

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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The Holy Eucharist

From the Second Sunday after Pentecost
(*Summertime*)



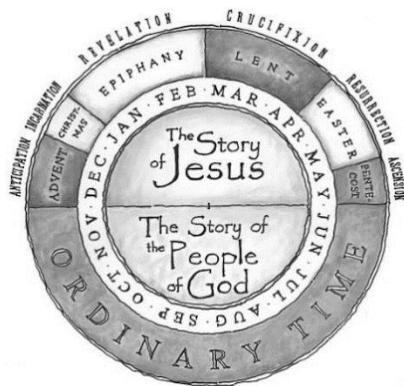
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Introduction to the Season of the Sundays after Pentecost



The season after Pentecost Sunday, according to the calendar of the church year, begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as 28 Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. This service booklet for St. Stephen's, however, is used from the Sunday after Trinity Sunday through to Creation Sunday, the first Sunday of September. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the Sundays of this season. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance. It is

sometimes referred to as the "Green Season" due to the liturgical color, and hence a season of growth.

– *"An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians", Church Publishing Incorporated*

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church welcomes all persons to an open, caring Christian community that seeks to follow the example of Jesus Christ. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, you are invited to worship, study and work with us. St. Stephen's is a congregation of families and singles, children and seniors, and a diversity of ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, interests, and backgrounds. We are followers of Jesus, guided by His teaching and example to love God and our neighbor. We welcome all people regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, racial background, mental or physical ability, recovery, political belief, economic condition, and all other expressions of what it means to be human. We invite you to worship with us and walk with us no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

- This booklet contains the order of service and prayers and music that are used every Sunday for a certain period. There is also a smaller insert with this Sunday's hymns and readings. Hymns are in the blue book in the pew rack: The Hymnal 1982.
- We have two services on Sunday morning: 8am and 10am. At 10am, children can remain with you in the service, or participate in Sunday School classes. Ask the usher for directions.
- After the service you are invited to be seated for the Postlude music or go quietly in peace after the blessing.
- Refreshments are provided in the Parish Hall behind the church after the 10am service.

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
St. Stephen's welcomes you!*

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The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

*Hymns numbers are listed on the hymn board above the first pew on the righthand side.
Most hymns are in the blue "Hymnal 1982" or in the bulletin.*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

The Gloria

The People and Ministers say at 8am and sing at 10am

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

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The priest says the Collect of the Day, and all respond

Amen.

All sit.

The Lessons

A Reading from...

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

A Psalm is found in the bulletin and is said or sung to the following tune together.

by William Bradley Roberts

The musical notation is presented on two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is homophonic, with chords moving in parallel motion. The first staff contains four measures: the first two measures are chords (G2-F2, G2-F2), followed by a double bar line, then two more measures (G2-F2, G2-F2). The second staff contains four measures: the first two measures are chords (G2-F2, G2-F2), followed by a double bar line, then two more measures (G2-F2, G2-F2).

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Sequence Hymn

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

We receive a response to the day's readings from the Preacher.

An Affirmation of Faith

All standing and facing the altar to proclaim one of the following Affirmations of Faith.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with His love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

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or The Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

See the various forms of prayer found on page 15, 18, 20 or 23.

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The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people stand or kneel.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against You, opposing Your will in our lives.
We have denied Your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world You have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in Your love and serve only Your will. 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.

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace, and then

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Birthdays

O God, our times are in Your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.* as s/he begins another year.

Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,

and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness all the days of his/her life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

Most gracious God,

we praise You for the tender mercy and unfailing care

revealed to us in Jesus the Christ

and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love.

We give You thanks for *N.* and *N.*, and the covenant of faithfulness they have made.

Pour out the abundance of Your Holy Spirit upon them.

Keep them in Your steadfast love; protect them from all danger;

fill them with Your wisdom and peace;

lead them in holy service to each other and the world;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory and the Offering of the Gifts

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name;
bring offerings and come into God's courts.

