

March 3 & 4, 2018Rev. Julie Williams Presiding
(5pm Sat & 7:30 Am Sun)

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST

If you'd like an opportunity to have your say in the future of St. Stephens, plan on attending the **Day of Discovery on March 11th, right after church (10:15 AM)**. On this day there will be only one service at 9:00 AM. Your opinion matters!

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*

The people kneel as they are able. 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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both
outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversi-
ties which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the*

soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Exodus (20:1-17).

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 19

BCP p. 606

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of **God**,*
and the firmament shows his **handiwork**.
- 2 One day tells its tale to **another**,*
and one night imparts knowledge to a **another**.
- 3 Although they have no words or **language**,*
and their voices are not **heard**,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all **lands**,*
and their message to the ends of the **world**.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the **sun**;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its **course**.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it **again**;*
nothing is hidden from its burning **heat**.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the **soul**;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the **innocent**.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the **heart**;*
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the **eyes**.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for **ever**;*
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous **altogether**.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine **gold**,*
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the **comb**.

- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends?*
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,*
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1:18-25).

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

A period of silence is kept.

The people stand as they are able.

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .*
People: **Glory to You Lord Christ.**

Gospel John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty–six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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: Gathering all that commands our prayers, let us intercede with our gracious God, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that God's commandments may ever be close to us, wonderful to ponder and life-giving to keep, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the church, that those who will be baptized at Easter may be drawn to the folly and weakness of God in Christ crucified, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

For children, that infants and young people of every nation may have food and learning, and that they may love their world, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For this gathered community, that the solemn brightness of Lent may open our eyes to these times, their folly and their worth, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

For the dead, especially those who held to and handed on God's commandment until our day, that they may be at peace, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

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 Congo, we pray: **Have mercy, O Lord.**

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for St Andrew's church in Glendale, we pray:

Have mercy, O Lord.

We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land and their role as custodians of the earth 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: *Pryaying 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 seek 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 continues:

Jealous and merciful God, remember us and all those whom we hold in our hearts. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and so daily to raise to you the needs of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. 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. Psalm 50:14

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.**

BCP 368

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.

Celebrant and people

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,

**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.**

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.

The people stand as they are able.

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.

*Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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