

Welcome to St Stephen's

BELVEDERE

Prayer makes an enormous difference, but it doesn't work in terms of putting in a request to the management and getting a slip back saying 'Yes' or 'No'. First of all, it changes you. If you keep at it, if you keep that rhythm of trying to increase and deepen your trust, trying to be quiet before God, letting God be God, something will shift, and you may not see it immediately because plants under the soil don't see how they're growing but growth goes on.

Second, God has made a world in which there are free and fairly intelligent people. We can make a difference of a different order. We can pray. Here's a situation of deep suffering or conflict. What can we do? Practical things, but God's also given us that sense of relationship with him and trust in him and said, 'Bring it to me. Don't just do it yourself, bring it to me.'

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To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new, please email office@ststephenschurch.org to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>
- If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or you'd like a call from one of our priests, please email office@ststephenschurch.org.
- For all current information and schedules, please check the church website St Stephen's Calendar page.

18th July 2021 | The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

— Altar Flowers —



The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of John Karl Hirten
by the Staff & Clergy of St Stephen's.

Serving at the Altar Today

Readers	DeWitt Bowman, Potter Wickware
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Karen Clark
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Altar Guild Team	Barbara Berling, Bonnie Echerd, Jill Hinds, Liz Hart, Carol Louie
Usher	Miles Woodlief
Preacher	The Rev'd Christine Trainor
Celebrant	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper II

18th July 2021 | 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship is a verb. From the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart, we welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer A, in the Book of Common Prayer, page 361.

For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity *Said by all.*

BCP 355

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.

The Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading 2. Samuel 7. 1 – 14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 89. 20 – 37 *Tunc locutus est*

BCP 715, Part II

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 2. 11 – 22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and

without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

The Holy Gospel Mark 6. 30 – 34, 53 – 56

Gospeller The ✠Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.

The Homily

Christine Trainor

After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed *Standing*

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People *The people say the response.* **Form I, BCP 383**

During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list and sing the response as shown.

Leader Let us pray to the | LORD
People | **LORD, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, including

John, Ginny, Ruth, Christine, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, including

Jeff Hill, and Larry Smiley,

let us pray to the Lord.

And on their Year's Mind, we remember and pray for

Charlotte Biggart Morrison, and Ronald Buller.

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 359

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory

Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Preface

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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:

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might...*

BCP 362

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

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.

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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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.

At the Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

At the Communion

To our livestream congregation:

How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."

Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.

People can contact christine@ststephenschurch.org if they would like to arrange for communion from the reserve sacrament.

The Post-Communion Prayer *The people stand.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Benediction *The people remain standing and respond **Amen** at the conclusion.*

Celebrant

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Son, and the Ever-living Spirit be with you now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

There will be no closing hymn today.

— Join the Live Coffee Hour Following the Service —

Live in the Courtyard, 11:00a

Coffee available.

— Announcements —

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings including Bible Studies, and Sunday Forums, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S Calendar** page on our website at <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/calendar/>.

The in-person services do not require registration or check-in. Services are back at their normal start times both inside: 8a, and 10a. **Capacity is no longer limited, and masks no longer required.** Two-part individual-servings of communion will be offered at both services.

Office hours are Monday *and* Thursday from 9:00a to 4:00p. Please call first due to summer vacations.

Childcare is provided in the Nursery in the lower level. Open from 9:40a to 11:30a, and available to children up through age 3. A child is released only to the worshipping parent who registered the child. Our wonderful Childcare Professional is Ann Muengnoi.

Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email and that you are currently receiving the weekly eNews [*Tidings*] from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible:
elizabeth@ststephenschurch.

Nave Prayers | The church is once again open during the week, Monday through Thursday from 9:00a to 4:00p for personal prayer.

Save the Dates:

- Farewell Send-off for John Hirten, 25th July following the 10a service.
- Men & Women's Breakfasts on Saturdays at 8:00a, Bayside Cafe, Sausalito except for one Men's Breakfast per month in Kimball Hall.
- Next Men only breakfast, 31st July at 8:00a, \$20, RSVP to Jock Putney: jock@nuvolom.com.

Photos for the online Directory: If you do not have a photo in the online Parish Directory, or would like your current photo updated, please send one to dee@ststephenschurch.org.

Clergy Pastoral Care & Confession | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812. You may also call the office voicemail if you wish to have a confession with either priest.

Check our YouTube page regularly for short videos, and brief Feast Day video uploads, Holy Week Streams, and all Sunday Streams: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>

Altar Flower Donations: Multiple Christmas donations remain open. Sign up with this link: <https://bit.ly/3iFUSgH>

Live Stream | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravely to let us know.

- Go to <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere> and save this in your browser favorites. *If you have difficulty finding the livestream after the service, look for the 'videos' button, and look under 'uploads', then 'past videos'.*

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

St Stephen's 2021 Vestry

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A Guide to St Stephen's

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