GRACE AND ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

October 26, 2025

8:00AM & 10:30AM

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

We are very pleased that you are joining us this morning. At Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church you will find a vibrant community gathered to offer God our best worship, to help each other follow Jesus, and to invite the Spirit to guide us in ways of love, justice, and truth. At Grace and St. Stephen's, we believe that you will experience the beauty of God's grace and the love of Jesus. Grace and St. Stephen's welcomes you and your family.

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Today's Announcements

- At both services, the Sunday Prayer Team invites anyone seeking healing prayers to join them in the St. Stephen's Chapel after receiving Eucharist.
- A Few of Fr Robert's Favorite Things: The Isenheim Altarpiece, 9:15am, Rm 211
- Sunday School, 10:15am, Children's Education Wing, Lower Level
- Choral Compline, 8pm, Nave
- Haiti Coffee Sales, today
- In celebration and gratitude for our retiring Sexton, Ron Hopkins, we invite you to contribute to a purse (retirement gift). You can give by check (Sexton's Purse) in memo line or online via Realm.
- We're looking for a dedicated volunteer to serve as Grace and St. Stephen's representative on the Interfaith Build for Unity subcommittee of Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. Please reach out to Stephanie Sparks,

scsparks@gmail.com for details

This week at Grace and St. Stephen's

- Mon. Oct. 27 Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Tues. Oct. 28 Lifeline Public Screening Event, 8am-5:30pm, Parish Hall Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook Women's Book Group, 10am, Room 211
- Wed. Oct. 29 Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel Communal Supper, 5:30pm & Bible Study, 6pm, Parish Hall
- Thur. Oct. 30 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook Centering Prayer, 10am, Weir Conference Room
- Fri. Oct. 31 Chanted Noonday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Sat. Nov. 1 Men's Bible Study, 8am, Weir Conference Room

Looking ahead

- Sun. Nov. 2 All Saints Day, Bring a photo of your loved ones that have passed to place on the altar in remembrance. Please note: Incense will be present at the 10:30am service.
- Thur. Nov. 6 McJimsey Seminar Lecture: The Rev. Sam Pillsbury, 4pm, Nave, reception to follow

For more information about these, or other events, visit our website at www.gssepiscopal.org

GIVING INTENTIONS

Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord. (I CHR. 29:9)



WEEKLY OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)





The flowers near the lectern are given in memory of Steven Dewberry from the Dewberry Family.



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Andante tranquillo (Sonata 3) Felix Mendelssohn

The people stand.



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

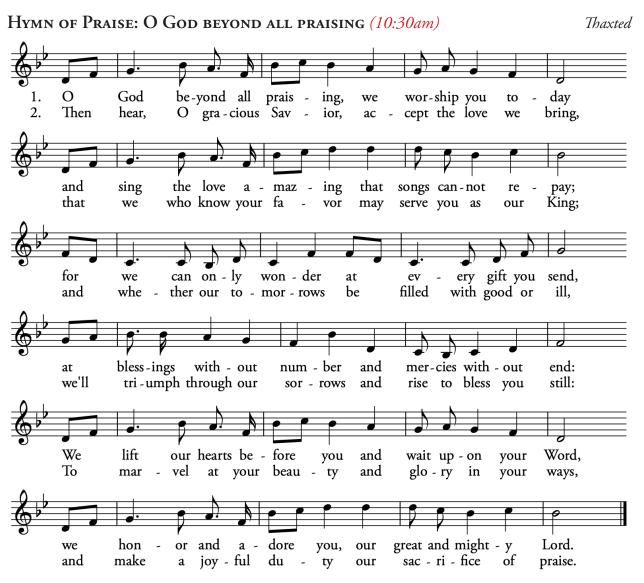
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Trisagion (8:00am)

Said thrice

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.



Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996) **Music:** Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel.

[2:23-32]

CHILDREN of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 65

Te decet hymnus

Read responsively by whole verse

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE

Reader A Reading from the second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

[4:6-8,16-18]

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

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Music: A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[18:9-14]

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was

beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

The people sit.

SERMON The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

Questions for Reflection

- When do you most feel "closed off" to the movements of God?
- What things make you say inspire you to say "wow"?
- How would you describe the "ache" that you feel?
- What things are you hungry for?
- What helps you to focus your attention on God's presence among us?
- What are your dreams for Grace and St. Stephen's?
- How will you pray for God to disturb us?

A period of silence is observed before the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED (The people stand)

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 (The people stand or kneel)

Form III

Intercessor

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.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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

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.

Celebrant

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. Amen.

