

# Welcome to St Stephen's

## BELVEDERE

**M**y grandson Jack was here in May. We flew a kite the two of us on the South Knoll near McEgney Green and it took the two of us with it in the air sweet and clear, so clear we saw St Stephen's and the Cross high above the main doors of the church. From a mile away we could see it. I looked at the toying crazy innocence in my grandson and thought of how Jesus even on the cross had so much life in him. And I remembered our verger, Jo Ann Haseltine, lifting high the cross as she leads us into worship.

I think of our cross as a 30' tall exclamation point at the end of a sentence that proclaims, "For God so loves the world!" *Lift High the Cross* is our chosen stewardship hymn for this campaign. It seems apt given the year we've had. Sometimes the only thing we can do with suffering is to suffer it. Jesus shows us how to do that. Welcome to St Stephen's.

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**20TH SEPTEMBER 2020 | THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

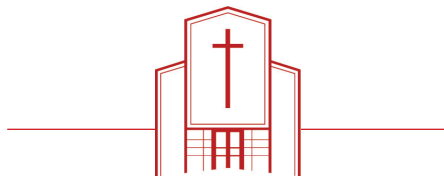


**The flowers at the altar today are given by  
to the glory of God,  
by Alexandra & Philip Norris  
in loving memory of  
Cam & Libby Burgess.**

Floral donations support the livestream service.

### **Serving at the Altar Today**

<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Ian Foley [Exodus lesson]
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Potter Wickware [Philippians lesson]
<b>Soprano</b>	Judith Ward Hall
<b>Alto</b>	Helena Tietze
<b>Tenor</b>	Douglas Mandell
<b>Bass</b>	Ted Bakkila
<b>Organist /Choirmaster</b>	Jeanette Wilkin Tietze
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# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

20th September 2020 | 10:00 AM

Proper 20 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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*Worship is a verb. from the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart in the sacred space of your home. We welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982, printed herein.*

*For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.*

## At the Procession

Hymn 527 *Singing songs of expectation*

TON-Y-BOTEL

Singing songs of expectation, onward goes the pilgrim band,  
through the night of doubt and sorrow, marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light:  
trusting God we march together stepping fearless through the night.

One the light of God's own presence, o'er his ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror, bright'ning all the path we tread:  
one the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.

One the strain the lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun:  
one the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father reigns in love for evermore.

— Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789 – 1862);  
*tr.* Sabine Baring-Gould (1834 – 1925)

## The Acclamation

*Celebrant* The world belongs to God.

People **The earth and all its people.**

*Celebrant* How good it is, how wonderful

People **To live together in community.**

*Celebrant* Love and faith come together.

People **Justice and peace hold hands.**

*Celebrant* Were Christ's disciples to keep silent

People **These stones would shout aloud.**

*Celebrant* Open our lips, O God,

People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**Canticle 13** *Benedictus es, Domine*

THE IMPERIAL TUNE (c. 1630)

Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity | Proper 20**

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**G**rant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

## The First Reading Exodus 16. 2 – 15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 145. 1 – 8** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Plainsong

**Antiphon** Your kingdom, O Lord, is an everlasting kingdom.

I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**Antiphon** Your kingdom, O Lord, is an everlasting kingdom.

**The Epistle Reading** **Philippians 1. 21 – 30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am

convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.*

**The Sequence** *Alleluia*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*Repeat each phrase after the cantor the first time.*



*A verse will be sung, after which, all repeat Alleluia*



## The Holy Gospel Matthew 20. 1 – 16

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

*The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.*

**The Homily**

Phil Ellsworth

*After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.*

## The Nicene Creed *Standing*

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  $\times$ resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Cantor: We pray . . .

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It is divided into two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The 'Leader' part has five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The 'All' part has four notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The bottom staff is a bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It has four notes: a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, a half note B3, and a whole note C4.

*During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list.*

We pray for those needful or desirous of our prayers, including  
**Tom, Patsy, Ann, Ruth, Allison, Kareem, Dan, and Betty.**

We pray for those who have died, including **Carol Treasure, Paul Martori,  
Susan Hedges, Sr Ruth, Richard Landvatter, Pete Ford,  
Robert Turkle, Sr., William A. King, Pat McDonald, and Midge Moore,**

And on their Year's Mind, we remember and pray for  
**Jack E. Butler, Virginia Degolier, and Joseph Michael O' Donnell.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Confession** *Said by all, kneeling or standing.*

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People* The people respond with the **bolded** sentences.

