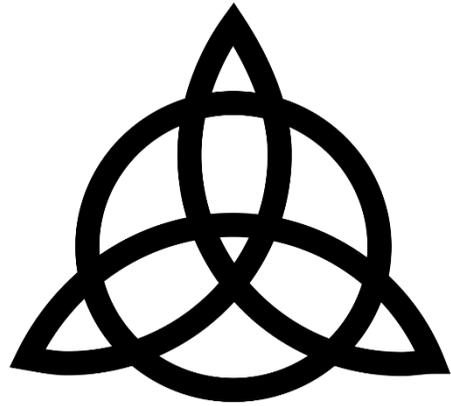


St. Stephen's

Episcopal Church

Welcoming Worshiping Working

The Holy Eucharist for The Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday



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St. Stephen's welcomes all persons to an open, caring Christian community that seeks to follow the example of Jesus Christ. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, you are invited to worship, study and work with us. You are always welcome to our worship and fellowship, regardless of your background.

- This booklet contains the order of service and prayers and music that are used every Sunday for a certain period. There is also a smaller insert with this Sunday's hymns and readings. Hymns are in the blue book in the pew rack: The Hymnal 1982
- We have two services on Sunday morning: 8am and 10am. At 10am, children can remain with you in the service, or participate in Sunday School classes. Ask the usher for directions.
- After the service you are invited to be seated for the Postlude music or go quietly in peace after the blessing.
- Coffee and goodies are provided in the Parish Hall behind the church after the 10am service.

We hope you find St. Stephen's to be a place where you can meet new friends, experience an inspiring worship service, and find many different opportunities that will help you continue on your spiritual journey. Whatever your background, even if you have never been to church before, **WELCOME!**

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn numbers are listed in the bulletin.

Hymns are in the blue book: The Hymnal 1982.

Invocation and Preparation

On the Day of Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

On Trinity Sunday

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

And blessed be God's 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.

The Gloria

The People and Ministers say at 8am and sing at 10am

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect, to which all respond:

Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from...

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

A Psalm is said or sung together. The words are found in the bulletin.

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

We receive a response to the day's readings from the Preacher.

The Nicene Creed

All standing and facing the altar:

**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 Prayers of the People

The Deacon invites the People to pray:

In peace, we pray to You, Lord God.

Silence

For the people of St Stephen's,
for their contributions to the life and work of this parish
and for all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of San Luis Obispo and its community leaders,
the state and nation and for those who govern,
and the nations and peoples of the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the beauty that You have surrounded us with,
and for the just and proper use of Your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
(*especially...*)
For our Lay Eucharistic Visitors
and for all those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the faith communities of San Luis Obispo,
and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For (*our clergy*),
for our partner parish of Winchombe in England,
for those who minister in our partner diocese Gloucester.
and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation...
and those persons whom the congregation now names...
Hear us, Lord;
For Your mercy is great.

We thank You, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...
and the blessings for which the congregation now give thanks...
We will exalt You, O God our King;
And praise Your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died...
and those persons whom the congregation now names...
that they may have a place in Your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let Your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in You.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit
You have made us one with Your saints in heaven and on earth:
Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported
by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to Your power and mercy.
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Confession

Pentecost

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Trinity Sunday

God the Father forgives us in Christ
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger
and bitterness, all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

The people stand or kneel.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;
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.**

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

All stand.

Pentecost

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Alleluia.

Trinity Sunday

Peace to you from God
our heavenly Father.
Peace from the Son Jesus Christ
who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

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

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

The prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries is on page 21.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory and Anthem

I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

The Choir sings an anthem as a collection is taken for the work of St Stephen's.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Deacon.

The Offering of the Gifts

The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, and say at 8am and sing at 10am

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.

All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.'

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify You, Holy God, and to give You thanks;
for You alone are God, living and true,
dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness,
You made all things and fill them with Your blessing;
You created them to rejoice in the splendor of Your radiance.
Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day;
and, beholding the glory of Your presence, they offer You unceasing praise.
Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim You,
and glorify Your Name, as we sing (say),

**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.**

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

The people stand or kneel.

