

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

May 17, 2026 | 8:00 am and 10:00 am

The 8:00 am service is a spoken service

*Welcome to St. Stephen's! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.
The service is also found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.
All are welcome to receive communion.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Fantasia for Alto Trombone
Benjamin Yates, trombone

Johann Krebs

The Procession In

Hail the day that sees him rise

Hymnal 214

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gloria (8a.m. spoken, 10a.m.sung)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the

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

right - hand-of the Fa ther: re - ceive our prayer. For

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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.
 A - - - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Exsurgat Deus

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36



- 1 Let God arise, and let his ene- | **mies be scattered; ***
let those who hate him | **flee before him.**
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives | **it away; ***
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pre- | **sence of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | **before God; ***
let them also be me- | **rry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides up- | **on the heavens; ***
YAHWEH is his Name, re- | **joice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defen- | **der of widows, ***
God in his holy | **habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners | **into freedom; ***
but the rebels shall live | **in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth be- | **fore your people, ***
when you marched | **through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the | **God of Sinai, ***
at the presence of God, the | **God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon | **your inheritance; ***
you refreshed the land when | **it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their | **home in it; ***
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | **for the poor.**

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms | **of the earth; ***
sing praises | **to the Lord.**

34 He rides in the heavens, the anc- | **ient heavens; ***
he sends forth his voice, his | **mighty voice.**

35 Ascribe po- | **wer to God; ***
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is | **in the skies.**

36 How wonderful is God in his | **holy places! ***
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Bless- | **ed be God!**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

The Gospel

John 17:1-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the

work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage

The Nicene Creed

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 resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP 392

*(The congregation will join in saying names in **bold**)*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Malcom, Maria, Doris, Dick, Wyatt, Scott, Stephen, and Suzette.**

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **June, Kelly, and Andrew.**

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

The Capital Campaign Prayer

*Most holy, loving and life-giving God,
We give you thanks for the cloud of witnesses, past and present,
who by their generosity of Spirit have given us a Sanctuary, a
Light on a Hill, that welcomes and embraces all who seek communion
with You and with one another. Bless us, yet again, as we look
forward and prepare for the future through this Capital Campaign,
that we may remain grateful for the past and ever-growing in
faithful ministry beyond our walls.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and through the
grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Anthem

Alleluia

William Boyce

The Doxology



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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

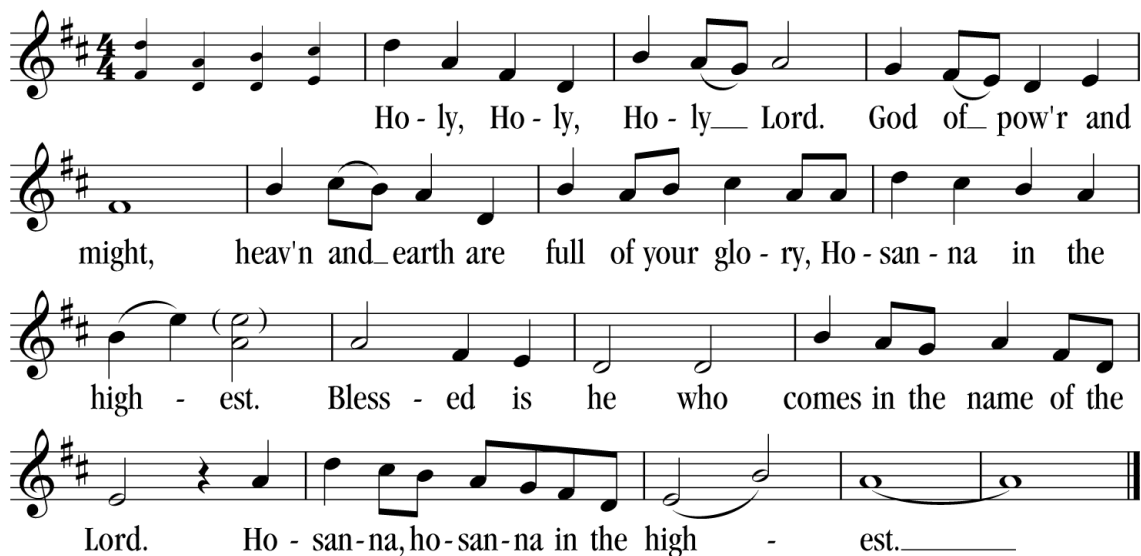
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again;

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.

If you desire prayers of healing by the laying on of hands, please proceed to the Mary Corner after receiving Communion.

The Distribution of Communion

The Voluntary Five Hymntunes for Trombone and Organ Anne Krentz Organ

1. *Spirit, Open My Heart*
2. *Simple Gifts*
3. *Be Thou My Vision*
4. *O Healing River*
5. *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

The Prayer after Communion (*please stand*) BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

The Procession Out The head that once was crowned with thorns Hymnal 483

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude Toccata from Duo Concertante Gustav Holst

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to
the Glory of God.

Birthday Blessings

June Campbell May 17

Kelly Perasso May 18

Andrew Purvis May 20



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Honoring Our Past Building Our Future Together

The St. Stephen's Capital Campaign is well underway!

