

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services



WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S!

It is a joy to have you worship with us today. We believe everyone who worships with us is sent to us by God. So, welcome.

As we gather for worship, we want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- Please turn off or silence your electronic devices.
- We strongly encourage you to enter the sanctuary in silence as you prepare for worship.
- Before worship begins, we encourage you to speak to God. During worship, be ready for God to speak to you.
- After worship, we invite you to fellowship with one another, especially those God has brought to us — our visitors.

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

As you come in this morning and settle into your seat, I invite you to think about the following:

- ❖ Wherever we go, we have a reason for going there. What is your reason for being here today?
- ❖ God is merciful and kind to us each and every day. What thanksgiving do you bring to God today?
- ❖ Because each day brings many challenges, what concern(s) do you bring to God today?
- ❖ As your Rector, I have come with thanksgiving for God's grace and mercy and to worship Him; because today is a reminder to me that another week has ended and a new week has begun. It is my hope that you have come to do the same. I encourage you to join me as we call upon our God and worship Him.

Canon Wilmot—a son of God

The flag for May is raised by, *Miriam Tramonti*

In loving memory of her husband, Dick, and in honor of his service
as a Master Sergeant in the Air force during the Korean War.

Prelude

Variations on “Gift of Love”

Arr. J. Linker

**✝ *This symbol represents the point at which we sign
ourselves with the sign of the cross during worship.***

❖ *Announcements* ❖

The Word of God

Please stand for the Opening Prayer.

Opening Hymn

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Hymnal 214

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

The People standing, the Celebrant says:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant and People say

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.

Song of Praise, all standing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
 ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
 ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
 all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
 lift us to the joy divine.

The Collect for Seventh Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People ***Amen.***

The Lessons

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:15–17, 21–26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord

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

Psalm 1

To be read responsively by the Lay Reader and the Congregation.

L Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

L They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

**C It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

L Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

Celebrant 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.**

May we hear the Word of God through these words.

A Reading from the First Letter of John 5:9–13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Earth and All Stars

Hymnal 412

Hymn of the Month

Earth and all stars,
 loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 O victory,
loud shouting army,
 sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

Hail, wind, and rain,
 loud blowing snowstorms,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Flowers and trees,
loud rustling dry leaves,
 sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

Please stand.

When the Gospel is being announced, a cross is made,

✝ (on the forehead) in my mind to understand it,

✝ (on the lips) on my lips to proclaim it, and

✝ (over the heart) in my heart to live it.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 17: 6—19
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Sermon Hymn

Trumpet and pipes,
 loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Harp, lute, and lyre,
loud humming cellos,
 sing to the Lord a new song!

*He hath done marvelous things.
I, too, will praise him with a new song!*

Knowledge and truth,
 loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son,
loud praying members,
 sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

❖ Sermon *Wilmot T. Merchant* ❖

Please use this time to silently reflect on what the Lord has spoken to you.

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

(We bow for the two lines in bold.)

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.*

Please sit or kneel for The Prayers of the People.

The Prayers of the People

The Prayer Leader and People pray responsively.

Leader The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Leader Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;

People *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Ruth our Bishop, Wilmot our Priest, Kim our Deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for Joseph our President, Henry our Governor, and Marilyn our Mayor;

People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;

People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of our loved ones and others, for the men and women who are serving in the armed forces, and all others who serve to preserve and protect lives, and those who have asked us to remember them in our prayers, especially our families, friends, and loved ones.

Lord in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for the people in disaster and troubled areas and those affected by acts of violence here at home and all around the world. Let us also pray for the many volunteers who are working to assist our brothers and sisters in those areas that have been devastated either by man-made or natural disaster.

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for God's people throughout the world, especially the Anglican Communion, The Episcopal Church, and The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Today we are praying for:

Lord, in your mercy.

People Hear our prayer.

**Additional Prayers*

LET US GIVE THANKS FOR OUR VISITORS.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR TRAVELERS THIS WEEK.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Luke Uzun (5/13), Rodney Foushee (5/14), Sondra Taylor (5/14), Gina Benson (5/16), Theresa Duke (5/16), Liz Rotherham (5/16), Miriam Tramonti (5/16), Sissy Long (5/17), Nina Barnes (5/18), Lesley Clark (5/18)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

LET US PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY.

INTERCESSORY AND THANKSGIVING PRAYER. As we continue to hold one another up in prayer in this parish, this week we are praying for:

Rosey King, Shelia Latta, Joe Lenhard, Celia & Mickey Lienau, Sissy Long, Robert & Jean Low, Bobbie Lybrand, Michele Lyerly, Bill & Nancy Mann, Richard Martin, Jr. & Lanell Ramsey.

Celebrant and People

Gracious and most loving God, we join them in committing to you whatever concerns they may have, asking you to let your will be done for them. We also join them in giving you thanks, for your many blessings bestowed upon them and their loved ones. We praise you and thank you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant and people

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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.

People *Amen.*

Please stand.

The Peace

Jesus said, *Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give to you . . .* John 14:27

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*



At the conclusion of the peace the Celebrant says:

Celebrant God is Good!

People *All the Time.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

S. Liddle

Kate McDaniel ~ soloist

Doxology—to be sung

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;**

O Praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O Praise Him! O Praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Please remain standing

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

The Celebrant continues

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People ~ to be sung
Bow during the underlined text

S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit, kneel, or remain standing.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People (respond with a loud) AMEN.

