

LENT

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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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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Holy Baptism

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—
 2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
 3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

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God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
 as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
 who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.

Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616);
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Opening Acclamation:

BCP p. 355

Presider
 People
 Presider

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
 Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
 from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**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:

BCP p. 357

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

(BCP p. 215)

People **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 for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

First Lesson: from the book of the **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."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

(Read aloud in unison)

**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 compas-
sion 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 *
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.**

Second Lesson: A reading from 1 Peter 3:18-22:

Christ also 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

HOMILY

Nicene Creed: *(Said aloud by all, in unison)* *BCP p. 358*

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: Form III

(BCP p. 387)

Leader *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*
People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of the Province of Central Africa**
May God bless and keep them.

*In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for *All Saints, in Safford.**
May God bless and keep them.

We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the tribes of the Apache and Pascua Yaqui that call this part of Arizona their home.
May God bless and keep them.

We pray for our own needs and the needs of others (please add your own petitions and prayers either silently or aloud)

Presider *And because we are currently fasting from the Lord's Supper, let us also pray for our spiritual Communion:*

All My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Presider *As Jesus taught us, we now pray: (Lord's Prayer) BCP p. 364*

All: 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.

Presider *Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Presider *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*
People **And also with you.**

Blessing


Presider: *May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. Amen.*

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Holy Baptism



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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Music: *Erhalt uns, Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

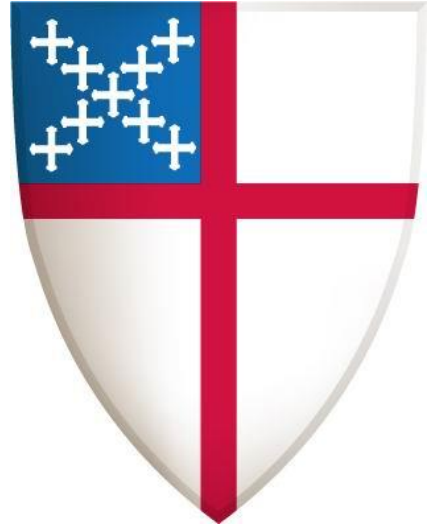
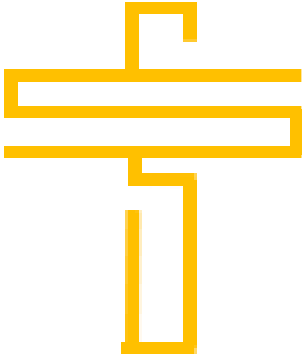
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Dismissal

Deacon: *Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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





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