

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

July 26, 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

Lied

Louis Vierne

The Procession In

God, who stretched the spangled heavens

Hymnal 580

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 Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 129 Your de- | **crees are wonderful; ***
 therefore I obey them with | **all my heart.**
- 130 When your word goes forth | **it gives light; ***
 it gives understanding | **to the simple.**
- 131 I open my | **mouth and pant; ***
 I long for | **your commandments.**
- 132 Turn to | **me in mercy, ***
 as you always do to those who | **love your Name.**
- 133 Steady my footsteps | **in your word; ***
 let no iniquity have dominion | **over me.**
- 134 Rescue me from those | **who oppress me, ***
 and I will keep | **your commandments.**
- 135 Let your countenance shine u- | **pon your servant ***
 and teach | **me your statutes.**
- 136 My eyes shed | **streams of tears, ***
 because people do not | **keep your law.**

The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Hymnal 635

The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be

weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 **Ashley, Dick, Wyatt, Stephen, and Suzette.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Rod, Katie J., Katie M., Brian.**

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

Prayer of Hildegard

Barbara Wallace

*Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures,
spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures;
Glow of charity, lights of clarity,
taste of sweetness to sinners,
be with us and hear us.*

*Composer of all things, light of all the risen,
key of salvation, release from the dark prison:
Hope in disquietness, breath of consciousness,
joy in glory, our Savior,
be with us and hear us.*

The Doxology



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.

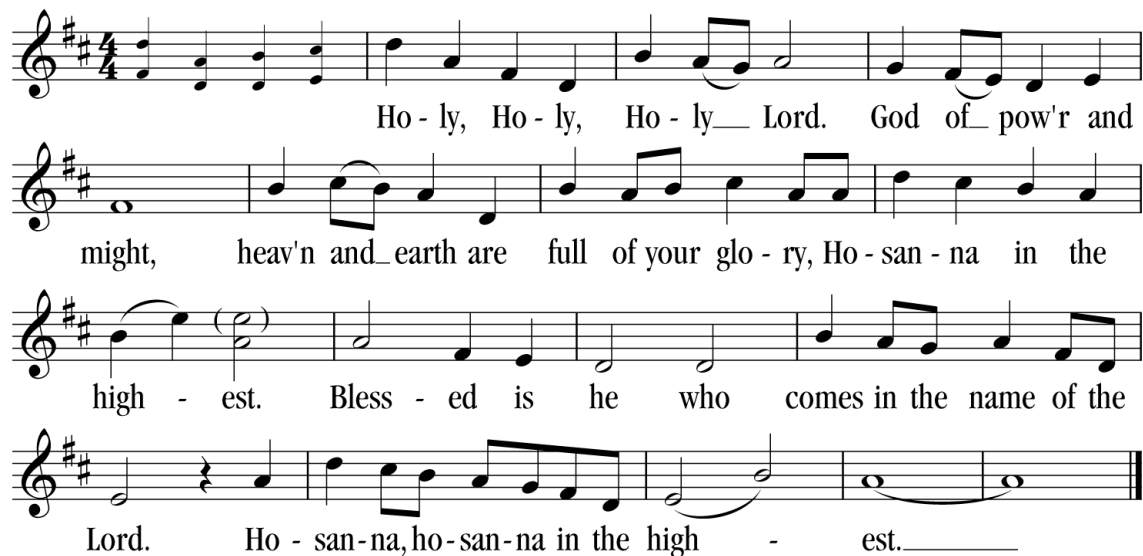
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Caroline Jou Armitage, soprano

David Patterson, piano

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 “Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

Hymnal 615

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

Fugue in C

Dmitri Shostakovich

Altar Flowers

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

Birthday Blessings

Rod Hall	July 27
Katie Jawetz	July 27
Katie Moore	July 29
Brian Seage	July 30

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 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 summer, St. Stephen's has been hosting rehearsals and performances of the Consort Chorale. Now in its 31st year, this fine group includes St. Stephen's singers Judith Ward, Larisa Lucaci, Katie Jawetz, Jennie Taylor, Noralee McKersie, and Laura Porter. Brad Schultz is the artistic director, and Luca Calder is the collaborative keyboardist. The Chorale is also assisted this year by founding conductor Allan Petker and associate conductor Sanford Dole.

The choir will be hosting two events as part of their residency at St. Stephen's this summer, and all are warmly invited to both a Jazz gala fundraiser and dinner in Kimball Hall on **Friday, August 7 at 6pm**, and a grand concert with orchestra in the sanctuary on Sunday, **August 16 at 4pm**. General admission tickets for both events are available at Coffee Connections (see Judith, Noralee, or Laura) or online through www.consortchorale.org.

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

Brad

brad@ststephenschurch.org

Announcements

Sunday Forum – Following the 10 a.m. service, grab coffee and a treat, and join Karl Belugem in the upstairs conference room for a lively discussion on the churches of Paris, based on episodes 1 and 2 of a new podcast prepared by Karl. All are welcome!

Backpack and School Supplies Drive – During coffee hour today, the outreach team will be assembling backpacks with school supplies that will be delivered to Ritter Center. All are invited to help pack the backpacks!

Gospel Reflection Hour – The group will be taking a break on Wednesday, July 29th. We will be back on Zoom at 8:30 the next week and look forward to spending time with you as we contemplate the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Newcomers and occasional attendees are always welcome; no homework, no required attendance, just inquiring minds. Please look for the Zoom link in next week's bulletin or on our website.

Upcoming Events

Schaper/Ostrom Farewell Party – S.F. Yacht Club

Thursday, July 30 5:30 p.m.

Men's Monthly Breakfast - S.F. Yacht Club

Saturday, August 8, 9:00 a.m.

Dog Days of Summer – Sanctuary

Sunday, August 9, 8 and 10 a.m.

Consort Chorale Summer Concert - Sanctuary

Sunday, August 16, 4:00 p.m.

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)

The Dog Days of Summer Are Here!



**Please bring your four legged family member
to church Sunday
August 9 at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Services**

*All dogs will be rewarded with special
treats at coffee hour!*



Serving in Worship

Presider		The Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Organist/Choir Director		Luca Calder
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Linda Fairchild Lilian Murray
	10 a.m.	Roger Kent Pamela Schaefer
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Linda Fairchild
	10 am	Nora Noguez
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Ewa Zaborowski Ellee de Groot
Altar Guild	Team 4	Martha Irmer Linda Fairchild Michele Larsen Melody Key Joanne Bentley
Ushers		Le Tran-Thi Jim Purvis Paul Rosenlund
Coffee Connections	Team 1	Lilian Murray, Lead
Newcomers Greeters		Sarah Sung

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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