

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021, 8:00 and 10:00 am Worship Services



The Gathering of the Manna

Our Mission

is to be one with God
and humanity in Christ
by living the Gospel
with love and compassion.



Our Vision

is to become comfortable
with Jesus Christ
and boldly proclaim Him.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S! It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

On the first Sunday of each month a flag is raised and flies until the next month. The August flag is raised, "In memory of my Dad, Charlie Coco, for his service in the Army during WW II, and in honor of Larry Dye, for his service in the Army."

Rosalie Dye

✝ This symbol represents the point at which we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.

Prelude ***Prelude on "Hyfrydol"*** Healey Willan

Opening Prayer

For those in church, please stand.

Opening Hymn ***Let Us Break Bread Together***

The Word of God

The Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria—The Celebrant and People say

Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

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 Collect for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People ***Amen.***

The Lessons

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 16:2–4, 9–15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 51:1–13 *To be read responsively.*

L Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

C **Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

L For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

- C** **Against you only have I sinned ***
and done what is evil in your sight.
- L And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- C** **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, ***
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- L For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- C** **Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; ***
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- L Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- C** **Hide your face from my sins ***
and blot out all my iniquities.
- L Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** **Cast me not away from your presence ***
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- L Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Celebrant and People

**Glory to the † Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

For those in church, please stand.

When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,

† *(on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,*

† *(on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and*

† *(over the heart) in my heart to live it.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:24–35
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

❖ Sermon Dick Warner ❖

Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.

For those in church, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

We bow for the following two lines in bold.

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 *For those in church, please sit or kneel.*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Leader Let us pray.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop-elect, Wilmot our Priest, Dick our Supply Priest, and for all Bishops and other Ministers;

People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially as we continue to deal with COVID-19, and other health issues.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

People ***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People ***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;

People ***Who put their trust in you.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to remember them in our prayers, especially our families, friends, and loved ones.

Lord in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for:

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

**Additional Prayers*

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Nancy Mann (8/1), Harry Austin III (8/2), Joe Lenhard (8/6), Al Rotherham (8/6), Bob Grady (8/7), Richard Martin, Jr. (8/7), Dee Dee Pickering (8/7).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Richard & Rebecca Robinette (8/2), Bob & Gloria Scudder (8/3).

LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.

INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER. As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for: **Barry & Ann** Richardson, **Tom & Sandy** Richmond, **Dave** Rossi, **Al & Liz** Rotherham, **Roberta** Rowland-Raybold, **Carmen** Royall, **Bill & Marlene** Rushay, **Lois** Ruth, **Don & Joyce** Saftner, **Vivian** Salem.

Celebrant and People

Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and people

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 Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy † on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

***People* Amen.**

For those in church, please stand.

The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says

Celebrant God is Good!
People ***All the Time!***



The Holy Communion

Offertory

8:00 ***Sweet Chariot***

10:00 ***Depth of Mercy***

Curt Harper ~ Soloist

Catos/Wood

The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer A

For those in church, please stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where 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 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, to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People to be said

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

For those in church, please sit, kneel, or remain standing.

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:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

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.

People Amen.

And now as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People

**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

Celebrant and People

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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 Celebrant gives the blessing

The God of peace, who has exalted our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Spirit to lead you into all truth, and boldness to confess that Jesus is Lord; and through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near, and remain with all of you for ever.

***People* Amen.**

Please be seated.

❖ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ❖

For those in church, please stand.

The Celebrant dismisses the people.

Celebrant We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.

People ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

❖ **BENEDICTION** ❖



Closing Hymns

8:00 ***O God, Our Help***

10:00 ***I Am the Bread of Life***

Postlude ***Toccata in C Major***

Johann Pachelbel

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!

Today's Altar Flowers are given,
In praise and thanksgiving to God, and in celebration
of Richard B. Martin, Jr.'s 76th birthday.
Given by his forever friend and life partner, Lanell Ramsey

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