

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG



August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St Stephen's is called, with God's help, to follow Jesus, and to be a source of transformation and Christian hope and inspiration to those within our community and those in our respective neighborhoods.



THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preceding the service, a singing bowl will be rung as we prepare ourselves interiorly for worship.

GATHERING HYMN

#304 I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

OPENING BLESSING

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

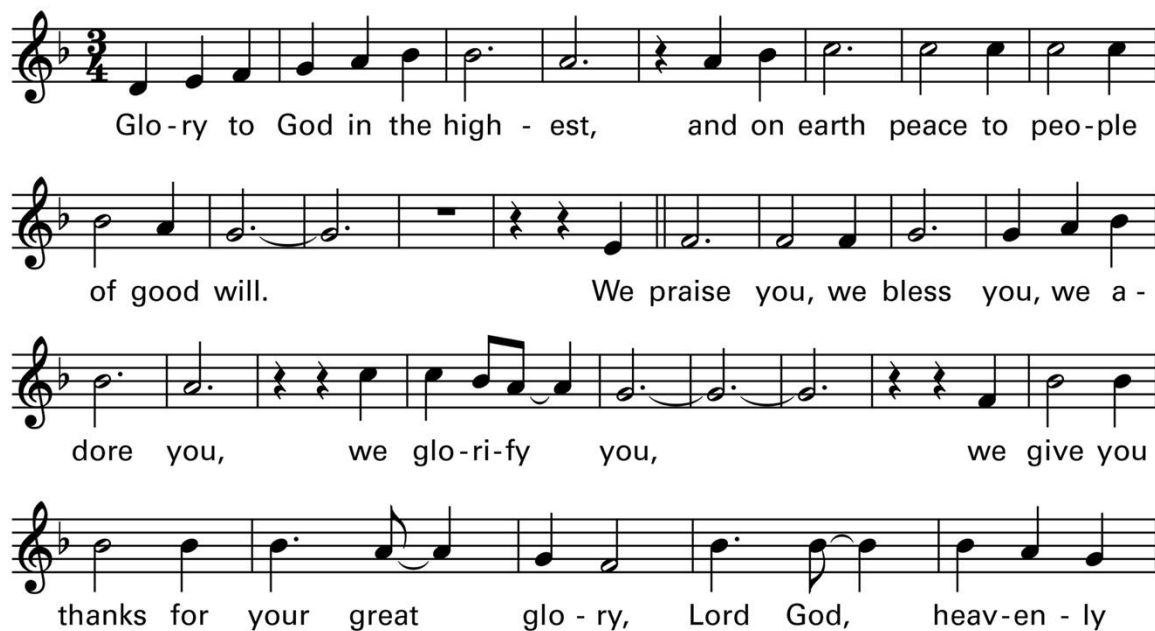
People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

"The Cloud of Unknowing" translation by Carmen Acevedo Butchur

God, to you all hearts are open, to you all longings speak, and to you no secret thing is hidden. I beg you—purify the intentions of my heart through the unspeakable gift of grace, so I can love you with all I am and praise you for all you are. Amen.

GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly

King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -

way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed

at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -

cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of compassion, whose heart goes out to the hungry and destitute; who takes our lack and transforms it into much: give us the bread that satisfies, the food without price, that our lives may be freed to share your overwhelming love; through Jesus Christ, the breaker of bread. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21



You are gracious and full of **compassion**,
slow to anger and of great **kindness**.
You are loving to **everyone**,
and your compassion is over all your **works**.*

You uphold all those who **fall**;
you lift up those who are bowed **down**.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O **God**,
and you give them their food in due **season**.*

You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs
of every living **creature**.

You are righteous in all your ways and loving in
all your **works**.

You are near to those who call upon you,
to all who call upon you **faithfully**.*

You fulfill the desire of those who **fear you**;
you hear their cry and **help them**.

You preserve all those who love you, but you
destroy all the **wicked**.

My mouth shall speak your praise, O **God**.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be
sung from moun - tain's high. Sing a new song
un - to the Lord, sing-ing hal - le - lu - jah! *Fine*
Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives. *to Refrain*

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

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Enriching Our Worship.

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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

V. We long for your kingdom O God. R. Put a new song in our hearts.

Those in need of healing and support: Peyton, London, John, Kathie, Tabitha, Nancy, Esther, Samson, Ann, Tom, Garry, Jacki, Linda, Kay, Shannon, Darrell, Tiffany, Megan, Colin, Karin, Libby, Terry, Russell, Jessica, Kim, Andrew, Jessica, Casey, Vera, Michael, Kadie, Vance, Steve, Tonya, Stephanie, Nathan, Judy, Greg, Mary, Thea, Jill, Bishop Gretchen

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against 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 PEACE

WELCOME SONG

All Are Welcome



Let us build a house where love can dwell and
Let us build a house where all are named, their

all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
taught and claimed as words with - in the

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from

end di - vi - sions: } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,
floor to raft - er:

all are wel - come in this place.

