



# SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

June 21, 2026  
Fourth 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

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,

Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:

The heart of God, the heart of Christ com-bined in per-fect rhyme  
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a-lone,  
 We are your bod-y, ris-en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
 come, make your church a ser-vant church that walks your ser-vant ways,

to write God's love in hu-man deeds, e-ter-ni-ty in time.  
 and help us bear an-oth-er's pain as though it were our own.  
 that through our life and min-is-try your love may be re-vealed.  
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac-ri-fice of praise!

### 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** Canticle C

**My heart exults in you, O God; \*  
my triumph song is lifted in you.**

**My mouth derides my enemies, \*  
for I rejoice in your salvation.**

**There is none holy like you, \*  
nor any rock to be compared to you, our God.**

**Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; \*  
Only God is knowing and weighs all actions.**

**The bows of the mighty are broken, \*  
but the weak are clothed in strength.**

**Those once full now labor for bread, \*  
those who hungered now are well fed.**

**The childless woman has borne sevenfold, \*  
while the mother of many is forlorn.**

**God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; \*  
gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies.**

**God raises the poor from the dust; \*  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap**

**To make them sit with the rulers \*  
and inherit a place of honor.**

**For the pillars of the earth are God's \*  
on which the whole earth is founded.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

God of truth uncovered, you trace the sparrow's flight and plumb the secret places of the heart: bring our fear and conflict into the light of your presence; help us to lose our hollow life and find our way to you; through Jesus Christ, the master and the slave. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalms 69:7-10, 16-18

It is for your sake that I have borne reproach,  
that shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.

It is zeal for your house that has consumed me;  
the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.

When I humbled my soul with fasting,  
they insulted me for doing so.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good;  
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your servant,  
for I am in distress—make haste to answer me.

Draw near to me; redeem me;  
set me free because of my enemies.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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:*

Darrell, Tiffany, Megan, Colin, Karin, Libby, Terry, Russell, Jessica, Kim, Andrew, Jessica, Jason,  
Ashley, Brayden, Casey, Vera, Michael, Kadie, Vance, Steve, Tonya, Stephanie, Nathan, Chrystal,  
Judy, Susan, 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

God Welcomes All

*All sing.*

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong, and it never ends.**

### OFFERTORY

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### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all ble-ssings flow. Praise God all crea-tures here bel-ow.

Praise God a-bove ye heav'n-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 S-130

*Schubert Mass*



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and



might, heaven and earth are full, full



of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-



san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

## **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.

## **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**

#347 Go Forth for God

## **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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