

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

July 12, 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 Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Hymn to Joy

arr. Timothy Albrecht

The Procession In

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

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 God's 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)



1. Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
2. Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth;
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift - high our thanks and praise. Saints
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright. For



and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 III

BCP 387

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, silently or aloud.

Silence

We pray especially for **David, Linda, Dick, Wyatt, Stephen, and Suzette.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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

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 Lord, Grant us your Peace

Carlton Young

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Have mercy on us.

And grant us your peace.

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.

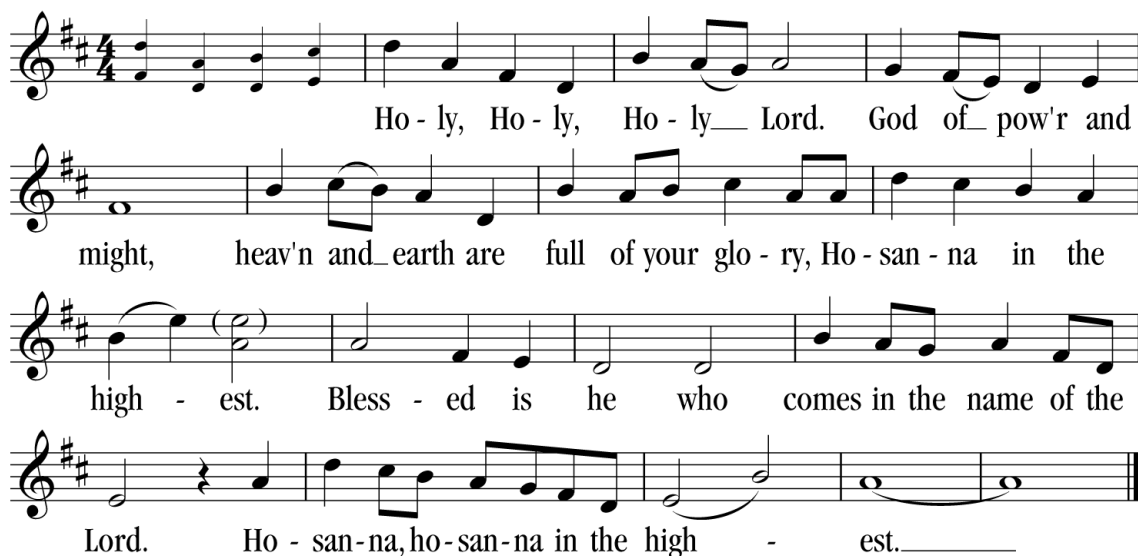
People We lift them to the Lord.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 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 Voluntary

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

O day of radiant gladness

Hymnal 48

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

Hymn to Joy

arr. Paul Manz

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Inge Shumelda on her birthday
by Julia Shumelda

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.

During the summer months, the choir takes a hiatus from our regular Thursday rehearsals, but we will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the choir loft to learn one simple 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 much 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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The prelude and postlude this morning contain settings of Beethoven's famous "Hymn to Joy," which will also be used as our hymn of praise for the next few weeks. Both **Timothy Albrecht** and **Paul Manz** are classically trained organists best known for their contributions to hymnody through hymn settings such as these. Typically, these compositions begin as improvised hymn introductions, a practice Manz was especially known for. He cultivated these through performances in hymn festivals, in which a number of hymns are presented in elaborate style, sometimes with extra contributions by choir or additional instruments. These were typically thematic events, centered around a specific idea, with texts and readings woven in.

Paul Manz primarily served Lutheran congregations in Chicago and Minneapolis, though his hymn festivals were presented in many denominations. Timothy Albrecht was the professor of organ at Emory University in Atlanta (he was my teacher for my Master's degree) and dedicated his setting of Hymn to Joy to Manz.

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During the Christmas Concert last December, the choir performed one of its pieces with the help of a small chamber organ. This instrument was on loan from Michael Mello, longtime friend of St Stephen's, and partner to Jim Davenport, who sang in the St. Stephen's choir for many years. Together they were fixtures in the Marin music community until Jim's sudden passing on New Years Eve, followed shortly by Michael's passing after a long illness. Michael desired that the organ should remain at St. Stephen's, and his estate has gifted it to the music ministry. We will formally dedicate the organ **next Sunday, July 19** to the memory of Michael and Jim and to the glory of God.

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

Brad

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Announcements

Treasure Table – Please visit the table in the foyer of Kimball Hall where there is a collection of items the church no longer needs but may be a blessing to you! Please take anything you can use.

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.

Gospel Reflection Hour - St. Stephen's offers a weekly Bible study session that requires no homework or ongoing obligation. Just bring your inquiring mind and an interest in reflecting upon the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. Lead by Zoila Schoenbrun, the group meets Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. by Zoom. All are welcome. The link to the Zoom can be found on our website, www.ststepenchurch.org. Go to events, click on the calendar and the event details.

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)

St. Stephen's Outreach Ministry

Back-to School Backpack Drive for Ritter Center

For our summer Outreach project, we are participating in a backpack drive to support families served by the Ritter Center. These donations will benefit children in **grades K–5**, many of whom are currently unhoused.

We are seeking donations of **backpacks and school supplies**, such as:

- Notebooks
- Pencils, pencil pouches, erasers, and sharpeners
- Pens and white-out
- Hand sanitizer
- Crayons

If you prefer, gift cards for retailers such as Target are also welcome.

Starting this Sunday, July 12, a designated drop-off area for donations will be available in Kimball Hall. On Sunday, July 26, we will have a "blessing of the backpacks" and gather after the 10:00am service to "pack the backpacks". **The Ritter Center will distribute the backpacks on August 6.** Please save the date on your calendar if you'd like to participate; details will be provided when available.

Back-to-school season is a significant financial strain for these families, and your support helps ensure these students are prepared for the new school year.

We welcome everyone's participation in this heartwarming project!

St Stephen's Outreach Co-chairs
Carol Louie, Elliott Main, Jennie Taylor

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 Miles Woodlief
	10 a.m.	George Brown Lalita Waterman
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Lilian Murray
	10 am	Marjorie Sennett
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Cindy Brown Marjorie Sennett
Altar Guild	Team 3	Barbara Garcia-Romero P.J. Perring Barbara Gloger Linda Berg Nora Noguez Ellee de Groot
Ushers		Bill Brinkman Tom Cromwell Jim Purvis George Brown
Coffee Connections	Team 9	Chris & Laura Porter, Lead
Stream Team		Claire Ciranni Stewart Walker
Newcomers Greeters		Carol Louie

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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