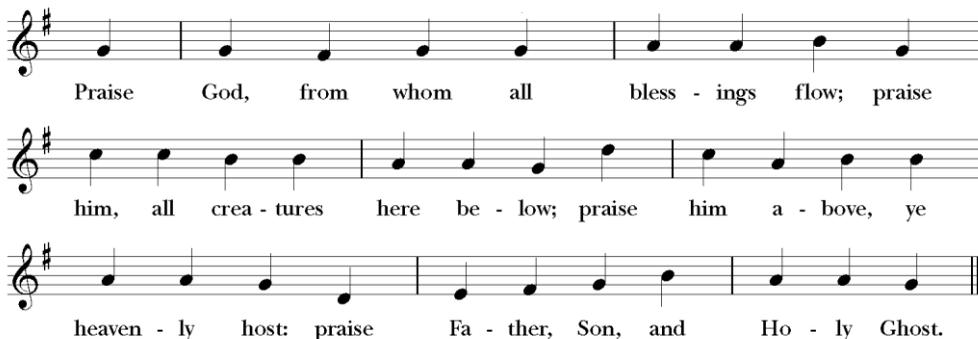
The Choir sings an anthem as a collection is taken for the work of St Stephen's. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the altar.

The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

At 8am

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.
All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.**

At 10am



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Church of England *Common Worship*: Eucharistic Prayer H

The people remain standing.

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise You, God, Lord of all creation; in Your love You made us for Yourself.

When we turned away You did not reject us, but came to meet us in Your Son.

You embraced us as Your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with You.

In Christ You shared our life that we might live in Him and He in us.

He opened His arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night He was betrayed, at supper with His friends

He took bread, and gave You thanks;

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Holy God, we do this in remembrance of Him: His body is the Bread of Life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, He gave You thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Holy God, we do this in remembrance of Him: His Blood is shed for all.

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As we proclaim His death and celebrate His rising in glory,
send Your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of Your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With Your whole Church throughout the world, we offer You this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of Heaven:

Celebrant and People say at 8am and sing at 10am:

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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 6/8 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Lord's Prayer

As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language with which you most feel comfortable.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in Heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.

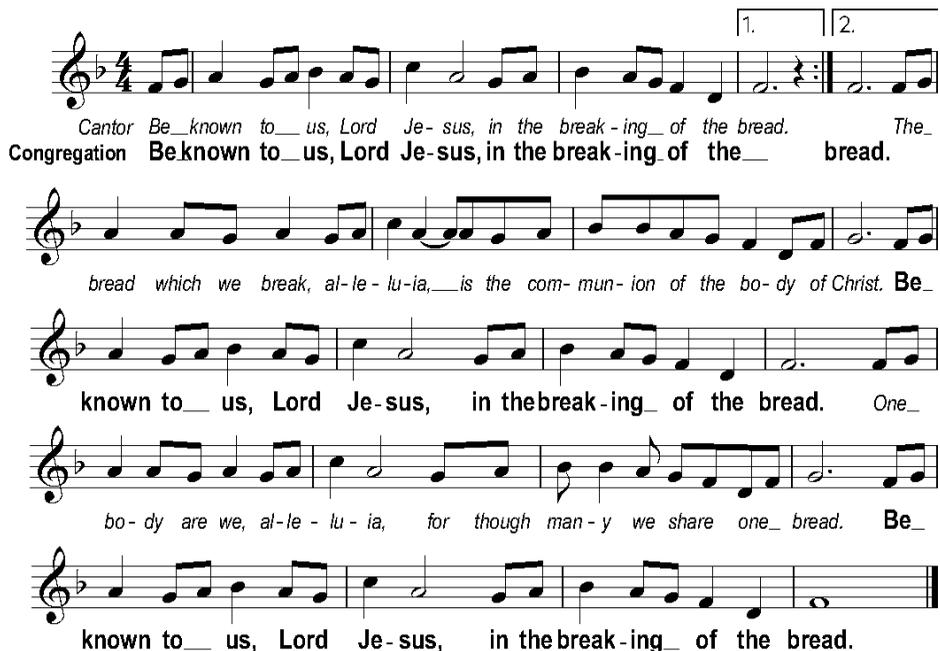
The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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Cantor Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. The
Congregation **Be known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.**

bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia, is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. **Be**
known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread. One
bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia, for though man-y we share one bread. **Be**
known to us, Lord Je-sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

At St. Stephen's, all are welcome to come to the altar. If you would like to receive Communion / the Sacrament, please place your hands, palms upward, to receive the bread, and then receive the wine from the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing from the Priest.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.

