

*Welcome to*

# **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.*



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
HOLY EUCHARIST**

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Sunday's sermon: Fr. Victor Sarrazin

## Sunday's Hymns (10:30)

Today's Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
William and Mindy Saunders.

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| <b>Processional Hymn:</b> <i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i> | #490                       |
| <b>Kyrie eleison:</b>   | Sierra Vista Service Pg. 1 |
| <b>Sequence Hymn:</b> <i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i>                    | G854                       |
| <b>Offertory Hymn:</b> <i>Jesus Thou Devine Companion</i>               | #586                       |
| <b>Doxology:</b>  | #380 Vs 3                  |
| <b>The Lord's Prayer:</b>   | G7                         |
| <b>Sanctus Hymn:</b>  | SVS Pg. 5                  |
| <b>Fraction Anthem:</b>   | SVS Pg. 11                 |
| <b>Communion Hymns:</b> <i>Here, O My Lord</i>                          | #318                       |
| <b>Recessional:</b> <i>Come, Labor On</i>                               | #541                       |
| <b>Organist:</b> Wes Moulton  |                            |

## Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

### Psalm 23

Lesson 2: Ephesian 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

|                       | <b>5pm Sat</b> | <b>7:30am Sun</b> | <b>10:30am Sun</b>                |
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| Eucharistic Minister: | Tim Holsonback | Dorothy Gutwein   | Dennis Smith<br>& Dorothy Gutwein |
| Lector(s):            | Jeff Speer     | Dorothy Gutwein   | Fred Orman                        |
| Acolyte:              |                |                   | Dorothy Gutwein`                  |

## Announcements

- All are welcome** to come forward for communion. It is perfectly okay to receive only the bread or the wine if you are uncomfortable receiving both for any reason. We have gluten-free wafers available, simply let the minister know you prefer them when they approach you. If you would simply like to come forward for a blessing, cross arms over your chest with your hands on your shoulders and the minister will understand you want a blessing rather than communion.

# The Word of God

Rev. A

**Processional Hymn:** *(see cover for hymn number)*

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

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*Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant may read ...

*Jesus said,*

*"The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord.*

*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 neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31*

The Deacon or Celebrant then 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**

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*Priest:*

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

The priest and people say or sing

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(10:30 only) .....*Sierra Vista Service p. 1*

Priest: *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: *Kyrie eleison.*

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Or People: **Christe eleison.**

Priest: *Lord have mercy.*

Priest: *Kyrie eleison.*

### **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,*

### **The Sermon**

**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**

*(see the back of the lectionary insert)*

## 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

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 the Celebrant will insert a seasonal preface followed by:

*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:.....**S.V.S. p. 5**  
Other services .....**BCP p. 362**

♪ **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.

*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 say,*

**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.**

or

  
**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**    *Other services* ..... **BCP p. 407**

(People sing or say the Fraction hymn: *10:30 only*: ..... *S.V.S. p. 11*)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us peace.**

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.*

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*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God, heavenly father,**

