

Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

Most often, bread is shared food. In the ancient world, a large loaf usually sat at the center of the table, from which guests would tear off portions with their hands — an earthy, tactile breaking of bread together.

The food of both kings and paupers, men and women, rich and poor, slave and free, through the ages bread has remained a staple of sustenance as everyone's food, symbolizing unity and hospitality.

As a final act of love before his crucifixion, Jesus breaks bread with his followers. And right after his resurrection he meets the disciples on the shore with baked bread — an act of peace and reconciliation.

Welcome to St Stephen's, a community grounded in sharing the bread of life.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- The Bishop's Office requests that, indoors, the congregation wear masks. They may be removed to receive the Sacrament of Communion.
- 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.

8th August 2021 | The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

— Altar Flowers —



The flowers at the altar today are given by
Bonnie & Steve Echerd
to the glory of God, with love and in honor
Barbara Berling's birthday.

Serving at the Altar Today

Readers	Potter Wickware, Dee Bowman
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Karen Clark
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Eucharistic Minister	Altar Guild
Altar Guild Team 1	Barbara Berling, Bonnie Echerd, Jill Hinds, Liz Hart, Carol Louie
Usher	Dee Bowman
Parish Music Director	John Karl Hirten
Preacher	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.
Celebrant	The Rev'd Christine Trainor



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Proper 14

8th August 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 Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading 2. Samuel 18. 5 – 9, 15, 31 – 33

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand

men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

BCP 784

The Epistle Reading Ephesians 4. 25 – 5. 2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not

grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to 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 John 6. 35, 41 – 51

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

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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

Phil Ellsworth

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

Kiana, Bill, Tom, Barbara, 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 those we name now,

let us pray to the Lord.

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

Manuel DePonte, Jr.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession & Absolution

BCP 359

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

BCP 362

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.

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

Please come forward in one line to receive the holy bread from the Celebrant, and then process to the side of the altar to take a small serving cup of holy wine. After drinking the wine, please deposit the small cup into the blue bowl (piscina) as you return to your seat.

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.

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.

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

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession *The people remain facing the Altar.*

Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

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The Dismissal

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

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

— Announcements —

The Bishop's Office requests that masks again be worn indoors

Save the Dates:

- 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 on 14th August at 8:00a. \$20 donation. RSVP to Jock Putney: jputney@gmail.com
- On 15th August, sometime around 12:30p, tune your ears to the Belvedere lagoon where you will hear the St Stephen's Choir sing.

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.** Two-part individual- servings of communion will be offered at both services.

Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:00a to 3:00p. Please call first.

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, Tuesday, Thursday from 11:00a to 3:00p for personal prayer.

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 services 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'.*

Book Group Kick-Off
26th August
CTT's in SF
6:30p

Join Mother Trainor for a book group reading *The Vanishing Half*, a novel by Brit Bennett. Read the book and come to her house for light hors d'oeuvres on Thursday, 26th August from 6:30 to 8 pm to explore its themes and discuss its story. Please email to let her know you are interested in joining the group,
[christine\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:christine[at]ststephenschurch.org)

*“Weaving together multiple strands and generations of this family, from the Deep South to California, from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a story that is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of the American history of passing. Looking well beyond issues of race, *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.”*

Available on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/The-Vanishing-Half/dp/0349701474/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_o?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

— CTT+
Christine Trainor

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

St Stephen's 2021 Vestry

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