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**Have mercy and forgive us.**

You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

**Have mercy and change us.**

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

**Have mercy and cleanse us.**

When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

**Have mercy and deliver us.**

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

**Have mercy and renew us.**

O God, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word, enable us to follow you with joy.

**All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

*The Celebrant pronounces an absolution.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Pledge Appeal 2021 Testimonial**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

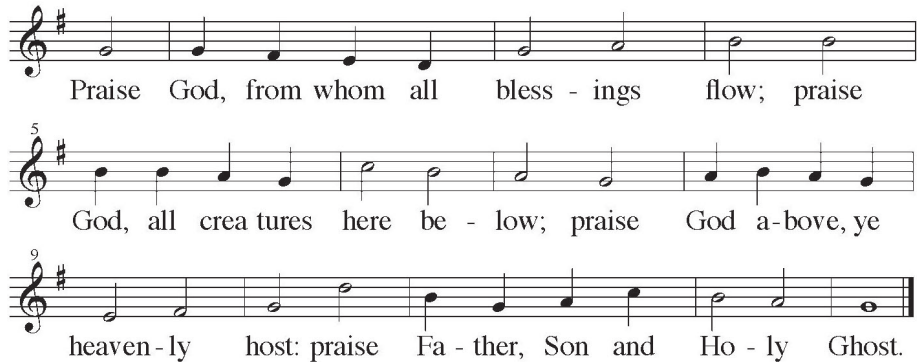
### At the Offertory *Simile est Regnum*

Cristobal de Morales (c. 1500 – 1553)

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

### The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



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

### The Great Thanksgiving

— *From the Eucharistic Liturgy of the  
Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982*

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

People **And also in 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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we sing the hymn of your unending glory:

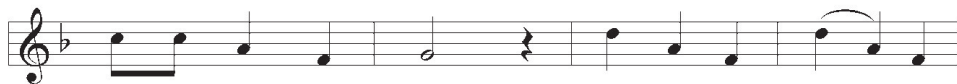
**Sanctus** *Rose Hill Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*The people remain standing and sing.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



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



san - na in the high - est. Blest is the



One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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



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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle, death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, and at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of your Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for service.

Help us, who are gathered into the community of Christ's body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



## The Lord's Prayer

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.

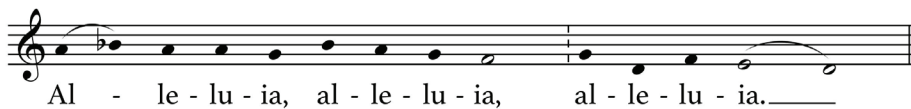
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power  
and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## At the Breaking of the Bread

Peregrine Tone

*Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.*



*Choir:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



*All:* There-fore let us keep the feast. \_

*—All sing Refrain*

## The Peace

## Invitation

## At the Communion

*How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."*

*Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.*

## Communion Music

**Communion Hymn 593, 1 – 5** *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

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Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
    where there is hate, may we sow love;  
    where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
    where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
    where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
    where all is night, may we sow light;  
    where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
    to be consoled, but to console,  
    nor look to understanding hearts,  
    but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day;  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

— James Quinn (1919 – 2010),  
based on a prayer by Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226)

**The Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving** *The people stand.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Said by all.*

Almighty Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing** *The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

*Celebrant*

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

## At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 473 *Lift high the cross*

CRUCIFER

**Refrain [r]**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. [r]

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [r]

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [r]

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. [r]

— George William Kitchin (1827 – 1912)  
*alt.* Michael Robert Newbolt (1874 – 1956)  
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## The Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace, caring for creation, serving Christ,  
and sharing the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

## The Postlude

## – Music Notes –

Cristóbal de Morales is considered to be the most influential Spanish composer before Victoria. Born in Sevilla, he trained as a chorister at the cathedral and later worked in Avila and, eventually in Rome in the papal choir. Highly regarded in his day, a contemporary described him as “the light of Spain in music.” *Simile est regnum* is a setting of the beginning of today’s gospel, starting out with a typically polyphonic texture (in which the four voices imitate or play off of each other singing their parts at different times to combine in a fluid way), until the voice of the “landowner” (God) is heard. At this point, the texture becomes homophonic (when all the voices are singing the same rhythm at the same time) to emphasize the words of God.

