



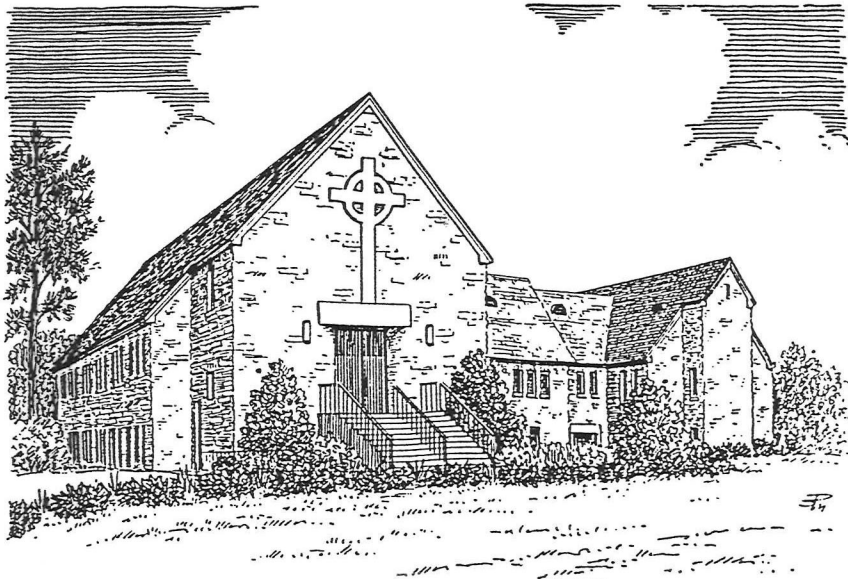
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

JULY 14, 2024 • 7:45 A.M.

WHERE GOD IS SEEN • LOVE IS FELT • LIVES ARE CHANGED.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning.
We are delighted that you are here!



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

GLORIA

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day, readings and psalm can be found in the insert.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 (Said in unison)
A READING FROM EPHESIANS

INSERT OR BCP 613-614T
EPHESIANS 1:3-14

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL

MARK 6:14-29

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

FR. BAILEY NORMAN

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

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

BCP 328

The Presider or other person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; Brian, our Bishop, and Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; for Bailey, Ashton and Steve, our clergy, and Adam, our seminarian, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, and Bill, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that,

rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Mike Bautz.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for the Unity of the Church (BCP, p255)

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And for the Human Family (BCP, p815).

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Province of Alexandria.

We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

We pray for those in assisted living or rehab: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis, Roger Derby, Allan Reiss, Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Ed Krieg; Jim and Jeanne Kring; Paul and Jennifer Kruzic, Nate and Jonathan; Carey Land, Olivia; Gene and Carol Ann Lane.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Kyle Zirkel.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear,

beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

CONFESSIO OF SIN

BCP 330

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

All stand. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The people remain standing. The priest then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then the Presider proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

The Proper Preface is said

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you,

and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BCP 336

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Presider: In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People: **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The Altar Flowers are given by James and Amelia Knight to the glory of God
and in celebration of their anniversary.*

*The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God by Carol Skyberg
in remembrance of Al's birthday and in celebration of David's birthday.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - JULY 14, 2024

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Diane Sams
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Thomas Hillis, Tatum Tipton
LECTORS	Jack Lee	Sandi Robertson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Cyril Meredith, Jr., Cyril Meredith IV
USHERS	John Cox, Jim Rousey	Craig Brent, Ed Johnson
GREETERS	Mary Nell Campbell	Barbara Neill, Carol Ann Lane
COUNTERS		Roger Johnson, Wes Delaney
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Katherine and Gary Grubb	
ALTAR GUILD	Roni Boyd, Mary Jeanne French, Vicky White	
AV TECH	Brent Sigmon	
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - JULY 15 - JULY 20

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, July 14	5:00 p.m.	Contemplative Celtic Service
Monday, July 15	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Wardens' Meeting
Tuesday, July 16	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Healing Service
Wednesday, July 17	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	2:30 p.m.	Grief Support Group
Thursday, July 18	4:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer
Friday, July 19		Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday July 17. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS

THIS MONTH

The loose plate offering for the remainder of July will go to the Anderson County Justice Center. You can read more about this organization in the E-News.

LEMONADE IN THE GROVE

WILL RETURN NEXT SUNDAY

Lemonade in the Grove will return on July 21st following the 10:00 service. Please plan to join us for fellowship and light refreshments.

