

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



**The First Sunday after Pentecost**

**Trinity Sunday**

**The Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**May 31, 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** Holy, Holy, Holy! Ausra Motuzaitė-Pinkevičienė

**The Procession In** Holy, Holy, Holy! Hymnal 362

## The Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen*

## 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)** Day by day Hymnal 654

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Reading**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **The Canticle**

*Benedictus es, Domine*

Sung by the choir

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \*

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, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

### **The Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Hymn**

O Trinity of blessed light

Hymnal 29

### **The Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*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 **Dick, Bob, Suzanne, 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 **Cathy, Zoila, Stewart, Dave, and Elliott.**

*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 Confession**

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 Absolution and 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 Holy Trinity Prayer

Paul Ayres

*Holy Trinity, in whose name we worship,  
give us such love, that alone and together, today and every day  
We may reverence the Father, radiate the presence of the Son,  
and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

-David Knight

### 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. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*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 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



## 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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During 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.

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This morning's **postlude** is a movement from a trio sonata by Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach wrote six of these trio sonatas, each with three movements (fast, slow, fast), and it is a rare instance where Bach's invention of these pieces has no clear predecessor model in other composers before him. Written so that Wilhelm Friedemann Bach, his organist son, could refine his pedal technique and independence of hands and feet, these sonatas are unique in that three independent melodies coexist, all at the same time. Sometimes these works are performed by three musicians with three instruments of contrasting sounds, but the organist can play all three melodies. Each hand plays a melody on a separate keyboard, and the third melody is played on the pedals by the feet.

Of the simultaneous melodies, there exists no hierarchy- none holds more sway over the other two. While you will clearly hear each individual voice, they are not in competition with one another and instead operate interdependently to create a unified soundscape. They are separate melodies with separate identities, but even in their independence they cross over, lean into, and support each other in such a way that one melody cannot be fully understood without the others.

This makes the trio sonata a fine metaphor for the Holy Trinity.

The notion of God in three distinct persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), yet an inseparable and unified one is sometimes difficult to grasp. Because of this, many have taken to the use of analogy to explain the concept. Perhaps you have heard of the Trinity as being akin to a three-leaf clover, the three phases of water, the skin/flesh/core of an apple, or three-in-one shampoo/conditioner/body wash. The trio sonata is my favorite 😊.

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

Brad

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## Announcements

**St. Stephen's Baseball Caps** - Show your St. Stephen's spirit wherever you go with our new embroidered baseball caps. These comfortable, one-size-fits most caps feature the St. Stephen's logo on the front and "St. Stephen's Episcopal" embroidered on the back. The classic navy color makes the easy to wear for church events, casual outings, and everyday use. Caps are \$20 each. To purchase online, please visit our website [www.ststephenschurch.org/giving](http://www.ststephenschurch.org/giving) and select Baseball Cap from the drop-down menu or drop a check in Sunday's plate or the mail with Baseball cap in the memo line, or see Cary White to pay by cash.

**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 be added to the list, please let Elizabeth in the office know or visit our website [www.ststephenschurch.org](http://www.ststephenschurch.org) and scroll to the bottom of the homepage to sign up.

## Upcoming Events

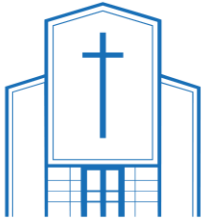
Men's Breakfast	SF Yacht Club	June 13, 9:00 a.m.
WOW-Chris Brent's Antarctic Journey	Kimball Hall	June 17, 6:30 p.m. (All are Invited!)

## 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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## Honoring Our Past Building Our Future Together

The Capital Campaign has truly taken flight! Following our joyful Campaign Kickoff Dinner, it has been deeply encouraging to receive so many pledges already. Your generosity and enthusiasm have been heartwarming and inspiring. To date, **we have received more than 65 pledges**, reflecting our congregation's shared commitment to care for and strengthen St. Stephen's for generations to come. Thank you!

As a reminder, we are asking, if at all possible, for **pledges to be received by June 1**. The commitments and payments we receive will help determine how far and how quickly we can move forward on our priority projects. Pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday, submitted online through the Giving page on our website, or emailed to [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org).

Every pledge matters as we work toward our goal of \$950,000. Each commitment, no matter the size, will help make a lasting difference. We want every member of St. Stephen's to have the opportunity to say, "I was part of this."

We are also excited to share that planning is already underway to complete as many of our necessary capital improvements this summer. Jim Purvis, our Junior Warden, has been hard at work connecting with contractors and reviewing possible schedules. As the top priority identified during the campaign's small group gatherings, we are especially pleased to report that waterproofing work for the sanctuary is scheduled to begin in June.

Members of the Campaign Team are always available to answer questions or share more about this exciting moment in the life of St. Stephen's.

And if your pledge has already been submitted—or is on its way—thank you again for your generous support. A list of donors as of Wednesday, May 27 is on display in the Narthex and Kimball Hall.

## Serving in Worship

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
<b>Minister of Music</b>		Dr. Brad Schultz
<b>Verger</b>		Jo Ann Haseltine
<b>Readers</b>	8 a.m.	Ivan Weinberg Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Potter Wickware Josh Henderson
<b>Intercessors</b>	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Chris Simpson Brent
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Chris Simpson Brent Bonnie Echerd
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 3	Barbara Garcia-Romero PJ Perring Barbara Gloger Linda Berg Nora Noguez Ellee deGroot
<b>Ushers</b>		Warren Leiden Marsha Dugan Bill Brinkman
<b>Coffee Connections</b>	Team 3	Barbara Berling, Lead
<b>Stream Team</b>		Henry Stitler
<b>Newcomers Greeter</b>		Marjorie Sennett

# STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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