

**SING TO THE LORD
A NEW SONG**



August 16, 2026
Twelfth 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

#410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

OPENING BLESSING

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

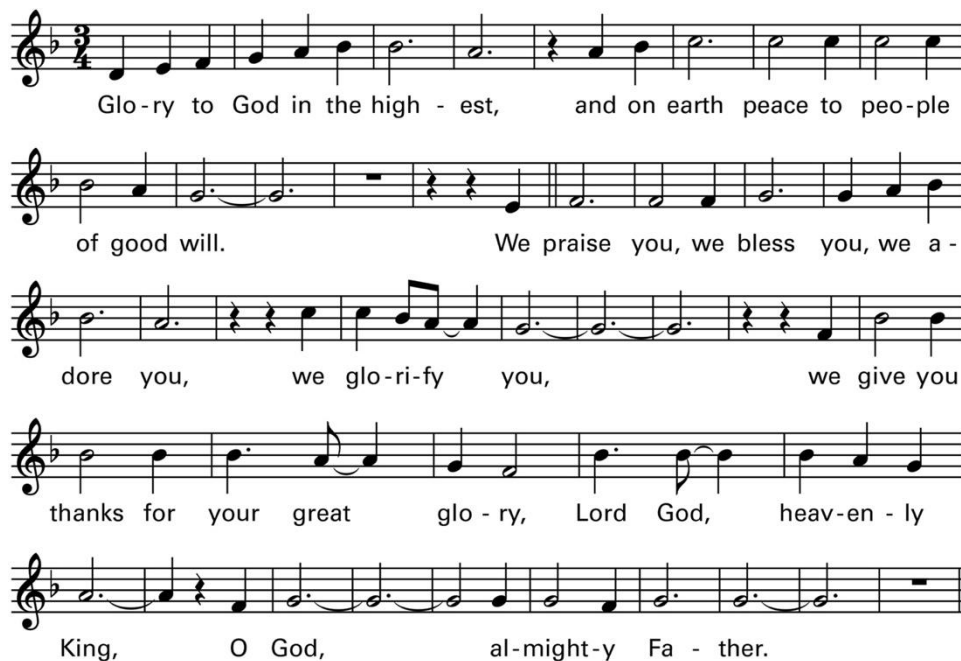
People: And blessed be **God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

Unclean God, braving defilement, inviting offence; you share your bread with vermin and outsiders; you let the Gentile woman subvert your plans: give us the faith that comes from the heart and walks beyond our boundary posts that we might be surprised by outrageous grace; through Jesus Christ, son of David and light of the world. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 67



Be merciful to us, O God, and **bless us**,
show us the light of your countenance and come to **us**.

Let your ways be known upon **earth**,
your saving health among all **nations**.*

Let the peoples praise you, O **God**;
let all the peoples **praise you**.

Let the nations be glad and sing for **joy**,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon **earth**.*

The earth has brought forth its **increase**;
may you, our own God, give us your **blessing**.

May you give us your **blessing**,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of **You**.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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 15:10-28

[Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

NICENE CREED

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:

Kris, Randy, Peyton, London, John, Kathie, Tabitha, Nancy, Esther, Samson, Ann, Tom, Garry,
Jacki, Linda, Kay, Shannon, Tiffany, 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 all can safe - ly
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live. A place where saints and chil - dren and tell how
heard And loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

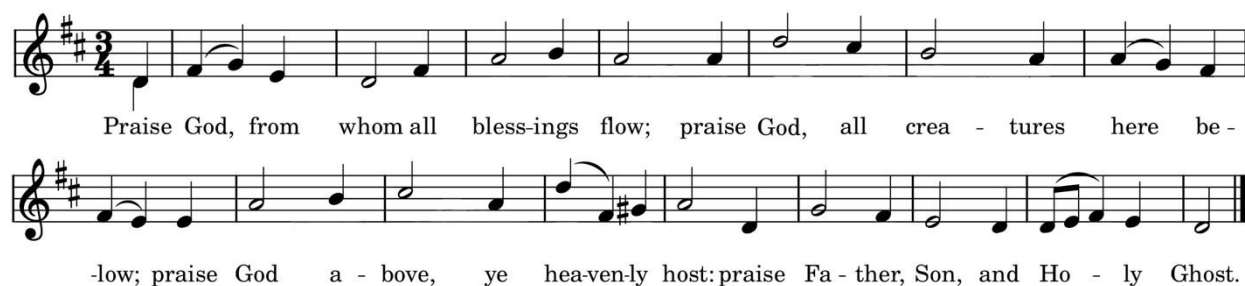
OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY HYMN