LUAU-THEMED POTLUCK FOR FR. ASHTON AND ANNA

TODAY

A luau-themed potluck and reception to honor Fr. Ashton and Anna will be held in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service. Parish Life is providing pineapple ribs, rolls, a cake, and beverages. Please bring a tropical side dish such as Polynesian rice, Spam kabobs, salads, fruit skewers, fruit salads, etc. During the past three years, we have had many challenges and changes. The one constant at St. Stephen's has been Fr. Ashton. **As a farewell gift to express our gratitude for Fr. Ashton and Anna's ministry at St. Stephen's, we are collecting a purse to present to them on July 21.** Cards and notes of appreciation for the Sims are encouraged! Purse contributions must be designated (checks made to St. Stephen's with the memo field denoting "Fr. Sims purse"). They can be placed in the collection plate today or brought to the church office this week. Please make plans to join us in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 service as we say Aloha to this wonderful couple!

CELTIC SERVICE

TODAY

Contemplative Prayer and Eucharist will be held this afternoon in the nave at 5:00 p.m. This month St. Stephen's will be hosting the service. We thank Cathy Whitten and Robyn James for providing music this month. Next month the service will be held at First United Methodist Church on August 11th at 5:00 p.m.

S'MORES ON THE GROVE

TODAY

The first day of school in Oak Ridge will be July 22nd, which means that the last "late-night Sunday" for the summer will be July 14th! This evening, Parish Life will sponsor Fireside S'Mores for our families beginning at 8:00. All will be provided...you need only bring a lawn chair.

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION!**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of **toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and deodorant**. Items can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

BIBLE STUDY**TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M.**

The Tuesday Bible Study continues in the Pollard Room on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

CPR/AED TRAINING**JULY 28 OR JULY 31**

We will be hosting two CPR/AED training sessions at the end of this month. Each session is limited to 16 people. We will have one on Sunday July 28 at 4:30 p.m., and an additional session on Wednesday July 31 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign-up in advance by contacting the parish office. You can contact Carol King or the office for more information.

NEW SERVICE TIMES**BEGINNING SUNDAY AUGUST 4**

After a period of discernment and conversation with members of the parish, the Vestry has unanimously consented to officially launch the new service times beginning Sunday, August 4. **The new service times will be 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 8**

Christian Education will begin the Sunday after Labor Day between our worship services. Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

OUTDOOR SERVICE AT MELTON LAKE MARINA**SUNDAY AUGUST 4**

Our kickoff for our new Sunday schedule will include a special outdoor service under the pavilion at Melton Lake Marina! Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the pavilion next to the playground at Melton Lake Park. **Please bring your own picnic lunch.** This is also the perfect opportunity to invite someone to attend church with us that day since we will have service in a public park! One way you can do this is by requesting a yard sign that will advertise the service in the park on August 4. If you are interested, please contact the office. And yes, for those who would prefer a more regular service, our early service will still be held in the nave on that Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Whether it's at the church or at the park, hope you can join us!

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN OF TENNESSEE CONFERENCE**AUGUST 9-11**

The 78th annual conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee will take place August 9 through August 11 at St. Mary's Conference Center, Sewanne. You can register online or get more information on this conference at <http://tnchurchmen.org>.

ST. STEPHEN'S FINANCIAL STATUS UPDATE

AS OF JUNE 23, 2024

These numbers reflect the change to track our actual giving vs budgeted expenses. Scan the QR code for online pledging!



Last Week's Offering	\$10,635
2024 YTD offering	\$336,164
2024 YTD budgeted expenses	\$316,594
over/(under)	\$19,569

The second quarter Giving Statements were recently sent out so please be on the lookout for yours in your email or, if you have requested, in your regular mail. Emailed statements come from **notifications@onrealmmail.org**. Please check your junk inbox. When you receive your statement, please check it for accuracy. If there are any discrepancies or corrections, or if you have questions about how to establish online giving, please contact Rachel Durfee our bookkeeper. (rachel@ststephensor.org)

Thank you for your continued support of St Stephen's.

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SENIOR WARDEN - COURTNEY MANROD (2025)
JUNIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025)
BETSY ELLIS - SECRETARY; ALAN LIBY - TREASURER (2026)

ADAM CAVENDER, TOM CLARY, EMILY DOANE, BETH REED (2024)
CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS (2025)
CRAIG BRENT, BEN SHASSERE, TYLER WALKER (2026)

THE RT. REV. BRIAN COLE, BISHOP
THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

