

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite II

October 11, 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.

Children of all ages are welcome to worship with their parent(s) or caregiver. We invite families to sit up front so kids can see, hear, and join in the prayers and singing. We welcome wiggles and noise as a joyful sign that God is among us!

We also offer a year-round staffed nursery (infants-5) and Sunday School (K-4th, school year) for families who'd like their children in Christian Education. Please ask an usher for directions. Kids rejoin us in the sanctuary during the Peace to share in Holy Eucharist with the rest of the congregation.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Prelude

Hymn preparation
Psalm 23: Pastorale

Eurydice Osterman

The Procession In

How firm a foundation

Hymnal 636

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 (spoken at 8am, sung at 10am)

Hymnal S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Dominus regit me

Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and

supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Hymnal 339

The Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very 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 **Shirley, Suzanne, Josh, Bill, Dick, Wyatt, Stephen, and Suzette.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially **Lauren, Bill, Lance, and Gabe.**

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

*My shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake his ways:
He leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.*

My Shepherd will supply my need

*When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.*

Gerald Custer

*The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
Oh, may Thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.*

-Isaac Watts, after psalm 23

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.

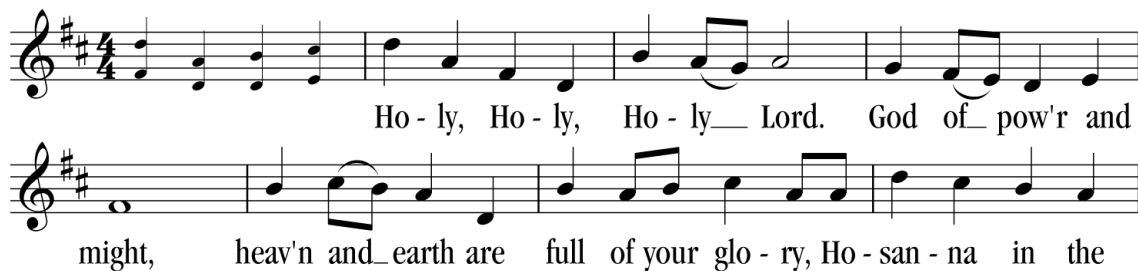
People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

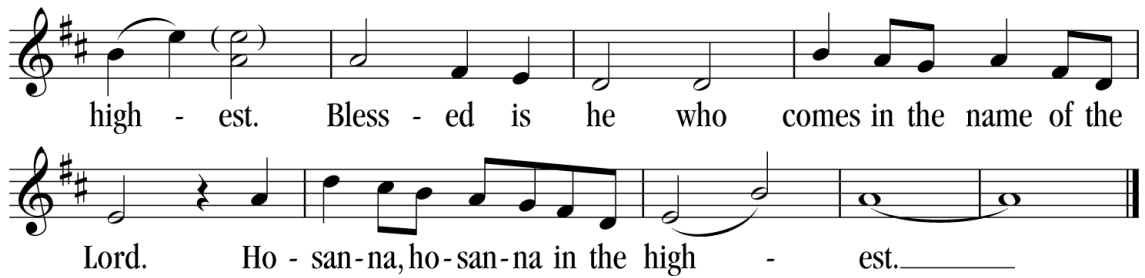
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



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

Let there be peace on earth

arr. Craig Courtney

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

With God our creator, children all are we.

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

-Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller

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 Jesus, joy of loving hearts

Hymnal 649

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

Psalm 23: Dwelling in the House of the Lord

Eurydice Osterman

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given
to the Glory of God and in grateful thanksgiving
for our 31st wedding anniversary
by Kyle and Brian Seage

Birthday Blessings

Lauren Hancock October 13

Bill Riley October 16

Lance Dalzell-Piper October 16

Gabe Agüero October 17

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. Prior to the start of the prelude, the organist previews all of the hymns heard in worship, in the order in which they appear.

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The fall season of choir rehearsals has officially begun. During our rehearsal season, the choir typically robes, processes and recesses on the first and last hymn, prepares one or two anthems for inclusion in worship, and leads the psalm. New singers are always welcome to join us in as much of the above as is feasible- though most in the choir do, singing while moving is not a requirement, so don't let that be a deterrent to your participation! A positive attitude, willing spirit and some(!) ability to match pitch are the only prerequisites.

In addition to our preparations to lead worship as the rehearsed voices of the congregation every Sunday, we prepare for occasional events outside of worship as well. Oftentimes these events are open to additional singers, so if you're not able to fit a weekly rehearsal in, it is still possible to participate in specific projects undertaken by the choir. One such project is the annual Christmas Concert, which will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 4pm this year. Built on the theme **“And on Earth, Peace,”** rehearsals for the concert begin in earnest with a Saturday retreat on October 24 from 10am to 1pm, and continue on subsequent Thursday evenings until the concert. If you or someone you know might be interested- either in joining the choir with regularity on Thursdays and Sundays, or in participating in a short-term commitment like the Christmas concert, I hope you will let me know!

Eurydice Osterman has been featured here in both our extensive dives into African-American and female composers in previous years. Her psalm 23 suite, which is built on the notes corresponding with the name of a close friend, was written for the convention of the American Guild of Organists held in 2024 in San Francisco.

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

Brad

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Announcements

Sunday Adult Forum – Following the 10 am. service this morning, please join Karl Belgium upstairs in the conference room for a lively discussion of G.K. Chesterton and his book “Orthodoxy”.

Celebration Sunday – Mark your calendar now for the culmination of stewardship with Celebration Sunday on **October 18!** We’ll have one 10am service that morning where we offer our gifts to God and then celebrate with a parish-wide luncheon, hosted by St. Stephen’s and led by the Stewardship Team and Vestry. Please use the enclosed card to RSVP or the QR code on the next page.

Knitting Ministry – All are welcome, beginners and skilled alike, to knit or crochet for others on the first and third Mondays of each month in the library at 10:00 am.

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.

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.

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)

Join Us for
Celebration Sunday!

Sunday, October 18

10:00 am

Lunch following in Kimball Hall

RSVP for lunch by using the code



Serving in Worship

Presider		The Very Rev. Kyle Dice Seage
Organist/Choir Director		Dr. Brad Schultz
Verger		Jo Ann Haseltine
Readers	8 a.m.	Ivan Weinberg Karen Gullett
	10 a.m.	Andrew Purvis Gretchen Lang
Intercessors	8 a.m.	Karen Gullett
	10 a.m.	Chris Mudge
Eucharistic Ministers	8 a.m.	Altar Guild
	10 a.m.	Carol Louie Bonnie Echerd
Altar Guild	Team 1	Barbara Berling Bonnie Echerd Jill Hinds Liz Hart Carol Louie Anne Johnston
Ushers		Lance Dalzell-Piper Warren Leiden Bill Brinkman
Coffee Connections	Team 2	Cary White, Lead
Newcomers Greeters		Rod Hall

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
Mary-Ann Milford
Philip Norris
Andrew Purvis
Jennie Taylor

Staff

Kyle Dice Seage
Brian Seage
Satoko Akuhara Boris
Elizabeth Gravely
Mary Hayden
Brad Schultz
Charlotte Ward
Ciara Ward

Rector
Interim Associate Rector
Events Coordinator
Parish Administrator
Bookkeeper
Minister of Music
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Children's Ministry Coordinator

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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