#470 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
low; praise God a - bove, ye hea-ven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

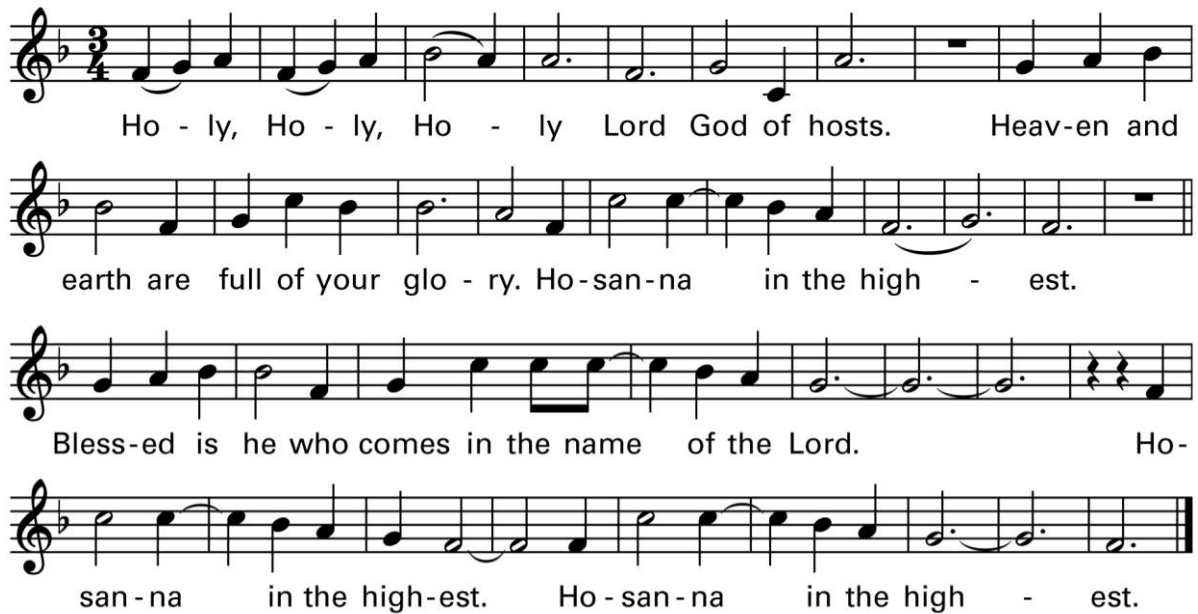
THE PREFACE

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

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly



1. Sing of Mar - y, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin moth - er
 2. Sing of Je - sus, Son of Mar - y, In the home at
 3. Sing of Mar - y, sing of Je - sus, Ho - ly moth - er's
 4. Joy - ful Moth - er, full of glad - ness, In your arms your



un - de - filed, Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her
 Naz - a - reth. Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing
 ho - lier Son. From his throne in heav'n he sees us, There he calls us
 Lord was borne. Mourn - ful Moth - er, full of sad - ness, All your heart with



lit - tle child. Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er,
 un - to death. Con - stant was the love he gave her,
 ev - 'ry one. Where he wel - comes home his moth - er
 pain was torn. Glo - ri - ous Moth - er, now re - ward - ed



God the Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our
 Though he went forth from her side, Forth to preach, and
 To a place at his right hand, There his faith - ful
 With a crown at Je - sus' hand, Age to age your



ver - y broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
 heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
 ser - vants gath - er, There the bless - ed vic - tors stand.
 name re - cord - ed Shall be blest in ev - 'ry land.

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have
2 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den
3 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing
down; grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro -
cease; soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the

Refrain

by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gath - er at the
vide a robe and crown. mel - o - dy of peace.

riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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

#371 Thou, Whose Almighty Word

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God!

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

SATURDAY

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Usher

Kate Mietus

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Eucharistic Ministers

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