

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ  
Saturday Holy Eucharist – Rite Two  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

**The Lesson**

**Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

**Psalm 98**

*Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight  
of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house  
of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### **The Epistle**

#### **1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers

the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

### **The Gospel**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### **John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will

last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 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 for 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, especially Robert Thomas  
Tucker, 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.

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 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 A**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

People: We lift them up 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 a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere  
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and  
earth.

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:

**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.**

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 in 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 the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**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,**

**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.]

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

## **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!]*