

We welcome you this morning!
If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **Sept 4, 2022**

Opening Hymn *Praise the Lord through every nation* #484

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S280

Collect Inserted

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading *Book of Deuteronomy [30:15–20]*

Psalm *1*

Second Reading *Letter of Paul to Philemon [1–21]*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *Luke [14:25–33]*

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

Intercessions BCP. p. 359

Parish prayer requests.....

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the Diocese, as we engage in the search for our next Bishop
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in

government, for all who work for the common good

•For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

•For the people of Ukraine, Syria, Yemen

Prayers for St Stephens Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Alabama. For Rev. John Burruss and the church families. Praying to end gun violence

• For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Suzanne, Jeannette, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae, Nancy, Karmen, Grace, Kenny, Cathy, Jim, Lindsay, Wendy, Bob, Roger, Mark, David, Peggy, Karen...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• For the Faithful Departed:

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *Gather the people* Insert

Prayer Over The Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine

People: All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p 361

Sanctus S130

Lord's Prayer S149

Fraction Sentence

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Communion - Instrumental music

(Please kneel)

Prayer after Communion

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(Please stand)

Closing Hymn *God of grace and God of glory*

#594

Chalice Bearer: Carolyn Schue

Lectors: Greg Videtic & Deb Blackley

Organist: Jean Spangler

Today's Readings

**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Collect

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Deuteronomy [30:15–20]

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

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1 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!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 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.
4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading
Letter of Paul to Philemon [1–21]

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed

might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel
Luke [14:25–33]

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PARISH PICNIC

The parish will be holding a parish picnic on September 11, following worship services. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is found on the foyer table.

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Sept 17, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.