

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S

Come Find God With Us

8:00 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2021
The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MORNING PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People: **Almighty and most merciful Father,**
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATORY & PSALTER

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All: **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: **O come, let us adore him.**

JUBILATE

All: O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

PSALM 89:20-37

I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed
him.

**My hand will hold him fast
and my arm will make him
strong.**

No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked man bring him
down.

**I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate
him.**

My faithfulness and love shall be with
him,
and he shall be victorious through
my Name.

**I shall make his dominion extend
from the Great Sea to the River.**

He will say to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my
salvation.'

**I will make him my firstborn
and higher than the kings of the
earth.**

I will keep my love for him for ever,
and my covenant will stand firm for
him.

**I will establish his line for ever
and his throne as the days of
heaven."**

"If his children forsake my law
and do not walk according to my
judgments;

**"If they break my statutes
and do not keep my
commandments;**

I will punish their transgressions with a
rod
and their iniquities with the lash;
**But I will not take my love from him,
nor let my faithfulness prove
false.**

I will not break my covenant,
nor change what has gone out of
my lips.

**Once for all I have sworn by my
holiness:
'I will not lie to David.**

His line shall endure for ever
and his throne as the sun before
me;
**It shall stand fast for evermore like
the moon,
the abiding witness in the sky.' "**

**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.**

FIRST READING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-14A

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE**A SONG OF GOD'S ASSEMBLED**

All: We have come before the throne of God to share in the inheritance of the saints of light. We have come before God's holy mountain, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. We have come before countless angels making festival, before the assembly of the firstborn citizens of heaven. We have come before God, who is judge of all, before the spirits of the just made perfect. We have come before Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant. We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken: So let us give thanks and offer to God acceptable worship, full of reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. 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.

THE GOSPEL**MARK 6:30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION

Joy Anderson

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: 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 COLLECT

Officiant: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray especially for our President, Joe; our governor, Ned; and for military personnel known to us: Dan Gardella, Neil Hickey, Dan Piccola, Michael Shea, Liz Peeler, Mark Benjamin, Philip Austin, Joshua Bradbury, Nick Foydl, Charles Whately, James Matthews, and Will Owen. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its

resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We rejoice with those who have cause for joy, especially those who celebrate birthdays this month: Debby Duncan, Emily Kloo, Lynda Hickey, Lori Inferrera, Ava Rose Weissbach, Ava Pear, Anna Ruth Masters, Clay Little, Timothy Cavrell, Janet Whitty, Katie Klinck, John Van Steenburgh, Rosalie Hoffman, Eleanor Grosso, Marsha Briemann, Mason Benjamin, Janie Lange, Susan Sevigny, and Ruth Vitale; Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for all who are sick with COVID-19, for essential workers who face increased health risks, and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers: Melissa Bergman, Frank DiFiglia; Elisabeth; Josephine Howard; Meg; John; Debbie; Mary; Ann; Jane Brothers; Lori Saltus; Jeff Sultaire; Pat Goodrich; Chris Fazzino; Dan Hamel; Maureen Sheehan; Chris Morgen; Ann Johnson; Gary Savona; Jim McKerley; Sonny; and Phillis Jones. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially the Rev. Richard Payne all who have passed away during this pandemic; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy;

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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We celebrate and congratulate all those who have wedding anniversaries this month, and offer this prayer: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that it represents the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they celebrate their anniversary, that they may continue to love, honor and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

And to all those with birthdays this week, known and unknown to us, we pray: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSING

Officiant: Life is short, And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So, be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHENS

Tuesday, July 20	8:00am Morning Prayer (online) 7:00pm AA
Wednesday, July 21	7:00pm AA
Thursday, July 22	8:00am Morning Prayer (online) 6:30pm AA Step
Sunday, July 25	8:00am Morning Prayer with Communion at St. Stephen's 10:00am Holy Eucharist



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