And now, let us sing in thanksgiving the prayer our Savior Christ taught us,

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, which 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.**

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The Breaking of the Bread
Celebrant and People ~ to be sung

S154

**Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.**

The Celebrant 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.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love Him
and for those who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is His will that those who want Him should meet Him here.*

Please join in singing our Communion Hymns.

God Is So Good

LEVAS 214

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me.
He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, He's so good to me.
He's all I need, He's all I need,
He's all I need, He's so good to me.
God will provide, God will provide,
God will provide, He'll provide for me.
God answers prayers, God answers prayers,
God answers prayers, He's so good to me.

Have Thine Own Way Lord!

LEVAS 145

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter,
I am the clay!
Mold me and make me
After thy will,
While I am waiting,
Yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Search me and try me,
Master, today!
Purer than snow, Lord,
Wash me just now,
As in thy presence
Humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary,
Help me, I pray!
Power all power
Surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me,
Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord!
Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being
Absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit
'Til all shall see
Christ only, always,
Living in me!

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and your loved ones far and near and remain with all of you for ever.

People Amen.

Please be seated for a brief announcement.

Benediction *To be sung—please stand.*

**God be with you till we meet again;
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.**



Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing

Hymnal 205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Celebrant We are called to be one with God and each other in Christ.
People ***By living the Gospel with love and compassion.***

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go in peace to love and serve God and one another.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

Postlude ***Ye Holy Angels Bright*** C. Callahan

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

God is good! All the time!

The Flowers on the Altar today are given by

Chris Kasanicky,

“In memory of my parents, sister,
and brother-in-law.”

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers come in many different forms.

Mothers come in many different forms, and today we remember them all.
Thank God for all mothers.

For those women who have left earth too soon and in whom we miss dearly.
Thank God for these mothers!

For every woman who is raising children now making sacrifices for her children's becoming.
Thank God for these mothers.

For those women who have taken in others' children through adoption and foster care, showing us that the love of God far extends beyond biological ties.
Thank God for these mothers.

For those women with grieving hearts for children that could have been with futures so different from they planned.
Thank God for these mothers.

For the special neighbors, teachers, and friends who've nurtured us, supported us and helped us to become the people we are today.
Thank God for these mothers.

For mothers in which our relationships are complicated, difficult or strained, but who have forced us to choose healthier paths for our lives.
Thank God for these mothers.

Mothering God, help us all to reflect more of your compassion, kindness and strength to those around us today. As Meister Eckhart has said, "We are all meant to be mothers of God. God is always needing to be born" let this be true of us! We need more of you, here, God!
Thank God for mothers. AMEN



Elizabeth Hagan

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This Week

- Mon, May 13, 9:00 am, Property Commission, PHCR.
- Mon, May 13, 9:00 am, Queen Bees Landscape Commission, Campus.
- Mon, May 13, 10:00 am, Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, PH.
- Mon May 13, 11:00 am, Yarns & Threads Ministry, PH.
- Mon May 13, 7:00—9:30 pm, PH in use.
- Tue, May 14, 9:00 am, Rummage Ministry.
- Tue, May 14, 11:00 am, PH in use, Pee Dee Waccamaw Deanery Retired Clergy Luncheon.
- Tue, May 14, 4:00 pm, PH in use.
- Tue, May 14, 4:00 pm, Prayer Time, PHCR.
- Wed, May 15, 12:00 noon, Public Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist.
- Wed, May 15, 1:00 pm, Finance Committee, PHCR.
- Wed, May 15, 2:00 pm, Pastoral Care Commission, PH.
- Wed, May 15, 5:00 pm, Chancel Choir Rehearsal.
- Wed, May 15, 7:00—9:30 pm, PH in use.
- Thu, May 16, 10:00 am, Alzheimer's Support Group, PHCR.
- Thu, May 16, 1:00 pm, ECW Meeting, PH.
- Thu, May 16, 5:30 pm, ECM Dinner Meeting, PH.
- Thu, May 16, 1:00 pm, Outreach Commission Meeting, PHCR.
- Sat, May 18, 10:00 am, Parish Life Coffee Hour Prep, PH Kitchen.
- Sat, May 18, Outreach Feeding Ministry, PH Kitchen.



Our Mission

is to be one with God and
humanity in Christ
by living the Gospel
with love and compassion.



Our Vision

is to become comfortable
with Jesus Christ
and boldly proclaim Him.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CELEBRATION AT ST. STEPHEN'S

Ministers: The Congregants of St. Stephen's, Family, Friends and Visitors

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II

Deacon: The Rev. Kim Hoop

Dir of Music: Roberta Rowland-Raybold, c.a.g.o.

Vergers: Cathy Fellows and Robert Dunn

MINISTERS, LAYLEADERS AND STAFF

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

The Right Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley, Bishop, The Diocese of SC

The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Rector

Vestry Members

❖ Betty Berginski, Senior Warden (2024) ❖ Will Bridges, Junior Warden (2025)

❖ Richard B. Martin, Jr. (2024) ❖ Bill Simpson, Jr. (2024)

❖ Veronica Brown (2025) ❖ Marrjo Shattuck (2025) ❖ Sue Crouch (2026)

❖ Robert Dunn (2026) ❖ Wayne Mumford (2026).

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❖ Barbara DiMartini (2024) ❖ Bud Nelson (2024) ❖ Mike Raley (2024).

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