

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Waretown, NJ  
Morning Prayer with Spiritual Eucharist:  
Rite Two—Sunday, June 28, 2020: 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

Opening Hymn #525      The Church

Let us sing Verses 1 & 5

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.

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Officiant*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*(Silence for the people to silently confess their sins to God)*

*Officiant and People together*

**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 priest offers absolution to the people.)*

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.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant 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. Alleluia**

*Officiant* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

*People* **Come let us adore him.**

## **Jubilate** *Psalm 100* *BCP Page 82*

*Officiant and People read responsively by verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*

serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***

**he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **The Psalm Appointed**

**Psalm 13** *Usquequo, Domine? BCP page 597*

*Officiant and People read responsively by verse*

1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? \*

how long will you hide your face from me?

2 **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? \***

**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; \*

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 **Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \***

**and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 **I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; \***

**I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.**

**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.**

## The Lessons

*One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying*

*The Reader says*

### **A Reading from Genesis [22: 1-14]**

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **16 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1:68-79 BCP pg 92*

*Officiant and People read responsively by verse*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***  
**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \***  
**and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear, \***  
**holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

*The Reader says*

**A Reading from Romans [6:12-23]**

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*After each Lesson the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

# Sequence Hymn #345 Holy Eucharist

Let us sing Verses 1 & 2

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise  
\*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;  
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;  
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;  
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,  
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.  
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:  
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

## **The Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [ 10: 40-42]

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

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple -- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon** by The Rev. M. Mantelle Bradley

## **The Apostles' Creed** *BCP page 96*

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Prayers** *BCP page 97*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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 Litany during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing any disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Be with those who have died during this quarantine time and because of the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

Whether we are home or abroad, surround by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist, and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. . Lord in your mercy ...

*People:* **Hear our prayer**

*Officiant*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Explanation of Spiritual Communion**

*Officiant says to the People*

Let us pray In union,

*Officiant and People*

**O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen** *(From the Prayer Book for the Armed Forces from The Episcopal Church)*

*Officiant* Let us pray the Collects for the day

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*\*\*\* Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow. \*\*\**

**The General Thanksgiving**    *BCP page 101*

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** *BCP page 102*

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.***

**The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Blessing**

*Officiant says*

May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

***Amen.***

*Then may be said*

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

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