THE PEACE (The people stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people sit.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

Give here:

Households with Intentions: 50

Total Intentions: \$250,330.84



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: God be in my head (10:30am)

John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding. God be in my eyes, and in my looking. God be in my mouth, and in my speaking. God be in my heart, and in my thinking. God be at mine end, and in my departing.

Presentation Hymn

Nun danket alle Gott

The people stand



Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People

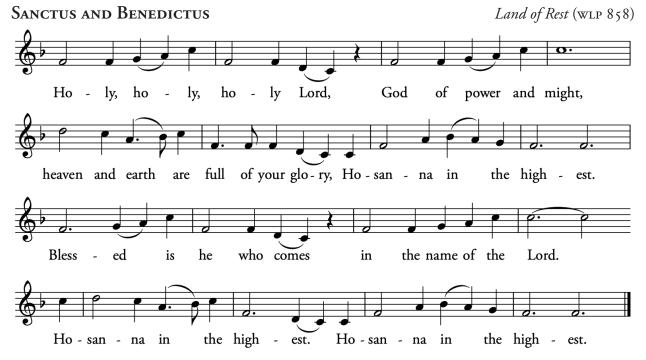
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here follows a Proper Preface.

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:



The people stand or kneel.

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.

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 say,

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

8:00am service:

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fracton Anthem (10:30am)

Carl Haywood (WLP 878)





Celebrant

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.

The people sit.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. Baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion at Grace and St. Stephen's. We commune by intinction or common cup. If you are gluten-intolerant, tell the priest when you come forward to receive. If you prefer a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for the priest to pray God's blessing over you. If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please let an usher know. A minister will bring Communion to you where you are sitting.

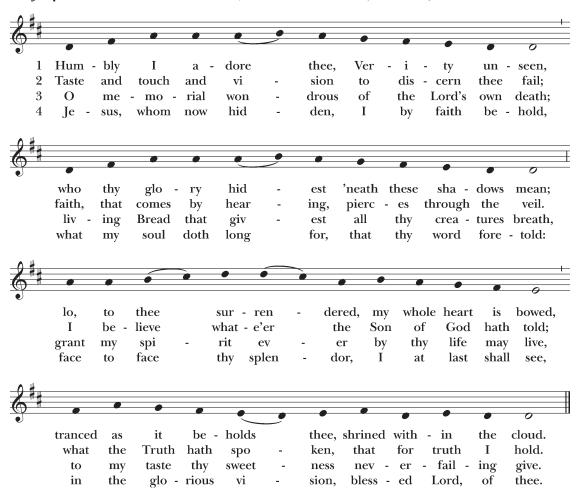
COMMUNION ANTHEM: Blest are the pure in heart (10:30am)

Henry Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Hymn 314: Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen (10:30am)

Adoro devote



Words: att. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Music: French church melody, mode 5, Processionale, 1697



Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945) **Music**: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand or kneel.

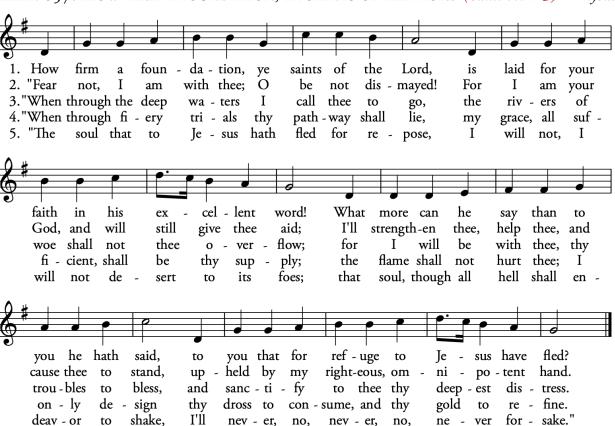
Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING





Words: from John Rippon's Selection, 1787 Music: att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people, who respond: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY: Fugue in C Major, BuxWv 174 Dieterich Buxtehude

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Birthdays: Jordan Fields, Betty Bridgman, Joan Hensel, Cayden Key, Nancy Carter, Maggi Johnson, Karon Cofield, Jackson Taylor, Emilie Sklenar, Dorothy Graf, Gilbert Ekholm, Kay Hosie, Linda Stump, Diana Anderson, Elizabeth Arehart

We pray for those who are sick, in trouble, or in harm's way:

For healing: Nancy, Kim, Lee, Skip, Debra, Mary, Kathye In harm's way: Adam, Rachel, Bill, Marcus, Mark

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Joseph Gilbert, Sexton

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The altar flowers today are given by Rufina Robbins & Joel Trekell in celebration of their wedding.





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