



SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

July 19, 2026
Eighth 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

#390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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, glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace_____ to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God in the high-est!

Organ

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy up - on us; you are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther: re ceive our prayer. 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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! A - men. A - men.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 86



Teach me your way, O God, and I will walk in your **truth**;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your **Name**.

I will thank you, my God, with all my **heart**,
and glorify your Name for ever**more**.*

For great is your love toward **me**;
you have delivered me from the nethermost **Pit**.

The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of the violent seeks my **life**;
they have not set you before their **eyes**.*

But you, O God, are gracious and full of **compassion**,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and **truth**.

Turn to me and have mercy **upon me**;
give your strength to your servant and save the child of your **handmaid**.*

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be **ashamed**,
because you, O God, have helped me and **comforted me**.

For you are great; you do wondrous **things**;
and you alone are **God**.*

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will,

but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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*
Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
fore the Lord. And play for God on
glad tam - bou-rines, and let your trum - pet sound. *to Refrain*

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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:

Tom, Garry, Jacki, Linda, Kay, Shannon, Darrell, Tiffany, 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

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

#365 Come, Thou Almighty King

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Nearer, My God, To Thee

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross That ___ rais - eth me;
2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My ___ rest a stone;
3. All that Thou send - est me, In ___ mer - cy giv'n;
4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,

1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be

Near - er my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

COMMUNION HYMN

#336 Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

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

#542 Christ is the World's True Light

SENDING

The People's Response: Thanks be to God!

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

SATURDAY

Eucharistic Ministers

Sheryll Shepard | Karen Williams

Usher

Mary Hedrick

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Ushers

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