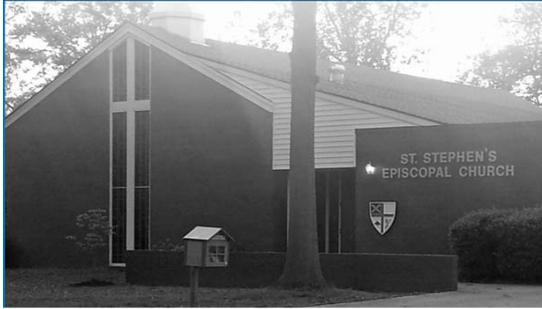


**18th After Pentecost, Proper 20**

**September 18, 2016**



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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #368 - Holy Father great creator

## Opening Acclamation

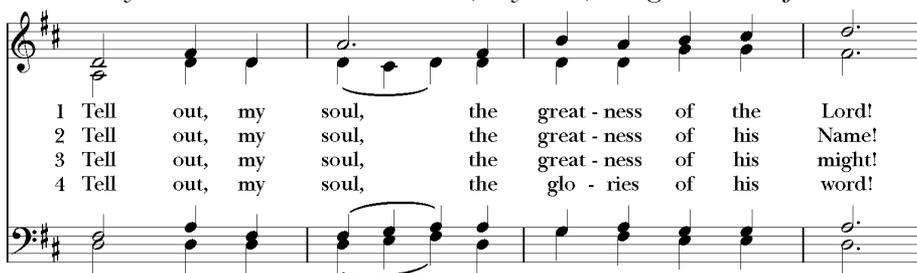
**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

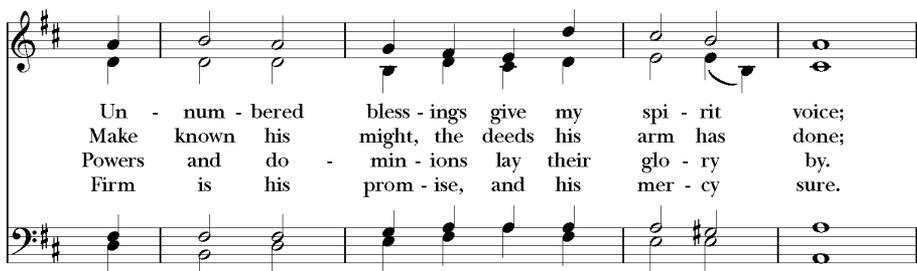
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Song of Praise

*The Hymnal 1982 #437 - Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!*



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Book of Jeremiah (8:18-22; 9:1).

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone, grief is upon me,  
 my heart is sick.

<sup>19</sup> Hark, the cry of my poor people  
from far and wide in the land:  
“Is the Lord not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?”  
 (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,  
with their foreign idols?”)

<sup>20</sup> “The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved.”

<sup>21</sup> For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of my poor people  
not been restored?

<sup>1</sup>   
O that my head were a spring of water,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
so that I might weep day and night  
for the slain of my poor people!

The Word of the Lord  
People  
Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 79:1-9**

*BCP p. 701*

*Deus, venerunt*

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;  
they have profaned your holy temple; \*  
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the  
birds of the air, \*  
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts  
of the field.

- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side  
of Jerusalem, \*  
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, \*  
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? \*  
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not  
known you \*  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon  
your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob \*  
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;  
let your compassion be swift to meet us; \*  
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; \*  
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Second Reading**

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to Timothy (2:1-7).

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For  
there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

6who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people  
People  
Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **Sequence Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #550 - Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1-13).  
Glory to you, Lord Christ

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of

this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord  
People  
Praise to you Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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.

*The people stand or kneel; as they are able*

### **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our  
Bishop(s) \_\_\_\_\_; for this gathering; and for all ministers and  
people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the  
well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed,  
and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ .

