

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ  
Sunday Holy Eucharist – Rite Two  
Sunday, June 6, 2021  
Second Sunday of Pentecost

**The Word of God**

*Celebrant*     **Alleluia. Christ is Risen.**  
*People*         The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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**

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

**Collect**

*Celebrant*     **The LORD be with you.**  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     **Let us pray.**

**O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lesson**

**Genesis 3:8-15**

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?". He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

## Psalm 130

### *De profundis*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;\*  
Let your ears consider well the voice of my  
Supplication.
- 2 If you Lord, were to note what is done amiss,\*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
Therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;\*  
In his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord  
More than watchmen for the morning,\*  
More than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,\*  
For with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption,\*  
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Epistle

### **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture---“I believed, and so I spoke”---we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our

outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

## The Gospel

*Celebrant*       **The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ, according to Mark.**

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Mark 3:20-35**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for the people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can

enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man: then indeed the house can be plundered." "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they has said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed** *(all stand)*

*Celebrant and People*

**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, Form VI**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.  
For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are  
alone.*  
For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*  
For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.*  
For all those who are in danger, sorrow or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*  
For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers.  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*  
For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
Hear us, Lord  
*For your mercy is great*  
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*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.  
Lord let your loving kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

**We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:**

*Celebrant and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father: in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest 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. *Amen.*

**The Peace** *(all stand)*

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

**Celebrant**            **Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.**

**Preparation of the Bread and Wine**

**The Great Thanksgiving -- Eucharistic Prayer C**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**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.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

**God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.**

*People: Glory to you for ever and ever.*

**At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.**

*People: By your will they were created and have their being.*

**From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.**

*People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

**Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.**

*People: By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

**And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in unending hymn:**

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

**The Celebrant continues:**

**And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”**

**Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,**

*People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

**Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Delivers us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.**

*People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

**Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.**

*People: Amen.*

**And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,**

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**

*Silence*

*Celebrant* [Alleluia.] **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

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

**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 Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

### **The Prayer of Spiritual Communion St. Alphonsus Liguori**

(Prayed by those who would normally receive, but are either uncomfortable due to the pandemic or availed to stay at home when normally would be with us.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As if you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Permit me never to be separated from you. Amen.

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### **Blessing & Prayers**

**Announcements**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

**Let us go forth in the name of Christ**

**[Alleluia Alleluia!]**

*People*

Thanks be to God, [Alleluia, Alleluia!]

