

MELCHIZEDEK-THEPRIESTOF GOD MOSTHIGH(EL'ELYON)

Introduction

In Genesis 14:18-20, Melchizedek, King of Salem (Peace), and Priest of God Most High met Abram with bread and wine, and blessed him saying, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High who has delivered your enemies into your hands" (NKJV). And Abram gave a tithe of all. This was an amazing covenant relationship between God and Abraham.

Who is Melchizedek?

In Genesis 14:18, He is King of peace and priest of God Most High. In Hebrews 7:2, He is also King of righteousness. Yet in Hebrews 7:3, He is without father and mother, without genealogy, neither beginning of days, nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Only God alone who is omnipotent (all powerful) possesses such qualities. Therefore, we can conclude that Melchizedek is God appearing to Abraham in real human form to set up the order of greater future blessings for mankind on earth through His Son Jesus Christ.

How is Melchizedek Significant in our Christian Faith?

Abraham is the great father of Judaism and ultimately Christianity. In Genesis 17:4-6, God covenants with Abram to make him a father of many nations to share in his blessings, and so God renames Abram as Abraham to signify this covenant. God revealed Himself to Abraham in varied ways, but more significantly in the person of Melchizedek - priest of God Most High.

HOLY COMMUNION PART ONE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it
All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad
Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: Who made heaven and earth
Minister: I was glad when they said to me
All: Let us go to the house of the Lord
Minister: Praise the Lord
All: The name of the Lord be praised
Minister: Let us Pray
All: Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, The light of the world. Amen.

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and greatest commandment is this: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.

Minister: We stand to glorify the Lord.
Glory to the Father
People: Glory to the Son
Minister: Glory to the Spirit
People: For ever Three in One
Minister: Be glorified at home
People: Be glorified in church.
Minister: Be glorified in Kenya
People: Be glorified in Africa
Minister: Be glorified on earth
People: Be glorified in heaven
Minister: Glory to the Father
People: Glory to the Son
Minister: Glory to the Spirit
People: For ever Three in One
Minister: Alleluia
People: Amen.

O Lord our God, who alone are able to know the end from the beginning, and to whom the mysteries of life and death are an open secret; open our feeble minds that we may truly know the depths of your salvific purpose for humanity and for each one of us individually, and thus purposefully work our Salvation with fear and trembling, as we seek to model our lives in your likeness, knowing well that the way of salvation is the way of the cross. Give us courage to walk that way, as Jesus did. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION PART TWO: People remain standing.

Minister: We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.
Is the father with us?

People:	He is.	People :	He is.
Minister:	Is Christ among us?	People :	He is.
Minister:	Is the Spirit here?	People:	He is.
Minister:	This is our God.	People:	Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
Minister:	We are his people.	People:	We are redeemed.
Minister:	Lift up your hearts.	People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Minister:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.		
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.		

Minister: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, and reigning remarking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray.
All: The Lords Prayer

Minister: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
All: Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share one bread.

Minister: The cup of blessings which we bless
All: Is a sharing in the Blood of Christ

Minister: Draw near and receive
All: Christ is the host and we are his guests.

Minister: Christ is alive for ever.
All: We are because he is.

Minister: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Minister: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

All: O God of our ancestors, God of our people, before whose face the human generation pass away; We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever, and the broken fragments of our history are gathered up in redeeming act of your dear Son, remembered in this Holy Sacrament of bread and wine. Help us to walk daily in the communion of saints, declaring our faith in the forgiveness of our sins and the resurrection of the body. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

- Processional Hymn
- Holy Communion Part 1
- Praise & Worship
- Scripture Readings
- Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-16
- Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40
- Choir
- Welcome/Notices
- Hymn to Sermon
- The Nicene Creed
- Tithes & Offerings
- Holy Communion Part II
- Benedictions
- Recessional Hymn

NICENE CREED

We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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 worshipped 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.

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NOTICES

1. Welcome note
2. Reminder of Wednesday virtual prayers. 9pm - 10pm.
3. Church thanksgiving Sunday will be on August 24th 2025.
4. August babies celebration will take on August 31st 2025.

CORE VALUES

-  Servanthood
-  Dedication
-  Integrity
-  Honesty
-  Self-Drive
-  Teamwork
-  Capacity Building

OUR VISION

*“Becoming a Giant of Faith,
Intellect and Holistic
Development”*

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COLLECT

8th Sunday after Trinity
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Loving Father, You know the dispositions of the hearts and you read our thoughts as one would an open book. You know when we are afraid and shaken by the events in our transient life. Lead us into greater knowledge of you and cause us to be practical in our Christian Walk, ready at all times for the second coming of Jesus our Lord and King. Amen.

Mission of St. Stephen's Anglican Church

“Leading people to meet and commune with God (Ex. 25:22), and to grow in Faith, Love, Favour, Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”