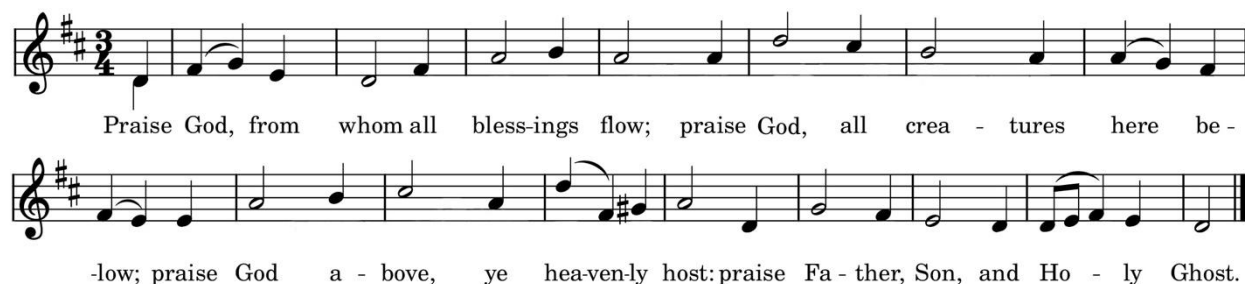
OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN

#321 My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

DOXOLOGY



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

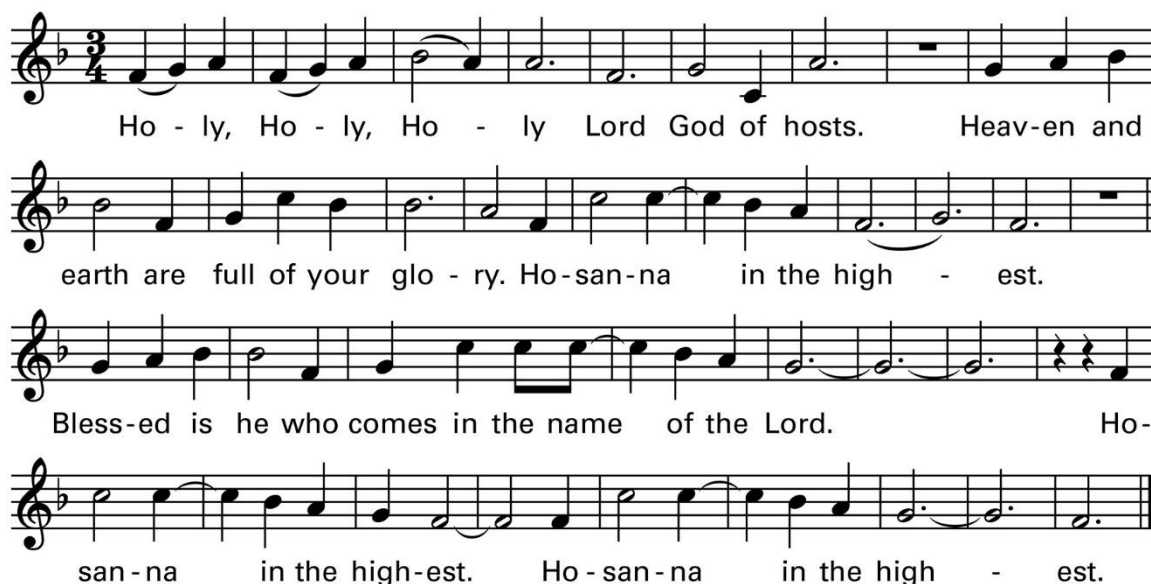
THE PREFACE

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 our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is the Host of this Holy Feast: All are welcome to receive God's blessing. You may choose to receive wine from the little cups or from the common chalice. To receive from the chalice, please help guide the cup by grasping the bottom of the cup. Please do not dip your wafer (intinct) into the cup. Gluten-free hosts are available—please mention your need for a gluten-free host to the clergy distributing the Body of Christ when you approach to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#309 O Food To Pilgrims Given
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain (Unison)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may sing your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER CENTER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

#414 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God!

Thanks to all those who serve in St. Stephen's liturgical ministries!

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Tom Pitzer | Sheryll Shepard

Usher

Colin Miller

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