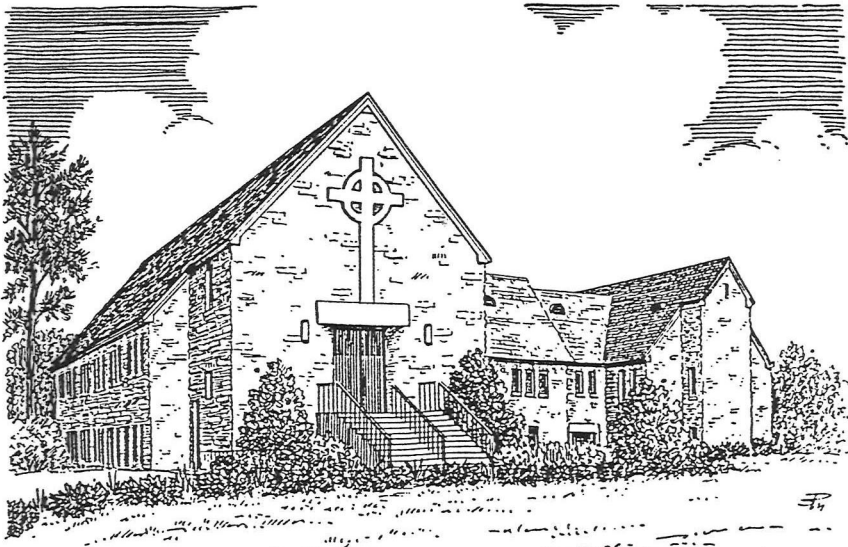


HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
10:30 A.M.



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Oak Ridge, Tennessee

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

HYMNAL 450

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-278

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 EZEKIEL

EZEKIAL 18:1-4,25-32

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

At the beginning the Antiphon is first sung by the choir, then by the congregation.



1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3. Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Antiphon

5. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8. He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

Antiphon

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

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
People

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

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:23-32

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

FR. BAILEY NORMAN

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 bishops and other ministers, 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 receive 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 the House of Bishops. We also pray for Joy in God's Creation (BCP p.814) and for the Mission of the Church (BCP p.838).

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. **Amen.**

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 of Bangladesh.

We pray for those in assisted living or rehab; Jo Ann Baker; Margaret & Bill Baldauf; Roger Derby; Horia and Shafik Iskander; Allan Reiss.

We pray for our parish members, especially: Andrew Payzant & Linda Twohig; Amy Pennoyer, Louis, Jack.

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.*

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban and 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

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

<i>Presider</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

O GIVE THANKS BY JOSEPH CORFE
ARR. JAMES KIRKBY

PARISH CHOIR

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

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**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 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your 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 DECK THYSELF, MY SOUL, WITH GLADNESS

HYMNAL 339

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

O DAY OF GOD, DRAW NIGH

HYMNAL 601

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Pamela Stallings in honor of Jacob.

The ambry candle is given to the glory of God.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Teddy Dantzler
ACOLYTES	Jamey Kennedy	
LECTORS	Joe Womble	Leah Bailey
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jamey Kennedy	Cyril Meredith, Elizabeth Vickers
USHERS	MN Campbell, Cameron Ellis	Judith Delaney, Jerry Hanna
GREETERS	Rhonda Ashburn	Josee Tousignant
COUNTERS		Beth Bailey, Betsy Ellis
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		Carol Gardner
ALTAR GUILD	Week 4 - Gary Dreier, Robin Thurston, Bonnie Bautz, Julie Webber	
AV TECH		Brent Sigmon
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 3

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, September 28	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
Tuesday, September 29	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	1:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer (St. Alban's Chapel)
Wednesday, September 30	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
Thursday, October 1	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, October 2		Parish Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by: noon, Tuesday September 29.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

MELTON HILL PAVILLION

NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 4th at 10:30, 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!

The 8a.m. service will take place in the nave, and will be livestreamed in place of the 10:30a.m. service.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING

TODAY

The St. Stephen's Outreach Committee is sponsoring a special fundraiser for our September loose offering. CCR, (Center for Community Regeneration) is a US based 501(c)3 organization established in 2007 to address the impacts of climate change, deforestation, and resulting economic and social dislocations in Makueni County, Kenya, by using education, community building, and collaboration with Kenyan counterparts. Your gifts will support the purchase of a new pickup truck. CCR has raised some money, but the goal that is still needed is \$8,000. Outreach will match the parish's gifts up to \$1,500 from their funds. Please reach out to Gary Dreier or Fr. Bailey if you have any questions. You can read more about the organization in the weekly E-News.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

AFTER THE SERVICE

Join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall after both services.

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 peanut butter and saltines. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

INQUIRERS CLASSES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

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.

CLAWS FOR A CAUSE**OCTOBER 10, 2026**

Our fresh Maine lobsters (flown in the day before on Delta Airlines) will be accompanied by coleslaw, corn on the cob, drawn butter and a roll. You may order yours for take-away for \$40, or enjoy it under the big tent in the Grove for \$45 (which includes dessert and beverage). Proceeds go to benefit the Family Resource Center and Grace Point.

PUMPKIN CARVING**OCTOBER 18, 2026**

Following the 10:30 service on October 18th, the Evangelism and Parish Life Committees will again sponsor Pumpkin Carving in the Parish Hall along with Fall treats to eat! Pumpkins will be provided, but please bring your own carving tools. If you would like to bring some fall treats to share, please contact Leah Bailey at leah.bailey@ststephensor.org.

HOLY BOOCHARIST**OCTOBER 25, 2026**

October 25th, we will celebrate Holy Boocharist at both services. Young and old are encouraged to wear their costumes to church.



CLAWS FOR A CAUSE

Lobsters will be sold this Sunday after church in the Parish Hall.

Take out orders are \$40.

Dine-in orders, which include dessert and beverage, are \$45.

You can also order online by scanning the QR code below
or by going to the website:

www.ststephensor.org/claws-for-a-cause/



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