



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S

✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026 | 8:00AM

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
- Sandwich Sunday, 12pm, Taft Hall

This Week at Grace and St. Stephen's

Mon. Aug 3	Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
Tues. Aug 4	Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook Salsa Dancing with Lambarado, 5:30pm, Parish Halle
Wed. Aug 5	Holy Eucharist, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
Thur. Aug 6	Morning Prayer, 9am, on Facebook Centering Prayer, 11am, Weir Conference Room
Fri. Aug 7	Chanted Noonday Prayer, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel Jazz in the Garden: USAFA Falconaires, 7pm, Memorial Garden

Looking Ahead

Wed. Aug 12	Men's Book Group: Magnifica Humantias Pt. 2, 6pm, Goat Patch Brewing
Tues. Aug 25	Women's Book Group: Summer Book Discussion, 10am, Blaik Library

Life Together

Birthdays: Colson Sutherland, Rebecca Theobald; **Anniversaries:** John & Sandy Russell, Angela & David Seals

We pray for those in crisis of health or circumstance: Debbie Barents, David Buckley, Ed Quinn, KJ Ramsey, Anne Trinajstich

We pray for those in need of ongoing prayer: Ted Arnn, Gail Ash, Sallie Beattie, Bob Black, Judy Couchman, Stuart Eyman, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Barb Good, John Hough, Annika Johnson, Maggi Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Al Larson, Alex Lindberg, Leigh MacHaffie, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Sinnikka Pember-Coulter, Elizabeth Phillips, Melody Pugh, Edie Reichert, Frank Shelton, 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: William Brown, Frederick Jones, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Thomas Ward, Nicholas Wolf

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, at the entrance of the clergy and servers.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 323

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

BCP, 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

[32:22-31]

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 17: 1-7 (*Read responsively by whole verse.*)

BCP, 600

THE EPISTLE

Reader

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

[9:1-5]

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL *(The people stand, as able.)*

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

[14:13-21]

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON *(Please be seated.)*

Daniel Pitts

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

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

BCP, 326

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

BCP, 329

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION OF SIN *(The people kneel, as able. Said by all.)* BCP, 331

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE PEACE *(The people stand, as able.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your
vows to the Most High. (PSALM 50:14)*

Give here:



THE DOXOLOGY *(The people stand, as able.)*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP, 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty... we laud and magnify thy glorious Name;
evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

BCP, 334

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory
be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.** *(After which, remain standing or kneel, as able.)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed by all.)*

BCP, 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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



The Rev. Dr. Robert Black, Rector
The Rev. Michael Fenn, Asst. Rector
The Rev. Katie Presley, Priest Associate
The Rev. Rich Munsell, Priest Associate
Clare Davis, Nursery Director
Christopher Fields, Sexton
Amily Beidelman-Almy, Dir of Engagement
& Finance

The Rev. Kris Lewis, Deacon
The Rev. Sam Pillsbury, Deacon
Richard Gray, Dir of Music Ministry
Katherine Murphy, Youth Group Leader
Sarah Sisson, Parish Administrator
Sr. Marcella Taylor, Minister of Children's &
Youth Formation