



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**EASTER 6 Holy Eucharist**  
**MAY 9, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m. CT**

[YouTube Live Stream](#)

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If you prefer to watch the service *at a LATER TIME OR DATE*,  
we will be providing the recording through  
the [church website](#).

Dear St. Stephen's,

Thank you for joining us for the Easter 6 Holy Eucharist Service. Today's lectors are Bill Cline and Will Webber at the 10:30 a.m. Live Stream and Katy Shugart at the 11:30 a.m. Courtyard Service. Music is provided by Anne Jones and Allen Hennig. Sondra Blanford, Mary McIntosh have a team that prepares the altar. Roy Buckley, Adeline Crowley, Mike Marcionetti, and Todd Schmidt are running our A/V. Elisa Webster, our Family & Youth Minister, will be delivering the homily.



As a reminder, this Sunday, May 9, is also Mission Sunday. You are all invited to join us in the Courtyard at 2:00 p.m. for our monthly outreach activity and a brief service. This month, in tribute to the collective care and love of mothers, we will be writing letters and drawing pictures to deliver to those that cannot easily get "out and about."

If you are already a St. Stephen's YouTube subscriber and/or Facebook follower, you will receive an alert Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. CT when we begin to stream the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Service. For others, you may watch the service at 10:30 a.m. by clicking the links at the top of this order of worship or visiting the church website, [ststeve.org](http://ststeve.org) and clicking the blue *Online Sunday Worship* button.

May God bless you this day and always,

## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

*Today's altar flowers are given by St. Stephen's to the Glory of God and in honor of Mother's Day.*



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## PRELUDE



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## WELCOME

*Lector: Bill Cline*

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## THE OPENING HYMN #400

**"All Creatures of our God and King" (vv. 1, 4,7)**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessing on our way, O praise him, Alleluia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

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## THE SALUTATION

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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.

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## GLORIA S278 (BCP p. 356)

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.

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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## COLLECT FOR THE DAY (BCP p. 225)

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.*

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## THE LESSONS

### First Reading (Acts 10:44-48)

*Lector: Will Webber*

**Lector:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

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## PSALM 98 (*Cantate Domino*)

*Lector: Will Webber*

*The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 98, beginning on page 727 in your prayer book. We will read responsively by whole verse. Psalm 98, page 727.*

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.

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## THE SECOND READING (1 John 5:1-6)

*Lector: Bill Cline*

**Lector:** A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

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## GRADUAL HYMN #R99

"Sing to the Lord a New Song"

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Sing a new song, sing a new song,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

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## THE GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

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*

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

***Celebrant and People:*** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## HOMILY

*Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister*



## THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)

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.

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form III, BCP p. 387)

*Lector: Bill Cline*

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**People:** *That we all may be one.*

**Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**People:** *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

**Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**People:** *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

**Leader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**People:** *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

**Leader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**People:** *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

**Leader:** Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**People:** *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

**Leader:** Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**People:** *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

**Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People:** *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

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

*(The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect)*

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## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People:** *And also with you.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is Mission Sunday. Meet in the Courtyard at 2:00 p.m. to write letters for Deer Creek and Symphony residents.
- Sunday, May 23, Pentecost, is our return to in-building, in-person at 8:00 a.m. (Chapel), 10:30 a.m. (Sanctuary). We will continue to also live-stream the 10:30.
- Only two more Courtyard 11:30 a.m. services (May 9, May 16).
- [Online giving](#) can be done through the church website through gifts of gratitude and [pledge cards](#).
- TAKE 5, a 5 minute music break hosted by Allen Hennig airing on YouTube and Facebook on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. CST. [Click for TAKE 5 playlist](#).
- **Happy May Birthdays: Becky Denton, Dorothy Harris, David Holmes, Tom Jenkins, Elizabeth May, Aubrienne Olstad, Ray Schiflett III, Hunt Jackson Sparra**
- **Happy May Wedding Anniversary: Charlie & Nancy Henson (56 years), James & Elizabeth May (48 years), and Kevin & Heather Schubert (17 years)**
- To order and dedicate altar flowers, fill out [online form](#).

## BLESSINGS (Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

Becky Denton  
Dorothy Harris  
David Holmes  
Tom Jenkins  
Elizabeth May  
Aubrienne Olstad  
Ray Schiflett III  
Hunt Jackson Sparra



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

Nancy & Charlie Henson (56 years)  
Elizabeth & James May (48 years)  
Heather & Kevin Schubert (17 years)



### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Sentence:** Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory Hymn:**

"His Name So Sweet" (trad. Spiritual, arr. Boatner)

**Doxology (all sing)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Eucharistic Prayer A** (BCP pg 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 him 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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:

***Celebrant and People sing (S128)***

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.

**Celebrant:** 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.

**Celebrant:** 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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

### ***People and Celebrant***

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction "Christ Our Passover" S154**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Distribution of Communion**

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

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**POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP pg. 365)**

**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.

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**THE BLESSING (BCP pg. 339)**

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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**CLOSING HYMN #455**

**"O Love of God, How Strong and True" (vv. 1-4)**

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above; we read thee  
in the earth below, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came to bear for us the cross of shame, sent by  
the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the darkness of the grave; still  
more in resurrection light we read the fullness of thy might.

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**DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth with the risen Christ!

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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**POSTLUDE**



*Organist/pianist for this service: Allen Hennig*

*Singing/Cantor: Anne Jones*

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