



SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MORNING PRAYER: RITE II  
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST – PROPER 8

Opening Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #411 - O bless the Lord, my soul (verses 1-3)*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

*The officiant begins with a passage of scripture*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

**Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

***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 Officiant alone says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*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.***

## **Jubilate Psalm 100**

***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.***

## Psalm 130

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.

*At the end of the Psalms is sung or said*

***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 people may be seated for the readings]**

## **The Word of God**

### **A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (1:1, 17-27),**

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.

David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said:

Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places!  
How the mighty have fallen!  
Tell it not in Gath,  
proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon;  
or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice,  
the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult.

You mountains of Gilboa,  
let there be no dew or rain upon you,  
nor bounteous fields!  
For there the shield of the mighty was defiled,  
the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more.

From the blood of the slain,  
from the fat of the mighty,  
the bow of Jonathan did not turn back,  
nor the sword of Saul return empty.

Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely!  
In life and in death they were not divided;  
they were swifter than eagles,  
they were stronger than lions.

O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  
who clothed you with crimson, in luxury,  
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

How the mighty have fallen  
in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan lies slain upon your high places.  
I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
greatly beloved were you to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.

How the mighty have fallen,  
and the weapons of war perished!

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

### **Canticle 11 - The Third Song of Isaiah**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
    and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land;  
    deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise,  
    and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light,  
    and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open;  
    by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
    The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
    ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation,  
    and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day;  
    by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
    and your God will be your glory.

***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.***

### **A Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians (8:7 - 15),**

As you excel in everything-- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-- now finish

doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord*

*People*        *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #525 - The Church's one foundation (verses 1-3)***

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,

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;

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?"

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.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (5:21-43),**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*Reader*            *The Word of the Lord*

*People*            *Thanks be to God*

### **Silent Reflection**

The Apostles' Creed [Please stand, as you are able]

*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 Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*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 Prayers of the People – Form III [The people may be seated]**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***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;

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

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

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

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

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

Give to the departed eternal rest;

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

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

On the Anglican Cycle of Prayers, we pray for The Hong Kong Anglican Church (Episcopal) (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui).

We also pray for those who gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church and for the election of the 28<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop.

On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Stephen's, Billings and the Rev. Stephen Day, Rector. We also pray for the staff and campers at Camp Marshall.

Within our parish family, we pray for Candace, Danielle, Doug, Ed, Jari, Jennie, Justin, Laura, Libby, Linda, Michael, and Richard. We also pray for our hosts and partners - the staff and community members of Saint John's United.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

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

**Offertory Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #518 - Christ is made the sure foundation (verses 1-2)***

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

*Collect of the Day*

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.**

*Collect for Sundays*

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.**

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Times of Conflict*

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Regular Use during Sunday Worship by Congregations in Discernment*

Blessed God, you make all things new: Guide us as we seek your will for a new community of Word and Sacrament, that it may be leaven for the world's bread, and wine of delight for hearts in need; a gathering strong for service and glad in praise; and a people listening and responding to your presence in their midst; through Jesus our Redeemer and steadfast companion. **Amen.**

*Prayer for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*All stand. The Officiant says to the people [Please stand, as you are able]*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

## Announcements

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

*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*

*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.*

*Then may be said*

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

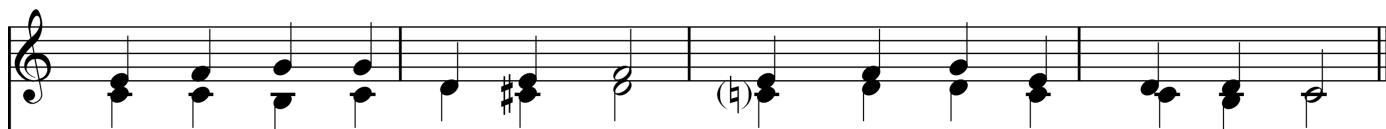
The Officiant concludes with the following

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Recessional Hymn: *Hymnal 1982 #530 - Spread, O spread, thou mighty word (v. 1 - 3)*



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,  
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;  
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;



1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;  
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;  
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;

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## **Churchy Term of the Week – General Convention**

The national legislative body of the Episcopal Church. It consists of a House of Bishops, which includes all active and retired bishops, and a House of Deputies, which includes four lay persons and four clergy from each diocese, each area mission, and the Convocation of the American Churches in Europe. The Convention meets every three years. The Houses meet and act separately, and both must concur to adopt legislation. The General Convention alone has authority to amend the Prayer Book and the church's Constitution, to amend the canons (laws) of the church, and to determine the program and budget of the General Convention, including the missionary, educational, and social programs it authorizes. A majority of bishops may request the Presiding Bishop to call a Special General Convention. Special General Conventions met in 1821 and in 1969. The General Convention elects twenty of the forty members of the Executive Council, which administers policy and program between the triennial meetings of the General Convention.

## **Bonus Churchy Term of the Week - Presiding Bishop**

Chief Pastor and Primate of the Episcopal Church. The office evolved originally from a rule of the House of Bishops in 1789 making its presiding officer the senior member in terms of date of consecration. As a result of increased duties, the office was incorporated into the Constitution of the Church in 1901 and styled Presiding Bishop of the Church. In 1919 the office was made elective and invested with executive responsibility for all departments of the church's work. The first election of a Presiding Bishop by General Convention took place in 1925. Since 1943 the Presiding Bishop has been required to resign diocesan jurisdiction upon election. In 1967 the duties of the office were significantly enhanced. As "Chief Pastor," the Presiding Bishop is charged with initiating and developing church policy and strategy, speaking God's Word to the church and the world, and visiting every diocese of the church. The title "Primate" was added in 1982. The Cathedral of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Washington, D. C., is the official seat of the Presiding Bishop. The office of the Presiding Bishop is located at the Episcopal Church Center in New York City. The present term of office for the Presiding Bishop is nine years.

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What do we want to do and be? We are called on **to be a mission-minded or missional people** as followers of Christ. So, the question for all of us is what sort of ministries do we want to be involved with?

Each year the Episcopal Church asks congregations about the Outreach Ministries and Volunteer Activities they are involved in. Here are some of those they list, as examples of possibilities:

- Food pantry, soup kitchen, or meal projects
- Sustainable food garden/cooperative
- Day care, preschool, before- or after-school programs
- Tutoring or literacy programs
- Health programs (parish nurse, clinics, health education, etc.)
- Community organizing, organized social issue advocacy
- Job placement, job training, employment counseling
- Building projects (such as Habitat for Humanity)
- Support groups (bereavement, divorce, job loss, 12-step, etc.)
- Programs for the elderly and homebound persons
- Clothes closet, thrift store
- Homeless or no-freeze shelter
- Overseas sponsorships, microloans, Heifer Project, Haiti relief
- Refugee resettlement

**We continue to need your input.** Please feel free to share it with me or through one of the following means.

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*"Woman with the Flow of Blood" by Frank Wesley, 20th century*



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