

**June 16, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**The Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

## **Morning Prayer**



### **St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church**

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We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field  
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.



## Opening Hymn:

### Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Latin, ca. 7th century

tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

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WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

$\text{J.} = 44$

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and  
3. To this temple, where we call thee, Christ come, O Lord and of  
corner-stone, chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
Hosts, to-day; with thy wont-ed, lov-ing kind-ness  
bind-ing thy all the Churchin one; ho-ly Zi-on's  
hear, ser-vants as they pray, and thy full-est  
help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.  
be-ne-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.

## Opening Sentence

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## ***Confession***

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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***

*Officiant:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## ***Opening Versicle (stand)***

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

***People:* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## ***Invitatory Psalm***

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

***People:* Come let us adore him.**

## ***Venite Psalm 95:1-7***

*Officiant and people*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:\***

**Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving\***

**And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,\***

**And a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,\***

**And the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it,\***

**And his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,\***

**And kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.\***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## ***Psalm of the Day:***

## ***Psalm 92:1-4,11-14***

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*

    and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*

    and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*

    and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*

    and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*

    and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*

    shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*

    they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*

    my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

*Officiant and people*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;\***  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

***The Lessons*** (*please be seated*)

***First Reading***

***Ezekiel 17:22-24***

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:      Thanks be to God.**

## *Second Reading*

## **2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

**All:**      **Thanks be to God.**



*Please stand*

**Gospel Gradual:**

**When Apprehension Frets the Soul**

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 117

WINCHESTER NEW  
from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690

1. When ap - pre-hen-sion frets the soul and ban ished de-mons re - ap-pear, we  
2. When sly mis-giv-ings bar our way and all paths for-ward seem un-clear, we  
3. When hope feels scat tered to the stars and thoughts of light will not co-here, we

find se - re - ni - ty a - gain re - mem-ber - ing love casts out fear.  
find the cour-age to walk on re - mem-ber - ing love casts out fear.  
find the Cen - ter we for - get re - mem-ber - ing love casts out fear.

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 4:26-34**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Sermon:** *Green Thumbs, Proper 6 (B) – 2021*, by Jazzy Bostock

***The Apostles' Creed* (please stand as you are able)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## ***The Prayers***

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

## ***Lord's Prayer***

**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.**

## ***Suffrages***

*Leader:* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

***People:* And grant us your salvation.**

*Leader:* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

***People:* Let your people sing with joy.**

*Leader:* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

***People:* For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Leader:* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

***People:* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Leader:* Let your way be known upon earth;

***People:* Your saving health among all nations.**

*Leader:* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

***People:* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Leader:* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

***People:* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## ***Collect of the Day***

Lord of the misfit, whose prophets came like weeds to an ordered garden, shaking all that deadens your love: give us faith in your kingdom's growth, unruly and exuberant and let it be a shelter wide enough for all; through Jesus Christ, our teacher. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** (please stand as you are able)

*Leader:* As the kingdom of God spreads among us, let us offer prayers for the whole world and for every person in every need.

*Leader:* In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all fathers on Father's Day. For technology and communication ministries.

*Leader:* For this holy gathering and for all who enter with faith.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all nations, peoples, kin, and families.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For mercy, justice, and peace throughout the world.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For this city and for every place.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all those requiring ongoing care, for all those in danger and need: those who are sick or suffering, those who hunger and those who are oppressed, for travelers and those in prison, for the dying and the dead.

*(You are invited to offer your own petitions either silently or aloud.)*

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the blessings of our lives, for ourselves, our families, and those we love.

*(You are invited to offer your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.)*

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**People:** **To you, O Lord our God**

**All:** **God who scatters the seed of faith, hear the prayers we offer this day and make everything new; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *The Peace*

*Officiant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

Exchange peace.

## *Offertory:*

### God of Grace and God of Glory

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

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CUM RHONDDA  
John Hughes (1873-1932)

The musical score consists of five staves of music for a piano-vocal duet. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the piano accompaniment, and the bottom staff for the bassoon. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked as 96 BPM. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, with some words appearing above the staff and others below. The piano part includes basso continuo lines and harmonic support. The vocal parts are in 3/4 time.

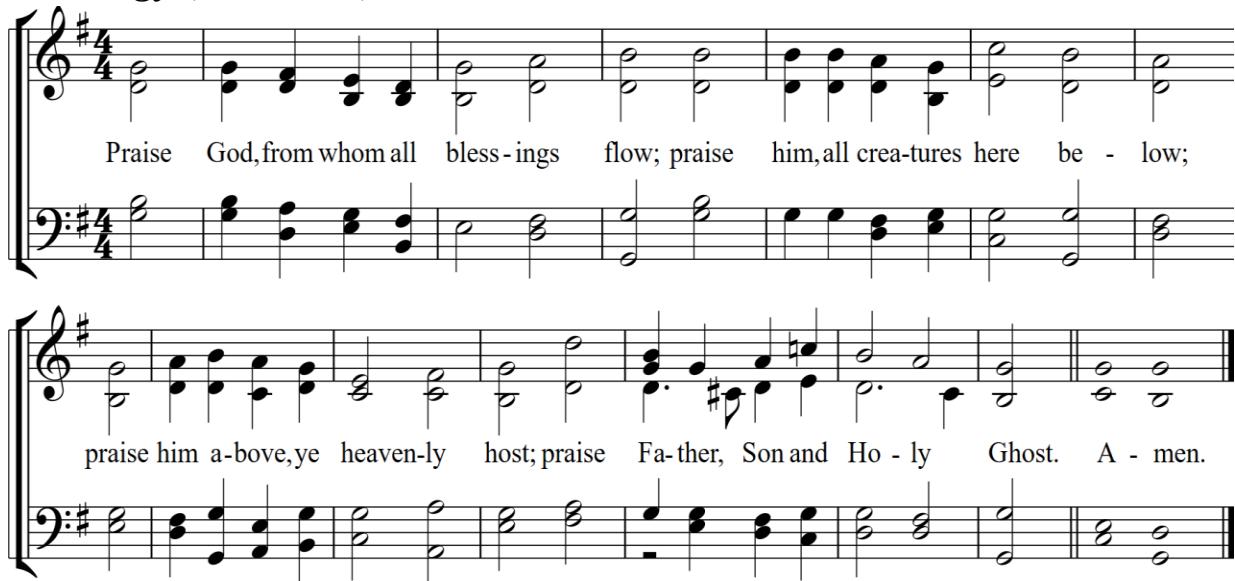
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!

crown thine an - cient Church' - sto - ry; bring her bud to -  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to -

glo-rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant uscour - age, for the fac ing of this  
faith andpraise: grant us wis - dom, grant uscour - age, for the liv-ing ofthese

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.

*Doxology (Old 100<sup>th</sup>):*



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. Amen.

*The General Thanksgiving*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

### *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

### *Announcements (please be seated)*

### *Prayers for Celebrations*

Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Please stand*

### *Concluding Versicle and Response*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### *Concluding Sentence*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## *Mission Song:*

# O Worship the King

Robert Grant (1779-1838)

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HANOVER

att. William Croft (1678-1727)

1. O wor-ship the King, all glo-rious a - bove! O grate-ful - ly sing  
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light,  
5. Frail chil-dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we trust,  
  
his power and his love! Our shield and de - fend - er, the An- cient of Days,  
whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun- derclouds form,  
nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!  
  
pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

## **Mark your calendar**

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Pride Potluck at St. Stephen's after the service

## **Vestry Members**

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