

Welcome to

St. Stephen's

Saint Stephen's accepts everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.



**TWENTY-THIRD SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 22ND, 2016
EVENING PRAYER**

Evening Prayer Service October 22, 2016

Evening prayer does not include the usual processional or recessional . Officiant enter from the Sacristy. At end of service officiant may walk to the rear of church to greet parishioners.No candles lit on Altar (the Gospel and Epistle candles signify Holy Eucharist).

Officiant (standing at top of steps facing congregation):

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness; let the whole earth tremble before Him.

Officiant :

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.....BCP page 116

SILENCE

Officiant and congregation together;:

**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. ,**

Officiant: *Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, Strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.*

Congregation: **AMEN**

The Invitatory and PsalterBCP page 117
All Stand as they are able

Officiant: *Oh God, make speed to save us.*

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us**

Officiant and people together:

**Glory to the Father , and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was In the beginning, is now , and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Officiant and people together: BCP page 118 O Gracious Light

O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the everlasting Father in Heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and Blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our
eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be Praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O
Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the Worlds.

Officiant: **The Psalm** appointed for today is #65 found on Page 672 BCP

(officiant say odd verses, people respond with even verses)

At the end, all say together:

**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.**

The Lessons

Officiant asks all to be seated for the Lessons;

Lector: A reading from Joel etc.

Officiant: *Please turn to page 120 BCP and we will say together the Song of Simeon*

Lord, you now have set your servant free...

Lector: A reading from 2Timothy

Officiant: *Please turn to page 90 BCP and we will say together A song of Praise;*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers

Officiant: *(Standing in front of altar facing people) say: Please remain seated for a
reading from the Gospel of Luke (18:9-14):*

Brief silence then ask people to stand and say together the Apostles Creed BCP
page 120

Officiant: *Ascribe to the Lord Honor due his name and bring offerings to his court.*

When alms basins are brought to Officiant, hold them up to Altar and say:
*Praise God from all whose blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

(leave alms basin on altar)

The PrayersBCP 121

Officiant: *The Lord be with you*

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: *Let us pray*

Officiant and People: **Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrage BBCP 122

Officiant: (Collect of the Day) *O God, the source of eternal light: Shed
Forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may
Praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow
Give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN*

BCP 124(Collect for the Presence of Christ):

*Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is a hand and the day is past;
Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,
that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking
of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. AMEN*

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this
Night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick,
Lord christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. AMEN*

Officiant: *Prayers of the People (from lectionary sheet for the weekend) start first
Bidding and let people fill in. After last prayer (for those who died) say:
Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully,
Grant that we may obtain effectually, to the Glory of your Name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

Officiant and People together: The General ThanksgivingBCP 125
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, etc

Officiant: *The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. AMEN*

Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**