

**February 17 & 18, 2018 .....Rev. Julie Williams Presiding**  
(5pm & 7:30am)

**Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

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



**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**

# A Penitential Order

## Entrance Rite

*The people stand as they are able.*

### Opening Acclamation

**Celebrant:**        *Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

**People:**         **His mercy endures forever.**

## The Decalogue

*BCP 350*

*Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not make for yourself any idol.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not commit murder.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not commit adultery.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not steal.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not be a false witness.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.*

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

## Penitential Sentence

*The people kneel as they are able.*

*The Presider then says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant continues:*

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

*All say 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.  
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.**

*Celebrant or Priest: 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. Amen.*

**Trisagon** *(repeat three times)*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan;  
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you*

*know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Word of God**

### **First Reading**

A reading from The Book of Genesis (9:8-17).

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 25:1-9**

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*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust **in you**;  
Let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph **over me**.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to **shame**;  
Let the treacherous be disappointed in their **schemes**.
- 3 Show me your ways, O **Lord**.

and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness

## Second Reading

A reading from The First Letter of Peter (3:18-22).

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens

torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Priest: *The Gospel of our Lord.*

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **The Nicene Creed** *All say together*

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.**

## Prayers of the People

**Leader:** *We are baptized to lift up, day by day, all the needy world to God. Let us pray for all who are in need, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.*

For the church, that all who have found God's promise in the waters of baptism may enter gladly into the testing time of Lent, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the church, that the catechumens, called to be ready for Easter baptism, may walk with us these forty days and know both Satan's testing and God's reign, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For our world, that all living creatures may find goodness on the earth, our home, where life and death may both be God's blessing, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For deliverance, that in the wastelands made by our greed and indifference we may fast from evil and grow hungry for justice, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For ourselves in this assembly, that we may strain forward toward Easter, caring for our sick and needy, remembering our dead, believing in our every deed the good news, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For all those who have claim to our intercession, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

We pray for our Armed Forces, those who are far from home, for their safety and the wellbeing of their families and loved ones left behind, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, for the Anglican Church in the **Province of Central Africa**, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for the Church of the Epiphany in Flagstaff, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We commit ourselves to work actively alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

## **Leader:** Praying together

Teach us, Good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to work and not to see to rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, except that by knowing we do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

Holy God, make us holy. Revealing God, make us see. Sending God, make us move. Loving God, make us love. we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Celebrant:** *God of wild beasts and of angels, of waters and wilderness, remember us; remember all whom we remember; remember the covenant you made with every living creature, for that is our bond with you now and forever. AMEN*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **The Peace**

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

**People**        **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Priest says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.



# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:*

Sanctus

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

**All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant                    *As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,*

People and

Celebrant

**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**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted 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.**

*Celebrant or Priest:*

*Bow down before the Lord.*

*Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen***

## **Dismissal**

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

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