

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

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **Aug 7, 2022**

Opening Hymn *O worship the king* # 388

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Gloria S280

Collect Inserted

(Please be seated for the readings)

First Reading *Book of Genesis [15:1–6]*

Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading *Letter to the Hebrews [11:1–3, 8–16]*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *Luke [12:32–40]*

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

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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...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud

• For the Faithful Departed: Virginia Smith

The Peace

Offertory Hymn *All things bright and beautiful* # 405

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 *Tell out my soul*

#438

Chalice Bearer: Carolyn Schue

Lectors: Greg Videtic & Deb Blackley

Organist: Jean Spangler

Today's Readings Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Genesis [15:1-6]

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. *The Word of the Lord.*

Psalm

33:12-22

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
13 The Lord looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
20 Our soul waits for the Lord; *
he is our help and our shield.
21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews [11:1–3, 8–16]

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a

homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

Luke [12:32–40]

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Aug 20, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.