The tune TON-Y-BOTEL was composed by the Welshman Thomas John Williams in 1896 according to the story printed in the last years of his life. The name (Welsh for “The Bottle Tune”) is the result of a sensation-seeking story circulated in 1902 after its appearance in a new hymnbook. It was said that the tune had been discovered washed up in a bottle on the North Wales coast. Its original name, EBENEZER, was taken from the chapel in Rhos, Pontardwe, of which T. J. Williams was a member from 1890 to 1903.

Our 2021 Stewardship Pledge Appeal theme hymn is “Lift high the cross.” The original text was twelve stanzas and was considered by some a twentieth century replacement for “Onward Christian Soldiers.” The text echoes the words of Emperor Constantine, the first Christian emperor, as recorded by the scribe Eusebius in his *Life of Constantine*, “In this sign shall you conquer.” It has appeared in several modern hymnals, usually shortened. In *Hymnal 1982*, the Standing Commission on Church Music of the Episcopal Church, the committee that oversaw the production of the hymnal, pared the text down to four stanzas to remove as much of the militaristic imagery as possible.

## – Announcements –

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S CENTRAL** page on our website at <http://ststephenschurch.org/>.

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**Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions** that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Central at [ststephenschurch.org](http://ststephenschurch.org) for all links. Please note, the Film Society Zoom meeting originally scheduled for 16th September has been moved to 23rd September, 4p.

**Live Stream** | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravelly to let us know.

- St Stephen's has moved the livestream channel to YouTube. All upcoming livestreams, as well as those from 8.16.20, and forward, are available on this channel. If you subscribe with your Google account, you can always doublecheck for the most recent version of the current livestream, as well as view those archived since the changeover. Go to [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXrUQn\\_EzrgXLZTVE2Aq1UQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXrUQn_EzrgXLZTVE2Aq1UQ), and save this in your browser favorites.
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**Join in the Zoom Virtual Coffee Hour** today from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. See the directions and Zoom link in your Saturday *Tidings*. Hosted this Sunday by Lilian Murray and Donald Sung.

**Pledge Appeal 2021:** Pledge appeal packages were mailed on the 17th of September. If you have not received yours, pledge cards can be downloaded from [Ststephenschurch.org](http://Ststephenschurch.org), or contact the office. Look for the pledge link on the bottom right side of the home page. You can fill out, scan, and email it to [office\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office[at]ststephenschurch.org) or send by mail. By submitting your pledge card by 27th October, you partner with your Parish in planning St Stephen's future.

Please know that whatever amount you pledge is sincerely appreciated. By simply making a pledge of any amount, you cast your heart and thoughtful support for St Stephen's and the church community you want it to be.

### **Stewardship Ingathering on Sunday, 18th October**

To help the vestry plan for the next calendar year, you are encouraged to get your 2021 pledge into the office by 27th October. And to celebrate your generosity and faithful support of the mission and ministry of this parish, we will hold a joyful Ingathering at the 10 am service on 18th October with a special blessing at the Offertory of all pledges received into the office by Wednesday, 14th October.

**Virtual Prayer Corner** | To light a candle in the virtual prayer corner, please see the instructions on the *St Stephen's Central* webpage of the website <http://ststephenschurch.org/> under Pastoral Care or download the pdf link in your Saturday morning *Tidings* (*St Stephen's Church News*).

**Floral Donations** | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a phalaenopsis orchid plant until the church can resume physical services, and it is once again safe to create changing floral arrangements. Your continued floral donations help support the livestream services.

**Clergy Pastoral Care** | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812.

**Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email** and that you are currently receiving the weekly email and eNews from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch. Don't miss the Live stream Sunday Services, Zoom Bible Studies, and teleconference events that are available to you. If you do not receive *St Stephen's Tidings* on Saturday at 6:00a, look in your junk mail first. It helps to add dee[at]ststephenschurch.org into your address book.

## – Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums –

**Today, 20th September, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century  
Greco-Roman Wrestling

Join us this Sunday at 9:00 am and explore the Greek and Roman context for Jesus and the early Christian movement. Many of these philosophies and religions are present in our contemporary world today. The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

**Sunday, 27th September 27, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Weeds, thorns, fruits, and harvests: Agricultural imagery of the New Testament. An end of summer special for all you successful and not so successful gardeners. Reading will be sent out by email. Led by Karl Belgum.

