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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.*



**CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY**

**DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Sunday's sermon: Fr. Victor Sarrazin

## Christmas Eve Hymns (5pm & 11pm)

<b>Processional Hymn:</b> <i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	#83
<b>Gloria:</b>	#S278
<b>Sequence Hymn:</b> <i>The First Noel</i>	#94
<b>Offertory Hymn:</b> <i>What Child is This</i>	#109
<b>Doxology:</b>	#380 Vs 3
<b>The Lord's Prayer:</b>	G7
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<b>Fraction Anthem:</b>	#S155
<b>Communion Hymns:</b> <i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	#89
<b>Midnight Service Candle lighting hymn:</b>	
<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>	#111
<b>Recessional:</b> <i>Joy to the World</i>	#100
<b>Organist:</b> Wes Moulton	

## Christmas Eve and Day Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Isaiah 9:2-7

### Psalm 96

Lesson 2: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

	<b>5pm Sat</b>	<b>11pm Sat</b>	<b>9am Sun</b>
Eucharistic Minister:	Tim Holsonback	Dottie Gutwein & Nancy Rea	Dottie Gutwein
Lector(s):	Tim Holsonback	Joan Strom	Jeff Speer
Acolyte:			Dottie Gutwein

## Announcements

- Reminder the office will be closed this week
- Fr. Sarrazin will be on vacation from 26<sup>th</sup> through the 1<sup>st</sup> of January .

# The Word of God

Processional Hymn:

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

*Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gloria**

(People: 10:30 only: ..... **S278**

At the other services: ..... **BCP p. 356**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant : *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray.*

After the Celebrant says the Collect.

The People: **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

*After each Reading, the Reader says:*

**Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People.**

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Lesson 1:** *(see Insert)*

**Psalm Reading:** *(See Insert)*

**Lesson 2:** *(See Insert)*

**Sequence Hymn:** *(See inside of front cover for Hymn number) 10:30 only*

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

## The Sermon

## 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 from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the 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 worshiped 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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin**

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The Deacon or Celebrant says:

*Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*Minister and People :*

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.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, says:

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

People: **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

People **And also with you.**

The offertory Hymn: 10:30 only: see inside of front cover

**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

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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.*

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

*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: 10:30 only:.....**S128**

Other services .....**BCP p. 367**

**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.*

*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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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**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.**

or

**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**



### **The Breaking of the Bread**

(10:30 only: ..... **S155**

other Services ..... **BCP p. 364**

The people say or sing:

**♪[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]♪**

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** (See inside of front cover for Hymn number)

After Communion, the Celebrant says: *Let us pray.*

*Celebrant and People:*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** (See inside of front cover for Hymn number)

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia)**

## Announcements (cont.)

- Next month new Vestry members will be elected at the annual meeting, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Please think about your nominations for new Vestry board members and turn them into the Vestry before mid January.
- There will be a single service January 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

## Thank You To..

- all those planting bulbs this past Sunday. The beauty will be returned when they brighten the flower bed this spring.

## 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.*

(week 4)

*Come, wander where lion and lamb gently play,  
where evil is banished and faith takes the day,  
a babe in a manger to fool the world's eyes.  
One candle is lit for God's loving surprise.*

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Thank you!!!

# This Week at St. Stephen's

**Saturday Dec 31**  
5p Eucharist, Church

**Wednesday Dec 28**  
9:30a Prayer Group, Church  
10a Bible Study, Ed Center  
6p Brotherhood of St Andrew Fellowship,  
Schlotzsky's

**Sunday Jan 1**  
9a Christmas Day Eucharist, Church  
6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

## Looking forward

- A New and better Year
- Feast of St. Stephens Jan 1
- Epiphany Celebration Jan 8
- Annual Meeting, Jan 29

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