

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 17, 2018, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



"Mustard Seed" atrium mural

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 this morning. We believe everyone who comes through our doors as our guest is sent to us by God. So welcome, and if this is your first time with us, we ask that you please sign our guest book (include your mailing address/zip code) in the Narthex before you leave. Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship after the service this morning.

Our sincere thanks to our hosts for today...

Chris Kasanicky & Rosemary Chachowski—8:00 am
Eileen Carzon & Sandy Frantom—10:30 am

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As you come in this morning and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here this morning?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God this morning?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God this morning?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today is a reminder to me that another week has ended, and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

Canon Wilmot—a son of God

BROAD SHOULDERS

What is the Broad Shoulders Birthday Fund? ... Several years ago the Vestry approved funds contributed to Broad Shoulders be used for unbudgeted needs of St. Stephen's for buildings, grounds, or special projects. At the beginning of 2004, Fr. Merchant challenged everyone to contribute \$1.00 for each year of life or whatever one could afford, to the Broad Shoulders/Birthday Fund. A contributor has the opportunity to provide a special remembrance in personal thanksgiving or as a memorial, and he/she has the choice of having their remembrance mentioned in the Sunday bulletin.

2018 Broad Shoulder Donations as of May 31, 2018 total: \$1,082

On the first Sunday of each month a flag is raised and flies until the next month. The flag that is flying for the month of June is raised by Cheryl & Alan Brugier, in loving memory of Sgt. S. Laurence Johannan, U.S. Army Air Corps.

When you come in before the Worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During the Worship, be ready for God to speak to you. After the Worship, we invite you to fellowship with one another, especially those God has brought to us — visitors.

Parishioners, please wear your name tag. If you cannot find yours, please call the office and another one will be made for you.

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

Prelude

The Word of God



Opening Hymn ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

The People standing, 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.**

Song of Praise, all standing
O How I Love Jesus

LEVAS 95

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in mine ear, The sweetest name on earth.

*O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.

Refrain

It tells me what my Father hath In store for ev'ry day,
And though I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way.

Refrain

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, 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.

People ***Amen.***

The Lessons

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the First Book of the Prophet Samuel 15:34–16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.”

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.



Samuel anoints David

Psalm 92:1—4, 11—14

(to be read responsively by the Lay Reader and the Congregation)

- L It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- C To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**
- L On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.
- C For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
- L The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- C Those who are planted in the house of the LORD *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
- L They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;
- C That they may show how upright the LORD is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

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.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:6–17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire.

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 Mark 4:26—34
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon Hymn

While life’s dark maze I tread,
 And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn today,
Wipe sorrow’s tears away;
 Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire.

When ends life’s transient dream,
 When death’s cold, sullen stream
Shall o’er me roll;
 Blest Savior, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove,
 O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul.

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

The Nicene Creed

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 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 *(Please sit or kneel)*

The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively

Leader The Lord be with you.

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

Leader Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Gladstone our Bishop, Wilmot our priest, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People ***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, for Donald our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

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:

Barbara Allen, **Jack** Babb, **Mike** Baker, **Mary Ann** Berthrong, **Joyce** Burns, **Mary** Christensen, **Jack** Connell, **Andy** Dauer, **Sophie** Davenport, **Dorothy** Doty, **Darlene** Eichler, **Lib** Gerald, **Bob** Grady, **Ruth** Haffield, **Merye-lou** Heston, **Gloria** Hickey, **Charlotte** Houghtaling, **Sheryl** Jeffords, **Joan** Jones, **Cathy** Kahl, **Dick & Margaret** Koenig, **Bob & Jennifer** Landers, **Lee** Lang, **Bobbie & Wes** Lybrand, **Donna** Mathis, **Eugenia** Merchant, **Jackie** Mills, **Doerthe** Needham, **Ron** Oliver, **Art** Perry, **Sue** Peterson, **Naomi** Reese, **Agnes** Samuel, **Rod & Joan** Saunders, **Elisabeth** Strillacci, **Gilbert** Taylor, **Roger & Lynn** Thompson, **Ginny** Vrydaghs, **Dorothy** Waite, **Donna** Walsh, **Barbara** Ward, **Maggie** Warren, **Mary Jane** Wilson.

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 Church in South Carolina. Today we are praying for:

Lord, in Your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

**Additional Prayers*

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.

LET US PRAY FOR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Charles Merchant (6/18), Bud Nelson (6/19), Helen Rapp (6/20), Lynn Long (6/21).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Brad & Darleen Smith (6/19), Frank & Rosalie Youkers (6/20), Ron & Sylvia Herring (6/21), Bob & Jennifer Landers (6/22).

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: **Chris** Kasanicky, **John** Keithan, **Ray & Phylis** Kersting, **Rosey** King, **Dick & Margaret** Koenig, **Gary & Judy** Kumerfield, **Bob & Jennifer** Landers, **Harold & Cynthia** Larsen, **Shelia** Latta, **Joe** Lenhard.

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.**

Please stand.

The Peace

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.**

Please be seated for announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

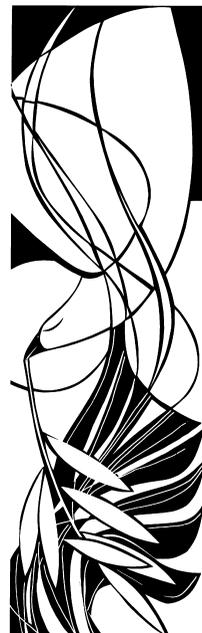
Doxology:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer A

People remain standing

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

Celebrant and People

S129

Bow during the underlined text

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.

(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, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.**



The Breaking of the Bread
Celebrant and People (to be sung)

S154

Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love Him
and for those who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

Anointing and Laying on of Hands (8 am service)

Please come to the rail after communion.

The congregation is asked to join in singing the communion hymns.

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord,
 forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
 his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
 His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
 we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound,
 we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
 we'll live and speak his praise.

Higher Ground

LEVAS 165

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith, on heaven's table land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim is higher ground.

Refrain

I want to live above the world,
Though satan's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught a joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

Refrain

I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on the higher ground."

Refrain

Make Me a Blessing

LEVAS 158

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

*Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing,
Out of my life May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.*

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,
Tell of His power to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True, every moment you live,

Refrain

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.

Refrain

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.

Benediction *to be sung (please stand)*

God be with you till we meet again;

By His counsels guide, uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you,

God be with you till we meet again.



The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal 525

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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

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

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

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

Postlude

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!

Our Guest Organist today is Darleen Smith.

The Altar Flowers are given,
*In loving memory of **Janis Donell,***
from her sister, Avis West and family.

A donation to Broad Shoulders has been made,
In thanksgiving for another year filled with blessings.

Helen Rapp

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Ministers: The Congregants of St. Stephen's, Family, Friends and Visitors
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II
Guest Organist: Darleen Smith

8:00 am

LR/CB Janelle Camp & Cheryl Brugier
Greeters Maggie Warren & Celia Lienau
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10:30 am

Peter & Cathy Fellows
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& Dorothy Waite
Flower Guild Maggie Warren, Dorothy Doty,
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All of God's people (St. Stephen's Parish Family), Ministers
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