

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 14, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lina Frank in honor
of her sister, Helena Ogle, and her son, Steven.*

Prelude: Prelude on Two Traditional Hymns

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

#366, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Celebrant:

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 GLORIA

S - 280, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People:

***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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 80: 1-2, 8-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved."

SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

AT 10:30 AM:

GRADUAL HYMN - "Fight the Good Fight

#552, Hymnal 1982

THE GOSPEL - Luke 12:49-56

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided.

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

THE SERMON

The Rev. Shirley Smith-Graham

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

***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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Deacon : In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Deacon: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Deacon: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Deacon: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Deacon: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Deacon: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Deacon: For our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and our Bishops, Susan and Jennifer, and Bishop-Elect, Mark; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Deacon: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation; especially for:

Barbara C	Nadine	Amy K	Arlene U
Benjamin R	Patrick E	Linda L	Bettie
Buddy C	Ray J	Anne K - S	Sara B
Carol G	Robert D	Chris G	Morris R
Catherine	Sally J	Marrietta E	Margaret W
Haley C	Sonja J	Rick B	Gregg L
Jeanette G	Priscilla C	Eric S	Garza Family
Kirsten B	Wayne G	Wayne S	Ben & Mary A
Martha T	Ed & Jane C	Bo C	Dick Rosa

Deacon: Hear us, Lord;

People: ***For your mercy is great.***

Deacon: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

Aug. 14: Brandon B

Aug. 14: Bob B

Aug. 15: Lilibet C

Aug. 17: Ed C

Aug. 17: Andrew S

Aug. 15: Harold & Marsha B

Deacon: We pray for those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, and for their families, especially:

Caleb B

Abigail B

Nate C

Taylor C

Allahvel F

Jessica H

David H

Samuel M

Michael S

Matthew S

Carrington T

Brianna T

Braeden W

Deacon: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Deacon: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Deacon: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: ***Who put their trust in you.***

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

*People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silence

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from 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. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: and of Thine own have we given Thee.

At 10:30 AM:

OFFERTORY ANTHEM - "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

*Arr. Arlen Clarke
Summer Choir*

At 10:30 AM (*At the Presentation of the gifts*)

THE DOXOLOGY

#380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People 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. Amen.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

(The Sanctus is said in unison at 8:00 a.m. and sung at 10:30 a.m.)

SANCTUS

S - 125, Hymnal 1982

***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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD - *Fraction anthem*

S - 155, Hymnal 1982

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AT 10:30 AM:

COMMUNION HYMNS (*the congregation is invited to join in singing*)

“Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel”
“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

*#574, Hymnal 1982
#146, LEVAS*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his only Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 10:30 AM:

CLOSING HYMN - “Awake My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve”

#546, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE: Allegro

G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Thomas Circle - Tuesday at 6 PM

St. Thomas Circle is a women's group that gathers on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM at a different members house or restaurant, to enjoy supper, fellowship, and discussion. This month we will be meeting at Luigi's. For more information, contact Debbie at dchoff05@yahoo.com.

Bel Canto - Aug 21 at 4:30 PM

Bel Canto (*sweet singing*) presents “If You Love Me”, directed by Linda Williams, on Sunday, August 21 at 4:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Admission is free. Donations accepted.

Reception Team

St. Stephen's has hosted several receptions recently in our Parish Hall with more on the horizon. We all know contributions to our church come in many forms; spiritual, monetary, material and physical participation. There aren't enough words to thank those who have contributed in their own way to ensure the success of these events. If you are interested in joining the Reception Team, please reach out to Lina at lfrank_lina@msn.com or Suzanne at delgadost@hotmail.com.

Current needs include:

- Snacks and Clean-up assistance for Sunday Coffee Hour
- Betty Jean Franklin Memorial

Welcoming the Moore's: A "Pounding" for Their Kitchen - Sept 11

Organized by the discernment committee, the Pounding for Rev. Moore and family will be September 11th after the 10:30 AM service. Derived from 19th century Christian tradition, a pounding party is similar to a housewarming party, except the new rector of the church is given flour, sugar, butter and other pantry-stocking goods by the pound. Other items can be given too, like cleaning supplies and handmade items for their new home.

For more information and to RSVP, look for a link to the sign-up page published in the Red Door weekly. Drop off your gift 'pound' to the Parish Hall stage before service on Sunday, September 11 or to the church office the week before the event. *Any questions?* Reach out to members of the discernment committee (Sara B-B, B.J. D, or Julie Y).

Choir Resumes in September

Praise Choir will begin fall rehearsals starting September 7th, 5 - 6 PM, in the choir room. All children, grades 1-8, are welcome. No experience needed. Just a desire to sing, learn to play bells, and have fun. Any questions, just ask Janet Adams, director. jmadamspotter@gmail.com.

St. Dunstan's Bell Choir begins rehearsals September 8th, 7 - 8 PM, in the choir room. We are always looking for more players. No experience is required, just a willingness to learn. All adults and teens interested, just speak to Janet Adams, director at jmadamspotter@gmail.com,

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Food Closet Need of the Week

Bring donations to church on Sunday to be blessed. This week we are collecting the following items:

- Canned Fruit
 - Peaches
 - Mixed Fruit
- Cereal
 - Corn Flakes
 - Rice Cereal

Drop donations at the Food Closet

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 12:00 Noon

Send monetary donations to:

The Culpeper Food Closet
P.O. Box 343
Culpeper, VA 22701