

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Holy Eucharist Rite II THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

May 24, 2026 | 8:00am and 10:00 am

*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

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Nicolas de Grigny

The Choral Introit

*Spirit, moving over chaos,
Bringing light where there was none,
Be to us a light, revealing
where the work is to be done.
Praise to God, among us dwelling,
Praise the Spirit giving light.*

Spirit, moving over chaos

David Ashley White

*Breath, instilling animation,
Giving life, informing soul,
Breathe into all our beings
life that makes the Body whole.
Praise to God, among us dwelling;
Praise the Spirit giving life.*

*Power, Life force, Inspiration,
Blowing, breathing, brooding here,
Call, enliven, and empower
for your work, both far and near.
Praise to God, among us dwelling,
praise the Spirit giving strength.*

-Patricia Blaze Clark

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Gloria (8am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Hymn of Praise (10am) Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness

Hymnal 515

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift through out the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 25 O LORD, how manifold | **are your works!** *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | **of your creatures.**
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too ma- | **ny to number,** *
creatures both | **small and great.**
- 27 There move the ships, and there is | **that Leviathan,** *
which you have made for the | **sport of it.**
- 28 All of them | **look to you** *
to give them their food | **in due season.**
- 29 You give it to them; they | **gather it;** *
you open your hand, and they are filled | **with good things.**
- 30 You hide your face, and | **they are terrified;** *
you take away their breath, and they die and return | **to their dust.**
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they | **are created;** *
and so you renew the face | **of the earth.**
- 32 May the glory of the LORD en-**dure for ever;** *
may the LORD rejoice in | **all his works.**
- 33 He looks at the earth | **and it trembles;** *
he touches the mountains | **and they smoke.**
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long | **as I live;** *
I will praise my God while I | **have my being.**
- 35 May these words | **of mine please him;** *
I will rejoice | **in the LORD.**
- 37 Bless the LORD, | **O my soul.** *
Hal- | **lelujah!**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the

same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever living

Hymnal 511

The Gospel

John 20:19-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Richard Schaper

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 **Bob, Malcolm, Maria, Doris, 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 **Grace and Philip**.

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 Anthem

*My life flows on in endless song:
Above earth's lamentation.*

*I hear the sweet though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.*

*Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;*

It finds an echo in my soul,

How can I keep from singing?

How can I keep from singing

arr. Mack Wilberg

What though the tempest loudly roar,

I hear the truth, it's living!

What though the darkness round me close,

Songs in the night its giving,

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin;

I see the blue above it,

And day by day this pathway smooth,

Since I first learned to love it.

No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that rock I'm clinging,

Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?

-Robert Lowry

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures
here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host: praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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,



hea ven and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.



Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the



Lord. Ho san na in the high est, 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

Spiritus Sanctus
Caroline Jou Armitage, soloist

Hildegard von Bingen

*The Holy Spirit: living and life-giving,
the life that's all things moving,
the root in all created being:
of filth and muck it washes all things clean—
out-scrubbing guilty staining, its balm our wounds constraining—
and so its life with praise is shining,
rousing and reviving all.*

-trans. Nathaniel Campbell

The Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

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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

O Spirit of Life

Hymnal 505

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Maurice Durufle

Birthday Blessings

Grace Richman	May 24
Philip Norris	May 25

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Catherine Rebecca Mudge
and the other choir members who died with her
by Chris Mudge.

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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Memorial Day Weekend marks the unofficial end to the regular choir season until we resume after Labor Day. I hope you will join me in thanking this spectacular group of singers who give selflessly of their time and talents in worship, concerts, and rehearsals each week. The choir is a community within the community of St. Stephen's, and this spring they undertook extra duties to sing a beautiful evensong in memory of fellow singer Jim Davenport, while also preparing a full slate of music for Holy Week and Easter.

We are always looking for additional singers to join our ranks, and tenors and basses are especially needed right now. All that's asked is the ability to match pitch, and a willing and enthusiastic spirit.

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 is provided in advance.

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

Brad

brad@ststephenschurch.org



Last week's Kickoff Dinner was a wonderful evening of fellowship, shared vision, and genuine excitement. A fitting way to **officially launch our Capital Campaign to care for and strengthen St. Stephen's for the future.**

We hope you have now received a campaign packet from St. Stephen's that included our campaign brochure and pledge card either by mail or electronically. In the accompanying letter, we invited you to **prayerfully consider how you might help us reach our goal.**

We would be deeply grateful if you would submit your pledge by June 1. We are **already more than two-thirds of the way to our goal**, and with broad participation from our parish family, we are confident we can reach—and perhaps even exceed—our goal. We want every member of St. Stephen's to have the opportunity to say, "I was part of this."

You may bring your pledge card to church for the offering plate, submit it online at the website's Giving page, or email your commitment to office@ststephenschurch.org.

Anyone on the Campaign Team is happy to answer questions and share more about this exciting moment in the life of St. Stephen's.

And, thank you if your pledge is already submitted or on its way to us! A list of donors as of Wednesday, May 20 is on display in the Narthex.

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:



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Serving in Worship

Presider		The Rev. Richard Schaper
Minister of Music		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Acolytes		Abram Carpenter Mabel Carpenter
Readers	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray Potter Wickware
	10 a.m.	Roger Kent Martha Irmer
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Linda Fairchild
	10 a.m.	Carol Louie
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Bonnie Echerd Kathy Winkler
Altar Guild	Team 4	Martha Irmer Linda Fairchild Michele Larsen Melody Key Joanne Bentley
Ushers		Philip Norris Bill Brinkman Kathy Perasso
Coffee Connections	Team 2	Cary White, Lead
Streamers		Regan Moore
Newcomers Greeter		Carol Louie

ST. 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
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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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