021)
Patrick Wojas (2021)

IN OUR PRAYERS JUNE 16 & 17

<u>Military Prayer List</u>	Kyle Rogowski, Kyle Church, Brendon Church, Nathan Cremeans, Ian L'Hommedieu, Stephen L'Hommedieu, Jim Sands
<u>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</u>	Christ the King, Taylor; St. Michael & All Angels, Cambridge Junction/Onsted. We pray also for our retired bishop, Stewart Wood; our retired community of Clergy, spouses and companions.
<u>Parish Cycle of Prayer</u>	Ed, Kathy, Claire, Hannah & Evan DeCiantis Olivia DeCiantis and Gabriel Valdez
<u>Immediate Prayer Concerns</u>	Ardy Dostert, Mary Ann Kish, Aaron Cremeans, Dottie Kuzawinski, Rhonda French, Charmel Maki, Charles Saylor, Katie Yant
<u>Long Term Prayer Concerns</u>	Linda Lou Jarvis, Judy Ford, Zoey Rose, Edith Richardson, Jim Sherman, Ron Gural, Michelle L'Hommedieu, Kelly Damphousse, Joe Simler, Kyle Merian, Sally Granger, Jane Young, Suzanne Ross, Jim Whitaker, Janet Satyanathan, Sonia Nihem, Harold Ford, Jackie Jakubowski, Stacey Wesley, Tim Stanley, John Thunder, Tim Simon, Annabelle Grace Georges, Kate Georges, Jamie Georges, Boldt, Linda Dolan, Jenny Dolan, Susie Kowalski, Dave Hack, Alice Brandon, Barb Kuspa, Richard Cremeans Rick Lowery, Robin McClear, Thankom Thomas, Paula Vance, Joyce Vance, Thelma Depew, Jeralyn Burrell, Colin Davis, Mary Bandsuch, Betty Feighner, John Spates

MINISTERS of the LITURGY

Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Roy Waters
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Bob Hoffman
Sunday	10 a.m.	Joan Knapp (LC), Jim Carnagie (PC) The Ven. Keith Mackenzie, Deacon The Rev. Laurel Dahill, Assisting Priest

UPCOMING
Events

Don't Forget....Summer Office Hours are in effect. They are 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday – Friday until September 12th. If you need to schedule a meeting or delivery at another time, please leave a message at 248-641-8080 and one of our staff will get back to you.

Our supply clergy during the coming weeks will be The Rev. Chris Berg and The Rev. Sharon Voelker. Thank you for welcoming them warmly.