**Sunday 4th October, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century  
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

Life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the increasing prominence of the Holy Spirit as witnessed in the Gospels. Comparative views of the evolution of the creed and prayer life from 1st century Judaism to Jesus. Sources include Gospels and Roman texts. We will reflect on how do we discern God's presence and command and how do we respond when God becomes active in our lives? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.



**Sunday 11th, October 11, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century  
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

Life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the increasing prominence of the Holy Spirit as witnessed in the Gospels. Comparative views of the evolution of the creed and prayer life from 1st century Judaism to Jesus. Sources include Gospels and Roman texts. We will reflect on how do we discern God's presence and command and how do we respond when God becomes active in our lives? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

**Sunday, 18th October, 9:00 — 1:00 am Zoom**

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century  
The Early Church (40 — 400 CE)

How the early Christian community experienced the Holy Spirit, expanded its communal prayer life, built the foundation of the Church and creeds (confession and profession of faith) and differentiated and defended itself from the influences of Judaism and Greek philosophy. We will reflect on how do we connect with the Holy Spirit in our lives, experience God's love and acceptance, and find the strength to love and serve God in the world around us? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

**Sunday 25th October, 9:00 — 1:00 am Zoom TBA**

Karl Belgum

**Sunday 1 November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom**

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century  
The Early Church (40 — 400 CE)

How the early Christian community experienced the Holy Spirit, expanded its communal prayer life, built the foundation of the Church and creeds (confession and profession of faith) and differentiated and defended itself from the influences of Judaism and Greek philosophy. We will reflect on how do we connect with the Holy Spirit in our lives, experience God's love and acceptance, and find the strength to love and serve God in the world around us? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.



Normally during the school year we teach Godly Play classes to students, but since we are separated by County Health and Bishop Marc's directives, we will be sending you videos you can watch on demand. We understand that many children are dealing with more screen time than usual, but we're not willing to cede that space entirely to schools. It is important to find spiritual help for your children from your church.

Each week in *Tidings* we will send a link to a **Stories of God at Home / Godly Play** story in video format. Here is link for the introduction for parents:

<https://youtu.be/wJAYfWzmHPg>

I recommend that you watch each Godly Play story as a family, at a set time convenient each week if possible. You are raising a child in the knowledge and love of the Lord, to love God and neighbor. That is a huge responsibility. And it is at the same time a great privilege, a gift.

Here is the video for children this week. It will help your child understand how the Church marks time. The Church Year

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPTWqtAsCao>

Please feel free to contact directly Victoria Ellsworth if you have any questions or need any advice on how to share your faith lovingly with children.

## Regathering for In-Person Worship Update

This Eventbrite Link below activates at Noon, Monday, 21st September 2020

Closes at Noon, Thursday, 24th September

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/118384329717>

We plan to re-open for worship in the courtyard on Sunday, 27th September (dependent on safety precautions relating to COVID regulations and AQI due to wildfires), following a trial run this morning.

The outdoor worship service will offer 18 reserved spots and 10 waitlist spots. Reservations are only available by booking directly with the above Eventbrite link during the 4-day window noted above. The office needs to manage reservations through a single system.

Check-in for the service will be at 8:00 am, with worship beginning at 8:15 am. A word liturgy, the service will combine prayers and music with a focus on scripture and preaching. Brief and accessible, the worship service aspires to appeal to all ages. While we hope to be able to offer holy eucharist/communion before too long, and are preparing for a safe method of distribution, we are still awaiting episcopal approval for the sharing of this sacrament.

All reservations will only be made directly through Eventbrite. All who want to come will have a fair opportunity to reserve a spot(s) over time. Seating will be assigned. Social distancing will be observed, and masks must be worn at all times. People will not be permitted to congregate before or after the service. Please see your *Tidings* for a pdf link to the service sheet and the customary.

The livestream service will continue at 10 am.

— CTT+

## The 2021 Pledge Appeal Campaign:

### Lift High the Cross

In the year 2019, we had 173 pledging households at St Stephen's, giving a total of \$668,699. That made the average pledge — the mean — \$3,866. However, this mean is skewed high by a short list of top givers. This does offer a starting place when deciding what you are able to comfortably pledge.

