

# SAINT STEPHEN'S PARISH

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

## The Last Sunday After Pentecost

November 22, 2020



CHRIST THE KING

### **Our Mission**

is to be the heart and hands of Christ: nourishing people, transforming lives

### **Our Core Values**

May be found on our Web Page

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

November 22 2020

Greeting, Announcements

## The Word of God

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

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

*The Celebrant prays:*

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**

*Celebrant* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

*Celebrant* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

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



**The Nicene Creed** *said by all, standing*

**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**

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**The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world

*Leader* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We give thanks and pray for St. Stephen's Search Committee; fill them with wisdom and awareness of your vision for this congregation as we seek a new rector and spiritual leader. Grant continued grace and commitment to them; that they may be faithful companions to each other, to the Vestry and to our beloved Parish. Pray for St. Stephen's Church.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our nation for justice, humility and truth; that all may work together with mutual forbearance and respect. We pray for Donald, our President; Mike our Vice-President; Joe, our President-Elect and Kamala, our vice-President-Elect.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks and pray for our families and friends, for our neighbors and colleagues.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for the complete eradication of the COVID-19 pandemic

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds the closing collect*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, And give to us the peace and unity of the heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. **Amen**

### **Confession of Sin.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence*

**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.**

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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to god our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and and sky and sea.

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For all the is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing in image of Christ,

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**People We thank you, Lord,**

*Celebrant* For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice.

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**People We thank you, Lord**

*Celebrant* Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**People To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

### **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 our thanks and praise**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

*Celebrant and People 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.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took the 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People say*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under you Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 forever. **Amen.**

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.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Spiritual Communion Prayer*

In union. O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

Blessing

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Voluntary** "Praise to the Lord" Hans Friedrich Micheasen

## Ministers of the Celebration

### CELEBRANT & PREACHER

The Rev. David DeSmith

### LECTOR

Donald Phipps

### PRAYERS

William Frazier

### ALTAR GUILD

Susan Smith , chair  
Claudia Austin Curry, Erin Sullivan  
Nancy Lamoureux

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

### SUNDAY, November 22

10:00 a.m Facebook Service  
1:00 p.m. Grab and Go Lunch.  
Cathedral of the Beloved

### FRIDAY, November 27

Parish Office Closed  
NO St. Stephen's Table

### MONDAY, November 23

### SATURDAY, November 28

### TUESDAY, November 24

### SUNDAY, November 29

10:00 a.m Facebook Service  
1:00 p.m. Grab and Go Lunch  
Cathedral of the Beloved

### WEDNESDAY, November 25

### THURSDAY, November 26

THANKSGIVING  
NO St. Stephen's Table

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

### SUNDAY

All persons serving in the armed forces and their families: MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nicholas P., ILT Curran J. D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F. D., Army Ranger Sean J., MAJ Michael C., Micah H.

The Church of Bermuda

### MONDAY

Dioceses of Santiago (Chile and the Philippines)

### TUESDAY

*We remember all who need our prayers especially:* Timothy A., Madge B., Clarence D., Ken & Diana E., Cyndi K., Henry L., Christina O., Kevin S., Clara V., Maureen W., Abby, Becca, Betty, Donna, Faye, Fiona, Heather, Jay, Jim, Joan, John, Josh, Judy H., Karen, Keith, Linda, Lisa, Maia, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa & Family, Nancy & Rick, Noreen, Pam, Patrick, Paula, Susan, Barbara, Zeke, Marion, Joe, Roy, Marie, Bob, Robert J., Walter H., Jill, Barbara A., Jeff S., Shirley, Maryann J. and family, Marion, Charles W. H., Sydney A., Jeffrey B., Ray, Thomas S., Peter, Barbara D., Ray, William, Doris, Barbara, Sokpha, Erika, Johnathan W., Nancy G., Louis C., all who are impacted by the Coronavirus, Pat, Jack, Francis, Susan, Frank L., Deane, Tom, David P. Joan K.

People with mental health issues

Dioceses of Sao Paulo (Brazil) and East Carolina (USA)

### WEDNESDAY

Dioceses of Sapele (Nigeria) and East Kerala (India)

### THURSDAY

Local Food Programs  
Pittsfield City Government  
The Governor of Massachusetts.

Dioceses of Saskatchewan (Canada) East Ruwenzori (Uganda) and East Tennessee (USA)

### FRIDAY

St. Stephen's Caring for Others Team  
St. Stephen's Property Team  
Dioceses of Saskatoon (Canada) and the Eastern Himalayas (India and Bhutan)

### SATURDAY

Dioceses of Sebei (Uganda), Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong) and Kyushu (Japan)

## PARISH NOTICES

**WHO ARE WE?** St. Stephen's Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don't all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

**ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE** - Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory can be made by sending a donation to the church with the name of the person to be honored or remembered. You can also make a donation online! Just go to our website, select "Support Our Ministries," and follow the prompts to the list of gift opportunities. Select "St. Stephen's Table" and follow the directions. *This week's Gifts to the Table are given by Dorothy Lambert in Loving Memory of Stephen Lambert and by Berkshire Dream Home in Loving Memory of Mark Hoag.*

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FOR NOVEMBER.** Are Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm. Bert Boos will be in the office to answer your questions and keep everything on track while Sarah Morrison eases back into full-time work.

**VIRTUAL VESPERS ADVENT SERVICE:** Tuesday's during Advent at 5:00p.m. Contact the office, [smorrison@ststephenspittsfield.org](mailto:smorrison@ststephenspittsfield.org), for the link or look on Realm. The first service will be on December 1.

**THE PROFILE AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEARCH PROCESS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ST. STEPHEN'S WEBSITE.** Click on the News and Events section and you will find Profile & Search Information including answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the Profile.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – David Nevin, chair., Alec Gillman, vice chair., Josie Ellis, John Garinther, Cathy Carchedi, Susan LeBourdais, Chris Perry and Craig Smith. The Rev. Francie Hills serves as committee chaplain. Wendy Coakley is Vestry Liaison.

**LIVING GREEN TIP**

**Adjusting the temperature** in your home by one degree can save 10% on your energy use over the year. :

Cardboard- Breakdown: Dot Lambert

Bottles/Cans Toter Bill Morey

**MEETINGS HELD AT SAINT STEPHEN'S**

All AA and NA meetings remain suspended due to COVID-19

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