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_\_ whom we remember today]. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Collect**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **Confession of Sin**

*All say together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you 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.*

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **The Holy Communion**

*The people sit.*

### **Our work this week**

*The Priest says*  
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1*  
*Chronicles 29:11*

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The offertory**

*The Hymnal 1982 # 380, vs 3*

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

**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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages

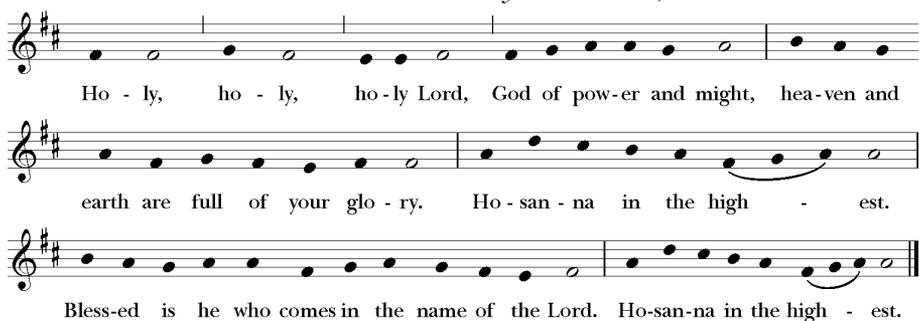
you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #124*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### *Celebrant*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN

*The People respond Amen.*

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

***People and  
Celebrant***

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem

*Wonder Love and Praise #878*

Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and

who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

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

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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.

*All are invited to our Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion  
please extend your hands, one over the other, to receive the bread of  
Christ. To receive a blessing cross your arms over your chest. To receive*

*the cup of Christ, guide the chalice to your lips. If you wish choose not to receive of the cup, please cross arms over your chest. You may choose to remain seated.*

## Communion Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #324 - Let all mortal flesh keep silent*



1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma-ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea-ven spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with



trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de-  
 sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the



mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand  
 ves-ture, in the Bo-dy and the Blood  
 scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,  
 Pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de-scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith-ful  
 that the powers of hell may va-nish  
 "Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"



our full hom-age to de-mand.  
 his own self for heaven-ly food.  
 as the dark-ness clears a-way,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*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.

## Blessing

## Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #559 - Lead us, heavenly father lead us*



1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with



pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
 thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
 plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
 per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
 par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt. Music: *Dulce carmen*, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Moets or Antiphons*, ca. 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

## Dismissal

**Deacon**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Prayer List**

Janet, Amber, Josh, Harlan, Sandy, Diane, Lisa, Tammy, Betty, Joe, Bill, Mary, Angie, Marcel, Barbara Dale, Gene, Tucker and Ellen, Kelly, Kelly, Susanne, Randy, Sue, Wally Ann and Hughes, Jeff, Bruce, Christie, Charles, Chuck, Shelby, Jamie & family, Jack and Family, Chris, Elaine, Susan, Sharon, Randolph family, Shirley, Friday Families, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those suffering from seasonal storms and fires, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name:

Those who have died:

## **Calendar**

9/18 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

9/20 6:30 Al Anon

9/21 6:00 Vestry

9/23 6:00pm Family Friday

9/25 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

9:00 Eucharist

10:00 Fellowship

## **Announcements**

## Worship Leaders

Date	Proper	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Intercessor
				Psalmist	
9/18	17 Pent Proper 20	Eucharist	Beth	Mike	Mike
9/25	18 Pent Proper 21	Eucharist	Mike	Ed	Beth

## Acolytes

Date	Proper	1st Server	2nd Server	People's Gift & Alms
9/18	Proper 20	Belle	Amy	Mike
9/25	Proper 21	Will	Emily	Deanna

# Prayer List Request & Renewal

Please add the following to St Stephen's Prayer list:

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Please add \_\_\_\_\_ to St Stephen's remembrance of the dead (date of death: MM/DD \_\_\_\_\_)

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