



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
October 10, 2021  
8:00am – Rite I  
9:30am - Rite II

*“Before the service, speak silently to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.”*

***A Warm Welcome*** to all visitors to our parish today, and we hope that you will find St. Stephen's a spiritual home! Take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy and greeters.

Communion is a sign of the unity of the Church that Christ envisioned when he prayed "that they may become completely one" (John 17:23). Therefore, all baptized Christians may receive communion at the altar. Visitors who are not baptized are welcome to come forward during the Sacrament to receive a blessing. Fold your arms over your chest as indication to the priest.

Your prayers are asked for our parish, especially Byron Burgess, Tiger Warfield, Dave Brown, Louis George, Jim Duguid, Charles, Ann Gerald, Mead Parsons, Cheryl Fairchild, Issac, Larry, Joan Parsons, Jack, Carver, Marianne, Kathy & Samuel Evans, Roberta Proffitt, Katie, Romana, Jeremy, Martha Rucker, Laura Finley, Chris McGraw, Linda Kay, Angie, Stephanie Morton, Mariah Patterson, Jaxon Minetti, Randal Hurst, Kim Muncy, Richard Klein, Patricia Meadows, Sandy, Gavin & Gabe, Jane Morton, and Stephanie Bolen.

**For those celebrating birthdays;**

**For those celebrating anniversaries;**

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer:** The Church of the Province of West Africa.

**In the Diocesan cycle of prayer:** Mt. Zion in Hedgesville and St. Mark's in Berkley Springs served by The Rev. Brian Shoda

**For those serving in the armed forces especially:** Jayson Morton, Nate Willard, Ben Sulwer, and Andrew Khalil.

**For first responders, especially:** Sam Tuttle and Lee Price

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Susan Q. Claytor
Lector	Ann Lilly
Music	Donna Burnside
Choir Director	Robert Burnside
Soloist	Jason Hogie
Altar Guild	TBA
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Vargo

# HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

**8:00 A.M.**

## The Word of God

Salutation **page 323** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

Gloria **page 324** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

## The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

The First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

The Response: Psalm 90:12-17

The Epistle: Hebrews 4:12-16

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Mark 10:17-31

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Susan Claytor

## The Nicene Creed

**page 326** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

## The Prayers of the People

**page 328** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

## Confession of Sin

**page 330** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

## The Peace

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## The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I

**page 333** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Sanctus (*spoken*)

**page 334** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Lord's Prayer

**page 336** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Post Communion Prayer

**page 339** in the *Book of Common Prayer*

## Blessing and Dismissal

**Important News/Announcements are at the end of the bulletin following the 9:30 am service.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### Prelude

Opening Hymn: "How firm a foundation,..."

Hymnal page 637

### The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 (seen below)

### 458 Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our  
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -  
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -  
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have  
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -  
 Spir - it; one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -  
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.  
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **A Reading from: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.  
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.  
Therefore, because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.  
For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.  
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.  
Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God**

**PSALM: 90:12-17**

12 So teach us to number our days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

**EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark 10:2-16**.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

The Gospel of the Lord.... **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**The Sermon**

## The Nicene Creed

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 Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and  
for] all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

## The Confession

Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God and our neighbor....

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.

## The Absolution

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

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People           And also with you.

## The Holy Communion

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus Hymnal page S124**

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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you

and for many 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*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, 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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;  
never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

*After communion*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

Closing Hymn: "Lead on, O King eternal,..."

Hymnal page 555

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Announcements

Vestry will meet on Oct. 13th at 6pm in the library.

DOK will meet Oct 20th at 5pm in the library.

The Lutheran Synod (similar to our diocese) will meet Oct. 16th to elect a new bishop. Please remember our Lutheran Family in your prayers.