

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Father Willis R. Foster, Sr., Rector

Mission Statement: To meet the needs of the Church and Community

Vision: We are Stewards of God's Grace

CHURCH SERVICES

8:00 A.M. Sunday

9:15 A.M. Sunday

10:30A.M. Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST:

Whitsunday

June 9, 2019

8:00* am & 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Prelude

Organ

'All are Welcome'

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space: as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place

The Processional

Hymn 225

"Hail the, festival day!"

*The Opening Acclamation

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*The Collect for Purity

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*The Gloria

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*The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Acts 2:1-21

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When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

* Psalter Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

Romans 8:14-17

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All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is

that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Gradual

Hymn 657

'Love divine, all loves excelling'

The Holy Gospel John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

*The Sermon

Father Foster

*The Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the People

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Fr. Foster: Your people are gathered together in this place, O God: Fill this house with the Spirit's presence and power as we pray to you: May these words of ours find favor; we will rejoice in the Holy One.

Gracious and loving God, in Christ you have spoken your Word to us, and because we have seen Jesus, we have seen God the Father: Let our trust in your Spirit grow so fully that we may do the works that Christ has done, and greater works than these. May these words of ours find favor; **we will rejoice in the Holy One.**

Almighty One, scatter our pride and teach our leaders and all others who hold authority in the world to turn to you for instruction and truth. May these words of ours find favor; **we will rejoice in the Holy One.**

Ever-present One, in wisdom you have made all things, and the earth is full of your creatures: Pour out your Spirit upon all flesh and let the Comforter bring healing and peace to all who live with illness or suffering, oppression or injustice. May these words of ours find favor; **we will rejoice in the Holy One.**

Ever-near One, let your deeds of power be with us in this community, that your sons and daughters may prophesy, your young men see visions, and your old men dream dreams. May these words of ours find favor; **we will rejoice in the Holy One.**

We rejoice that you promise to answer our prayers offered in Jesus' name. Listen to all who call to you for help and honor our prayers on behalf of those for whom we intercede, especially ____.

We give thanks for your benevolence and providence as we offer our prayers of gratitude and praise, especially for ____.

The earth and all its people are yours, O God: Raise into your eternal presence all who have died, especially ____.

May these words of ours find favor; **we will rejoice in the Holy One.**

Fr. Foster: How manifold are your works, Gracious One; you open your hand and all your creatures are filled with good things: Let your Spirit abide with us and in us, that we may love you and keep your commandments to love one another, living in the unity of the Son, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The Confession of Sin

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*The Peace

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RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

*The Offertory

*At the Offertory

All things come of Thee O Lord and of Thine own
have we given Thee. Amen.

The Musical Offertory LEVAS 118

'Oh, let the Son of God enfold you'

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*Communion

LEVAS 149

'In remembrance of me'

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Choral Response ***'This is my Father's world'***

*This is my Father's world - O let me ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet
This is my Father's world! The battle is not done
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.*

The Recessional Hymn 555

'Lead on, O King eternal'

*The Dismissal	Page 366
The Postlude	Organ

PRAYER LIST

Antonio Belmar, Jr.	Nariah Brown	Jerome Burns	Mary Cox
Benjamin Ford	Mina Forte	Eleanor Johnson	Annie Henderson
George Henderson	Judy Hawkes	Maureen Norman	Helen Pulliam
Jeanette Ransom	Brandon Seymour	Porcher Taylor	Olivia Theriot
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The Foster family	The Burns family	The Gilliam family	

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ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

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George Henderson
Kim Baugh

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Glebe, Suffolk
St. John's, Suffolk

PARISH NOTES

FLORA:

FELLOWSHIP:

NEXT SUNDAY: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

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St. Stephen's ECW Women's Day 2019
June 30th at the 10:30A.M service
Guest speaker – Cheryl Taylor

The Men's Club will meet following today's 10:30A.M service



Join CT & Friends at their annual concert on Sunday, July 14th at 3pm at St. Stephen's. This concert is free and open to the public.

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