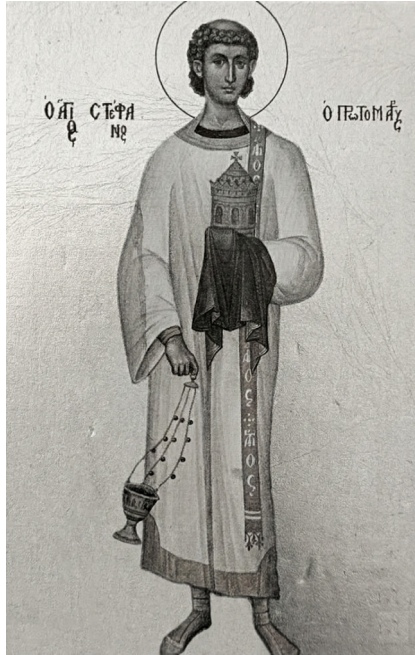




GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S  
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 14, 2026 | 10:30AM**

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

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.

## Today's Announcements

- Nursery Available, 9am-12pm, Nursery

### This Week at Grace and St. Stephen's

- Mon. Jun 15 Noontday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Tues. Jun 16 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Salsa Dancing with Lambarado, 5:20pm, Parish Hall
- Wed. Jun 17 Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Thur. Jun 18 Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook  
Centering Prayer, 11am, Weir Conference Room  
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 4pm, Blaik Library
- Fri. Jun 19 Office Closed for Juneteenth  
Chanted Noontday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- Sat. Jun 20 Men's Bible Study, 8am, Weir Conference Rm

### Looking Ahead

- Mon. Jun 22- Vacation Bible School, 9am-12pm, Children's Ed. Wing (Lower Level)
- Fri. Jun 26 Registration live at [www.gssepiscopal.org/children](http://www.gssepiscopal.org/children)
- Sat. Jun 26 Jazz in the Garden: Hennessy 6, 7pm, Memorial Garden
- Sun. Jun 28 Welcome Reception for the Rev. Michael Fenn, 12pm, Parish Hall

### Life Together

**Birthdays:** Estelle Tippetts, Audrey Parmentier, Rich Jackson, Tammy Lenz, Antonia Hensel, Dave Lucas, Chris Davis, Sofia Stephens; **Anniversaries:** Larry & Barbara Gaddis

*We pray for those in crisis of health or circumstance:* Gail Ash, Sally Beattie, Joseph Field, Maggi Johnson, Alex Lindberg, Leigh MacHaffie, KJ Ramsey, Frank Shelton, Anne Trinajstich

*We pray for those who have died and those who grieve:* Jane Green, former parishioner

*We pray for those in need of ongoing prayer:* Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Stuart Eyman, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Barb Good, John Hough, Annika Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Al Larson, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Br. William Marion Page, Sinnikka Pember-Coulter, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Kitty Taylor, Carol Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Pam White, Susan Willet, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Nick H., Oliver & Family, Piper, Wes

*We pray for those in harm's way:* Mark Jaskot, Frederich Jones, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Thomas Ward, Nicholas Wolf

# THE WORD OF GOD

**VOLUNTARY:** *Two Pieces in a minor*

George Frideric Handel

*The people stand, as able.*

**HYMN 535: YE SERVANTS OF GOD** (*Hymnal*)

*Paderborn*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

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

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant*

**A**LMIGHTY 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**

1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord

God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; \_\_\_\_\_ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
 tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**K**eeep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

[18:1-15]

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let

a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 116: 1, 10-17 (*Sung by all*)

Jerome Webster Meachen



**I** LOVE THE LORD, because he has heard the voice of my suppli | cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon | him.

How shall I repay the | Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for | me?

I will lift up the cup of | salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the | Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the | Lord \*  
in the presence of all his | people.

Precious in the sight of the | Lord \*  
is the death of his | servants.

O Lord, I am your | servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my | bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks | giving \*  
and call upon the Name of the | Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the | Lord \*  
in the presence of all his | people,

In the courts of the Lord's | house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Halle | lujah!

## THE EPISTLE

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans. [5:1-8]

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand, as able.*

HYMN 455: O LOVE OF GOD, HOW STRONG AND TRUE (*Hymnal*)

*Dunedin*

## THE GOSPEL

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.[9:35-10:23]  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and

children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** (*Please be seated.*)

The Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal

*A period of silence is observed between the sermon and the Creed.*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*The people stand, as able. Spoken by all.*)      BCP, 358

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (*The people stand or kneel, as able.*) Form 6, BCP 392

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SIN** (*The people kneel, as able. Said by all.*)      BCP, 393

**THE PEACE** (*Please stand, as able.*)

*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**

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



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *Come down, O Love divine*

William H. Harris

*Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illumining. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling; For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.*

PRESENTATION HYMN (Hymn 380, v.3) *(The people stand, as able.)*

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a-bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

*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...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (S129)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven 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 in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people remain standing or kneel, as able. The Celebrant continues...*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father...

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues...*

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**

**O**UR 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**

**AGNUS DEI**

Robert Powell (SI63)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God...

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome and invited to come forward to participate in the grace and peace of Communion. There are a few ways that you can do this:*

- *Receive both the bread and wine: Place one palm on top of the other and you will be given a piece of bread, which you consume. When the chalice comes to you, please assist by guiding the chalice to your lips.*
  - *Have the clergy intinct (dip) the bread into the wine for you: Place one palm on top of the other with your palms face down. Then turn your palms over to receive.*
  - *Gluten-free wafer: Please let the clergy person distributing bread know.*
  - *Receive a prayer of blessing: If you prefer not to receive Communion, or are not Baptized, cross your arms across your chest before receiving the bread. All Baptized Christians (in any tradition or denomination) are welcome to receive. If you are not Baptized and desire to be a part of and receive the Body of Christ, please speak with our clergy.*
- + *If you would like to pray with someone about anything on your heart or mind, a prayer team member will be in the Chapel or at the Tower entrance to pray with you after receiving Communion.*

*As you wait to go forward to receive Communion, or afterward, you might find prayers 66 & 67 on page 834 of the Prayer Book to be helpful.*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** *God so Loved the World*

John Stainer

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through him might be saved. God so loved a the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**HYMN 321: MY GOD, THY TABLE NOW IS SPREAD** (*Hymnal*)

Rockingham

**HYMN 302: FATHER, WE THANK THEE** (*Hymnal*)

Rendez à Dieu

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** (*The people stand or kneel, as able.*)

**E****T****E****R****N****A****L** **G****O****D**, 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 people stand, as able for the processional hymn.*

HYMN 377: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL (*Hymnal*) *Old 100th*

THE DISMISSAL *The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Little Fugue in C*

George Frideric Handel

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