We acclaim You, holy Lord, glorious in power.
 Your mighty works reveal Your wisdom and love.
 You formed us in Your own image, giving the whole world into our care,
 so that, in obedience to You, our Creator, we might rule and serve all Your creatures.
 When our disobedience took us far from You,
 You did not abandon us to the power of death.
 In Your mercy You came to our help, so that in seeking You we might find You.
 Again and again you called us into covenant with You,
 and through the prophets You taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time
You sent your only Son to be our Savior.
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, He lived as one of us, yet without sin.
To the poor He proclaimed the good news of salvation;
to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill Your purpose He gave Himself up to death;
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Him who died and rose for us,
He sent the Holy Spirit, His own first gift for those who believe,
to complete His work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, His heavenly Father,
having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end; at supper with them
He 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.”

Holy God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death and His descent among the dead,
proclaiming His resurrection and ascension to Your right hand,
awaiting His coming in glory; and offering to You,
from the gifts You have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise You and we bless You.

**We praise You, we bless You,
we give thanks to You,
and we pray to You, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in Your goodness and mercy Your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for Your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of Your Name.

Remember, Lord, Your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
redeemed by the blood of Your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, Presiding Bishop, Lucinda, our Bishop, and all who minister in Your Church.

Remember all Your people, and those who seek Your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ,

and those whose faith is known to You alone;

bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St Stephen, Mary, the Mother of God,

with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

and all the saints who have found favor with You in ages past.

We praise You in union with them

and give You glory through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language
with which you most feel comfortable, or in general, at 8am*

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

*As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language
with which you most feel comfortable, or in general, at 10am*

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am

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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the beginning of the Eucharistic prayer: "Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;" The third staff contains the continuation of the prayer: "there - fore let us keep the feast." The fourth staff contains the final Alleluia: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

At St. Stephen's, all are welcome to come to the altar. If you would like to receive Communion / the Sacrament, please place your hands, palms upward, to receive the bread, and then receive the wine from the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing from the Priest or Deacon.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

**Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us Your Holy Spirit
and opened to every race and nation the way of life eternal
Open our lips by Your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of Your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Sending forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

N. In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are One body because we share One bread, One cup.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Blessing

Pentecost

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim
the word and works of God;

Trinity Sunday

May God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;

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

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

O God, our times are in Your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N*.

as s/he begins another year.

Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,

and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness

all the days of his/her life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage

that in it is represented the spiritual unity

between Christ and His Church:

Send therefore Your blessing upon these Your servants,

that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other

in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,

that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Day of Pentecost

The term “Pentecost” means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. In the Old Testament, it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the New Testament to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church’s worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is “especially appropriate” for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of “White Sunday.” This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

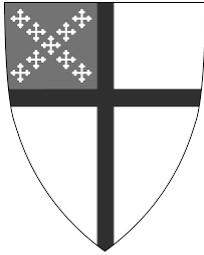
Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a feast that celebrates “the one and equal glory” of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, “in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being” (BCP, p. 380). It is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Trinity Sunday is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year (BCP, p. 15).

Celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year “Sundays after Trinity.” The Sarum Missal and editions of the Prayer Book through the 1928 BCP named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 BCP identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost (see BCP, p. 32).

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St. Stephen's was founded in 1867 as the first organized Protestant church in San Luis Obispo County. The original church building, locally known as a “carpenter gothic” gem, was built of Monterey Pine beams from Cambria, CA and covered with redwood on site which cost \$10. The rich hues of our memorial stained glass windows reflect both a pioneer heritage and a radiant future. The building today still retains the lines and flavor of the original structure.

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Sunday Morning Services:

8 a.m. Quiet, contemplative Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music and Sunday School

Please check the weekly bulletin or our web site
for other services and activities.

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Our mission as a parish is to open our hearts to God and to share Christ's unconditional love with the world. We do this by following three pathways:

✧ **Welcoming**

We invite all to join us at every stage in their spiritual journeys.

✧ **Worshipping**

We cultivate a living tradition of liturgy and a life made holy by the sacraments.

✧ **Working**

We share our abundance, we strive for justice, and we accept our calling to protect God's creation.