Our Campaign Kickoff Dinner at the San Francisco Yacht Club on Wednesday evening was a joyful celebration of who we are as a church and the future we are building together. We extend special thanks to Kathy Hill Perasso and her committee for organizing a wonderful evening and a delicious meal.

In addition to learning more about the campaign, guests enjoyed plenty of laughter as Bob McCaskill, Chris Simpson Brent, and Chuck Eaton led an engaging program to toast key leaders in St. Stephen's history. It was a fitting tribute to our campaign theme, Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future Together.

Pledge packets and campaign materials were mailed and emailed to all parish households following the dinner. If you have not yet received yours, please watch your mailbox and inbox.

This campaign is about preserving and strengthening the sacred place that has shaped lives for generations and ensuring that St. Stephen's continues to welcome, inspire, and serve for many years to come. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in this important effort.

Let's raise a toast to many more evenings of fun, fellowship and focus for St. Stephen's in the years ahead!

Announcements

Adult Forum – Following the 10 am. service, all are welcome to join Karl Belgum in the conference room for the last installment in the discussion of Elaine Pagel’s book “Miracles and Wonder”.

Tidings – The weekly roundup of news, photos, and events taking place at St. Stephen’s is sent to our mailing list every Friday morning. If you are not currently receiving the Tidings and would like to subscribe, please visit our website, www.ststephenschurch.org, and scroll to the bottom of the homepage to sign up, or contact Elizabeth in the office.

Altar Flowers – This morning’s altar flowers were thoughtfully arranged by a member of our Altar Guild, who faithfully purchases and prepares fresh arrangements each week. On Mondays, the flowers are refreshed and made into Pastoral Posies to be shared with members of our community. If you would like to donate and dedicate the altar flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign up on the chart in Kimball Hall or reach out to the church office. Several dates are still open for 2026.

Giving to St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church

If you would like to donate this morning, but are not carrying cash, feel free to donate with this QR code:



WiFi Guest Network: St Stephens Guest (password: allarewelcome)

Music Notes

Welcome to worship at St. Stephen's! Worship in our tradition is participatory, so you are encouraged to join in the singing of the hymns and liturgy as they appear in the bulletin and the Hymnal 1982 in the pew racks in front of you. If a hymn has harmony indicated, you're welcome to sing it on the inner stanzas, leaving the first and last stanzas for unison singing.

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This morning we welcome guest trombonist **Dr. Benjamin Yates**. Yates is Professor of Trombone at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He also teaches trombone at the Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival. Yates performs regularly with the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra, Acadian Wind Symphony, Chorale Acadienne, and several symphonies, wind bands and chamber ensembles throughout Louisiana and the surrounding region.

The duo **Tromborgan**, comprised of Yates and organist Dr. Brad Schultz, performs existing and new works for trombone (alto, tenor, and bass) and organ/harpsichord. Recent premieres include compositions by Brenda Portman and Brooke Joyce, as well as the set of five hymn tunes by **Anne Krentz Organ** heard in its premiere performance at communion today.

Chicago-based composer Anne Krentz Organ is one of the most active liturgical composers today, with several volumes of hymn tune arrangements, choral pieces, psalm and liturgical settings to her credit. She is Director of Music at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge, Illinois, and serves as composer in residence for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy.

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Next week is Pentecost Sunday, which (in tandem with Memorial Day weekend) marks the unofficial end to the regular choir season. Beginning on May 30, and continuing through the summer months, the choir will take a hiatus from our regular Thursday rehearsals, but we will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the choir loft to learn one anthem, and to rehearse the hymns and liturgy. Because we do not robe or process, and because it is also possible to sit downstairs for the majority of the service, the summer season is an excellent time to dip in and give singing in the choir a try. Please let me know if you're interested- music will be provided in advance.

See you at rehearsal, in worship, and at work in the world,

Brad

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Serving in Worship

Presider		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Minister of Music		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray Potter Wickware
	10 a.m.	Larisa Lucaci Juliana Jensen
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Barbara Berling
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Ellee deGroot Cindy Brown
Altar Guild	Team 1	Barbara Berling Bonnie Echerd Jill Hinds Liz Hart Carol Louie Anne Johnston
Ushers		Tom Cromwell David Irmer Charlie Coleman
Coffee Connections	Team 1	Lilian Murray, Lead
Streamers		Claire Cirani

STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Vestry

Dawn Vroegop, *Senior Warden*
Leslie Cohl, *Clerk*
Karl Belgum
Marsha Dugan
Gina Hector
Jill Hinds
Carol Louie

Jim Purvis, *Junior Warden*
Bob McCaskill, *Treasurer*
Elliott Main
Mary-Ann Milford
Philip Norris
Andrew Purvis
Jennie Taylor

Staff

Kyle Dice Seage
Satoko Akuhara Boris
Elizabeth Gravely
Angela Huang
Brad Schultz

Rector
Events Coordinator
Parish Administrator
Bookkeeper
Minister of Music

If you need assistance during the week, please call or email the church office.
Our telephone number is 415-435-4501 and the email address is office@ststephenschurch.org.

If you would like to reach a member of the staff by email,
please use their first name (only) followed by @ststephenschurch.org.

The church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you call and no one is available to answer, please leave a message
and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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