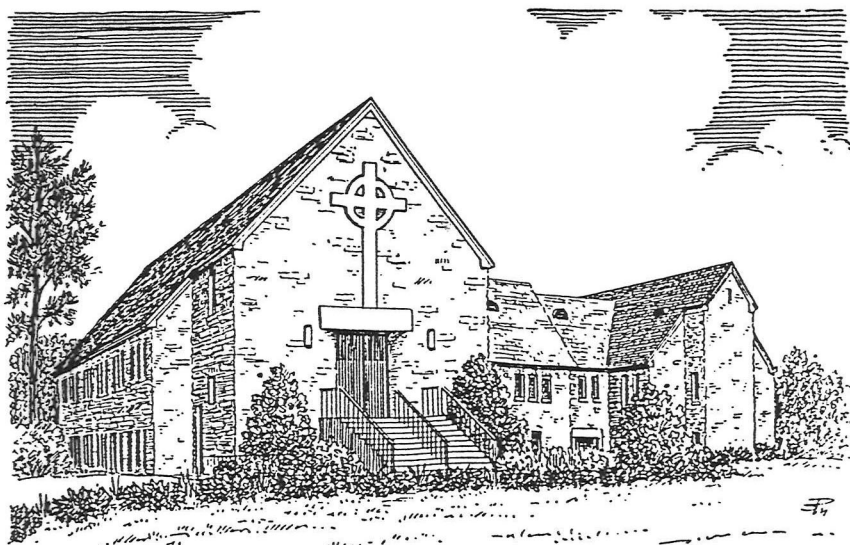


HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

10:30 A.M.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

AWAKE, MY SOUL

HYMNAL 11

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

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 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.

GLORIA

S-280

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.

Presider **The Lord be with you.**
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIAL

EZEKIAL 33:7-11

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

PSALM 119:33-40 (SAID IN UNISON)

INSERT

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 13:8-14

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

At the beginning of the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

PASTOR LAURA HENRIK

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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.***

Intercessor In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, *we pray to you, O Lord.*

Here and after every petition the people respond

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Laura, our clergy, and for all bishopss and other ministers, especially: our clergy Bailey and Laura, and for all the holy people of God, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may recieve the light of the gospel, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President and Bill, our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, *we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy.*

In the Diocese of East Tennessee we pray for St. Joseph the Carpenter, Sevierville. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's Deadwood, our sister parish, and for Advent Station, Calico.

We pray for the Diocese of Haiti and St. John the Evangelist Church and medical clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in the Episcopal/Anglican Providence of Alexandria.

We pray for those in assisted living or rehab; Jo Ann Baker; Dianne Davis; Roger Derby; Horia and Shafik Iskander; Allan Reiss.

We pray for our parish members, especially: Gary & Mary Morris; John Murphy.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially: Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Robert Manrod, Alex Mol, and Christopher Zunan.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

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

Silence. The Presider adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

DOXOLOGY

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The presider then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then facing the Holy Table, the Presider 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.

A Proper Preface is said

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:

SANCTUS

S-125

**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, as they are able. Then the Presider 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or to 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.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider 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 your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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.

FRACTION

HYMNAL S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

HYMNAL 325

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.*

SENDING FORTH THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

THOU ART THE WAY

HYMNAL 457

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

The altar flowers and ambry are given to the glory of God.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Thomas Hillis
ACOLYTES	Jamey Kennedy	Chi Kirk, James Henry Norman
LECTORS	Davyda Hammond	Jim Anderson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jamey Kennedy	Bonnie Bautz, Roger Johnson
USHERS	John Cox	Scott Aaron
GREETERS	Carol King	Ed Johnson, Ada Hernandez-Bell
COUNTERS		Carol Gardner, Roger Johnson
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		Carol King
ALTAR GUILD	Week 1 - Judith Delaney, Ann Aaron, Jo Kelley, Ruth Prince	
AV TECH		Chuck Kirk
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 12

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, September 7	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
Tuesday, September 8	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	2:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer
	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
Thursday, September 10	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, September 11		Office Closed
Saturday, September 12	9 a.m.	DAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by:
noon, Tuesday September 8.**

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 OFFERING

TODAY

The loose plate offering for the first Sunday in September goes to the clergy discretionary fund.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

FOLLOWING THE 8:00 AM SERVICE

During the summer months, Coffee and Conversation is in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 service only.

THE LAST LEMONADE IN THE GROVE

TODAY

This Sunday will be the last Lemonade in the Grove for 2026. We will return to our regular Coffee and Conversation time after both services on September 20th.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - LECTIONARY STUDY

TODAY

Fr. Bailey will be facilitating the deep-dive reflection into the Sunday gospel at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Pollard Room. Even for those who might not like "traditional" Bible study, this class is a great way to engage some of the practical applications of the gospel in our walk with Christ and how we live out our faith in our homes and beyond. Hope to see everyone there!

BLESSING BOX

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 bar soap, shampoo, body wash. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

PARISH POTLUCK

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

Our Monthly Parish Potluck will be Picnic-themed on September 13th following the 10:30 service. Parish Life will provide oven-fried chicken and beverages. Please bring your favorite picnic foods to share with your parish family!

CELTIC SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

This month we will host the Celtic Service at 5 p.m. in the nave. Please join us for this contemplative service of readings, music and reflections, with Eucharist. It is the perfect way to wind down and find evening rest from a busy Sunday!

Join us on Friday, **September 25th** from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. for Tacos and Trivia night in the Parish Hall! Please bring finger foods to supplement the Taco Bar, and your cell phone if you wish to participate in the Trivia contest!

INQUIRERS CLASSES**BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9**

"Going through the Motions" - Exploring the rituals of our worship and how they make us the Church.

This year's inquirers series is about to begin! It is designed for those new to St. Stephen's wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church, but all are welcome to come and get a "refresher"!

This year's class will focus on some of the particular rituals within our liturgy; e.g., Why do people cross themselves, and when? Why do we hold our hands out for communion? Why does the congregation "talk back" to the priest on occasion in the service? Each class will give a short history and lecture on the origins of each practice, and then we will have conversation about how these rituals draw us closer to God and to each other.

We will serve a light dinner each night at 5:30 p.m.. Class will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.. We will have nursery available and activities for our kids. Please join us for these fun conversations, and feel free to invite a friend!

COMING IN OCTOBER!

Sunday, October 4th at 10:30 a.m., we will be celebrating outdoors at the Melton Hill Pavilion which will include our annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring a picnic lunch to take advantage of the picnic tables after the service. Please bring your pets on a leash or "properly contained" for their blessing. Father Bailey is very good with all manner of wildlife, but would prefer not to have rodents, reptiles, amphibians, birds, etc. on the loose!

Claws for a Cause will be on October 10th from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.!

October 25th, we will celebrate Holy Booscharist at both services. Young and old are encouraged to wear their costumes to church. Following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will have Pumpkin Carving in the Parish Hall along with Fall treats to eat!

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