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Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
You have fed us with the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation;
You have united us with Christ and one another;
and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit,
that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

The Sending forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

**N. In the name of this congregation we 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.
We who are many are One body because we share One bread, One cup.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,
in the name of the Holy Trinity.
Amen.

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Final Hymn

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Forms of the Prayers of the People

From *A New Zealand Prayer Book* – First Form

Heavenly God,

You have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Your Son.

Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

Holy God, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into Your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

Creator of all,

lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

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We pray for the community:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with Your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others
that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

We pray for those in need:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of Your healing love.

Make us willing agents of Your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died
in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to You alone.

God of Heaven and earth, into Your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for St Stephen's, Mary the mother of Jesus, all Your saints
who have entered Your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

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We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

The priest offers a concluding Collect

Holy God, You have called us to serve You.

Grant that we may walk in Your presence:

**Your love in our hearts, Your truth in our minds, Your strength in our wills;
until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming
and the welcome of Your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The service continues on page 5 with The Confession

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From *A New Zealand Prayer Book* – Second Form

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ You promise to hear us when we pray to You in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. Thank You for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as He loves us.

Silence

We thank You for the unfailing love You hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble. Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

We remember with gratitude Your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

We pray for Your Church throughout the world, thanking You for all who serve Christ and His kingdom. By Your Spirit strengthen Your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in Your truth and love, that we who confess Your name may also reflect Your glory.

Silence

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We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of Your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of Your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Merciful God, You look with compassion on all who turn to You.

Hear the prayers of Your people.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The priest offers a concluding Collect

Those things, good Lord, that Your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of Your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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From *Book of Common Prayer 1979* – Form VI

In peace, we pray to You, Lord God.

Silence

For the people of St Stephen's,
for their contributions to the life and work of this parish
and for all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of San Luis Obispo and its community leaders,
the state and nation and for those who govern,
and the nations and peoples of the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the beauty that You have surrounded us with,
and for the just and proper use of Your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
(*especially...*)
For our Lay Eucharistic Ministers
and for all those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the goodness and love of the faith communities of San Luis Obispo,
for the local Christian churches and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

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For our Presiding Bishop, our Bishop, and our clergy;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For Your mercy is great.

We thank You, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt You, O God and Savior;

And praise Your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died,

that they may have a place in Your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let Your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in You.

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The priest offers a concluding Collect

Almighty God,

to whom our needs are known before we ask:

Help us to ask only what accords with Your will;

and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask,

grant us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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From the Church of England's *Common Worship* – Form 5

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to God.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For *N* our bishop, for the leaders of our sister Churches,
and for all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the United States and in the State of California,
for the leaders of all the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community of San Luis Obispo, for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water, for the sick and the suffering,
for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with St Stephen's, Mary, Jesus' mother and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God;
to You, O Lord.

The priest offers a concluding Collect

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with Your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported
by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to Your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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The Episcopal Church is related to the Church of England and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are part of the Diocese of El Camino Real, which is a grouping churches from San Luis Obispo County to Santa Clara County.

St. Stephen's was founded in 1867 as the first organized Protestant church in San Luis Obispo County. The original church building, locally known as a "carpenter gothic" gem, was built of Monterey Pine beams from Cambria, CA and covered with redwood on this site, which cost \$10. The rich hues of our memorial stained-glass windows reflect both a pioneer heritage and a radiant future. The building today still retains the lines and flavor of the original structure.

Sunday Morning Services:

8am Quiet, contemplative Holy Eucharist

10am Holy Eucharist with music and Sunday School

Please check the weekly bulletin or our website for other services and activities.

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory and homelands of the yak tit'yu tit'yu yak tiłhini (ytt) Northern Chumash people, the first peoples of San Luis Obispo, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Chumash Tribe. Acknowledging the land is a transformative act that works to undo the intentional erasure of indigenous peoples.

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Mission Statement

Our mission as a parish is to open our hearts to God and to share Christ's unconditional love with the world. We do this by following three pathways:

Welcoming

We invite all to join us at every stage on their spiritual journeys.

Worshiping

We cultivate a living tradition of liturgy and a life made holy by the sacraments.

Working

We share our abundance, we strive for justice, and we accept our calling to protect God's creation.