While “Lift High the Cross” means something different for each of us, its underlying message unites us as a community and propels us forward together. In this spirit, we reach out to you with the 2021 Pledge Appeal.

In this turbulent year, we are excited about an extraordinary achievement: thanks to a group of our generous donors, any amount you pledge **over your last year's pledge** will be matched, doubling the impact to St Stephen's. Additionally, any **first-time pledges** will also be matched. This generosity has emboldened us to strive towards another goal: 100% participation in our pledging. **Our wonderful clergy, staff, and vestry have already stepped up with 100% participation.**

St Stephen's is always there for you, ministering to you, and on your behalf. Even during a pandemic, St Stephen's moved to online services, bringing God's word to over 400 viewers weekly. Our clergy continues to personally minister to our members, and our pastoral care and outreach continue, as shown in the enclosed brochure.

St Stephen's is more vital to our lives than ever before. But all of this takes money. We ask your help to support our future by submitting the enclosed Pledge Card by 27th October, and show our communities how Christians come together in trying times.

— Meg Abbott and Georgene Tozzi,  
Stewardship Co-Chairs

## — Pledging Process —

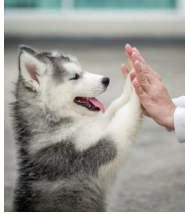
Pray. Begin in prayer by asking God to guide you.

Give proportionally. Proportional giving is offering to God a portion of what God has given us. A traditional guideline for tithing is 10 percent of one's income, given in gratitude for God's blessings and to further God's work in the world. Giving a percentage of our income— increasing each year toward or beyond the tithe — is a way of deepening our awareness of the abundance of God's love.

Decide how you want to make your pledge. There are several options:

1. Make a one-time gift. Place a check in the mail it to us at St Stephen's Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920.
2. Make a pledge of a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Email Elizabeth Gravely [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org] or Betsy Menzel [betsy@ststephenschurch.org], or leave a voicemail for either one of them at 415-435-4501. Elizabeth will receive your voicemail on the main number, and Betsy can be reached at ex. 15.
3. Give online. Click the contributions link on our website to: <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html> then click the donate button to go directly to St Stephen's PayPal Account. If you don't have or wish to use a PayPal Account and prefer to use your credit card, scroll to the bottom of the PayPal page where it reads "Don't have a PayPal account?" and click the continue button to open the credit card page.
4. Gifts of Stock. Donating your securities to St Stephen's Church provides you a tax deduction based upon current market values and saves you paying capital gains taxes on your donated investment. Please contact the office to execute this transaction.
5. Join our Legacy Society. Make a legacy gift in your estate planning. Contact the Rev'd Richard Schaper [rlschaper@gmail.com].

— Blessing of the Animals, Prerecorded —



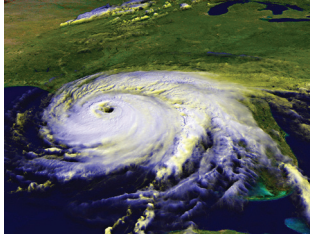
The Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October, falls on a Sunday this year. The clergy want to put their hands on your beloved pets to bless them on camera.

Phil will be in the Courtyard at the church on 26th September from 8:00am to 10:00am to bless any creature who is presented for a blessing. Phil and Christine will be blessing animals in the Courtyard on the 27th from 11:10 to 12:20. You'll know how to keep a proper distance from each other. Please wear a mask and have your pet on a 6' leash. If necessary wait your turn.

Every blessing will be recorded in a short video clip. The Stream Team will stitch each clip together to create a video that they will integrate into our livestream broadcasting live on the 4th of October. Look for a surprise that day near the beginning of the service. It could be ruff.

—PCE+

## DISASTER RELIEF



As the Episcopal Relief Development acts quickly to assist those impacted by #Hurricane Laura and other devastating storms, we urgently ask for your support. Make a donation to our hurricane relief fund and help us assist Episcopal dioceses in the Gulf Coast, who have extensive experience responding to disasters — not to mention powerful communications networks.

Please give today: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneLaura2oFB>



Neighboring relief providers have asked that instead of items, monetary donations be directed to the North Coast Opportunities/Mendo Lake Credit Union Lake County Wildfire Relief Fund:

<https://www.ncoinc.org/disaster-recovery/>

with a memo for “Valley Fire.” The Red Cross suggests visiting:

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

to contribute financial aid or texting the word “REDCROSS” to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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