**you have graciously accept us as living members**

**of your son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage**

**to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

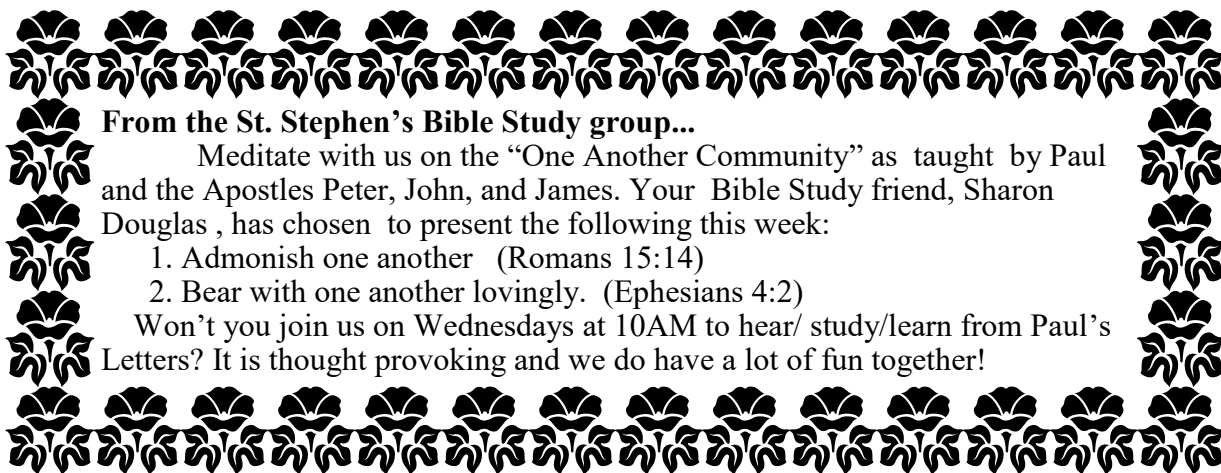
**Recessional Hymn** *(See inside of front cover for Hymn number)*

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Announcements (cont.)

- Our Lenten study this year will be "5 Marks of Love." Offered Tuesday afternoons in the education center at 4 PM by Fr. Victor. Come join the conversation...
- **Holy Week Schedule:**
  - April 9-**Palm Sunday** Normal Schedule
  - April 10-**Monday:** Taize' prayer service at 7 PM (by the Daughters of the King and St. Stephen's music ministry)
  - April 11-**Tuesday:** Intercessory prayer at 7 PM (by the Bible study and intercessory prayer group)
  - April 12-**Wednesday:** Sung Compline at 7 PM (by the brotherhood of St. Andrew and St. Stephen's music ministry)
  - April 13-**Maundy Thursday:** 6 PM Agape Supper, 7 PM Eucharist
  - April 14-**Good Friday:** Veneration of the cross , Noon; Stations of the Cross at 7 PM
  - April 15-**Holy Saturday:** Midday Prayer at 12 PM, The Great Vigil at 6 PM
  - April 16-**Easter Sunday:** Eucharist at 9 AM followed by Easter brunch
- For in-depth details visit our online calendar. Here is a QRC short cut>>>
- If you would like to dedicate Easter Flowers in Memory or Thanksgiving of a loved one, there are donation cards on the counter in the foyer. Place it in the Alms Basin with your donation. The list of dedications will be published in the Easter Bulletin.
- Why are there Roses on the Altar? The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is called Rose Sunday. It reminds us to rejoice and provides us with encouragement as we progress toward the end of this Penitential Season.



### From the St. Stephen's Bible Study group...

Meditate with us on the "One Another Community" as taught by Paul and the Apostles Peter, John, and James. Your Bible Study friend, Sharon Douglas, has chosen to present the following this week:

1. Admonish one another (Romans 15:14)
2. Bear with one another lovingly. (Ephesians 4:2)

Won't you join us on Wednesdays at 10AM to hear/ study/learn from Paul's Letters? It is thought provoking and we do have a lot of fun together!

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

**Friday Mar 31**

7p Stations of the Cross, Church

**Tuesday Mar 28**

4p Lenten Study, Ed. Center

**Saturday Apr 1**

8a Spring clean up, Church

5p Holy Eucharist, Church

**Wednesday Mar 29**

9:30a Prayer Group, Church

10a Bible Study, Ed Center

6p Brotherhood of St Andrew Fellowship,  
Schlotzsky's

**Sunday Mar 2**

7:30a Holy Eucharist, Church

9a Adult Forum, Ed. Center

10:30a Holy Eucharist W/ Choir, Church

6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

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## Looking forward

- Palm Sunday, April 9
- Holy Week Apr 9 - 15  
(see announcements for details)
- Easter Sunday April 16

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## Welcome Visitor!!!

Please leave your name and contact info below. If you'd like Farther Vic to speak with you, please check here

You can also use the QRC here to fill this out online.

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