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# St. Stephen's

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



# Lessons & CAROLS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> & 11<sup>TH</sup> 2016  
HOLY EUCHARIST

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Sunday's sermon: Fr. Victor Sarrazin

## **Lessons & Carols Sunday's Hymns & Readings (9:00 am)**

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**Organist:** Wes Moulton

# Lessons & Carols

Processional Hymn 10:30 only: see inside of front cover

Lighting of the advent wreath

Celebrant Says the Advent prayer...

People: **Amen**

*Advent Hymn (See Back inside page of bulletin)*

## **I: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25 (read by: Fred Orman)**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground,\* and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

*Once in Royal David's City*

#405

## **II: Isaiah 40:1-11 (read by: Maryjane Mahland)**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand

double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our  
God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,  
 and the rough places a plain.  
 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
 and all people shall see it together, for the  
 mouth of the Lord has spoken.’  
 A voice says, ‘Cry out!’  
 And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’  
 All people are grass, their constancy is like the  
 flower of the field.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the  
 breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
 surely the people are grass.  
 The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 ‘Here is your God!’  
 See, the Lord God comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him; his reward is with  
 him, and his recompense before him.  
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

#65

### **III: Isaiah 7:10-15 (read by: Ron McCreery)**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah<sup>\*</sup> said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

#87 (Vs 2)

### **IV: Luke 1: 26-38 (read by: Dinah McCreery)**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’<sup>\*</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’<sup>\*</sup> The angel said to her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born<sup>\*</sup> will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*

#81

### **V: Magnificat: The Song of Mary (read by: Virginia Anton)**

*Of The Father’s Love Begotten*

#82

## **VI: Luke 2:1-20 (read by: Eden Kulp)**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,<sup>-</sup> the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,<sup>\*</sup> praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

#79

## **VII: Luke 2:21-36 (read by: Rosemary Snapp)**

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel,

of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

#93

## The Prayers of the People

### The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People **And also with you.**

### VIII: Hebrews 1:1-12 (read by: Steve Capps)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

The offertory Hymn:

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

#324

**Doxology**..... #380 v3

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN** ♪

# The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving.....BCP p. 367

*The priest, faces them and sings or says : 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 *It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.*

*Hear a proper preface is said, as appointed.*

*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

People sing or say the Sanctus: .....S124

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. ♪**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues:

*We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.*

*On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."***

*Therefore, according to his command, O Father,*

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues:*

*And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.*

*We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.*

*Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.*

*By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.*

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray or, sing*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p. 364**




**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..**

  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil;  
for the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen**



(Music found in Gather Hymnal #7)

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**S156**

The people say or sing:



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



Facing the people, 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. All people are welcome at Christ's table.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

**Communion Hymn (Instrumental)**

## **IX: John 1:1-18 (read by: Steve Capps)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life,<sup>\*</sup> and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>\*</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own,<sup>\*</sup> and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,<sup>\*</sup> full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son,<sup>\*</sup> who is close to the Father's heart,<sup>\*</sup> who has made him known.

*Sung blessing at the 10:30 service.*

**Recessional:** *O Come, All Ye Faithfull*

#83

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Announcements

- For your calendars:
  - December 24: Christmas Eve:
    - **5p** Children's Christmas Service
    - **11p**, Christmas Eve service with choir
  - December 25: **9a** Christmas Day service
- Next month new Vestry members will be elected at the annual meeting. Please think about your nominations for new Vestry board members and turn them into the Vestry before mid January.
- There are Advent Meditation Booklets in the foyer. There are enough for each family to share. Please take advantage of this extra spiritual instrument as you prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus' birth celebration.
- This Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 4pm-6pm- Bi-national Las Posadas in Douglas and Agua Prieta. Meet at McDonald's parking lot on the corner of Pan American Avenue (U.S. Highway 191) and 5th Street. Come for vigil walk, singing Las Posadas song at the wall, and celebration at Migrant Center in Agua Prieta. Contact: Father Richard Aguilar: Cell: 305-793-6416 and Email: [RichardAguilar70@Yahoo.com](mailto:RichardAguilar70@Yahoo.com)
- Come join us **Dec 17** and help us keep St. Stephens beautiful. We will be doing grounds work and preparing of the gardens for winter. Thanks. See you there...

## Advent Candle Hymn

(week 1)

*Come surely, Lord Jesus, as dawn follows night,  
our hearts long to greet you, as roses, the light.  
Salvation, draw near us, our vision engage.*

*One candle is lit for the hope of the age.*

(week 2)

*Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare  
for a gift that compels us with justice to care.  
Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease.*

*One candle is lit for the reign of God's peace.*

(week 3)

*Come, festively sing while awaiting the birth,  
join angels in dancing from heaven to earth.  
Wave banners of good news, lift high thankful praise.*

*One candle is lit for the joy of these days.*

Please help us save paper by returning the inside of the bulletin to the basket in the back as you leave. You can keep the cover sheet as a weekly news letter.

Thank you!!!

# This Week at St. Stephen's

## Wednesday Dec 14

9:30a Prayer Group, Church  
10a Bible Study, Ed Center  
6p Brotherhood of St Andrew Fellowship,  
Schlotzsky's  
6p Choir Practice, Church

## Thursday Dec 15

6:30p Vestry Mtg, Ed. Center

## Saturday Dec 17

7:30a Garden Cleanup, Grounds  
5p Eucharist, Church

## Sunday Dec 18 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent)

7:30a Eucharist, Church  
9a Adult Forum, Library  
10:30a Eucharist, Church  
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

### Looking forward

- Garden Cleanup Dec 17
- Christmas Eve Dec 24
- Christmas Day Dec 25

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