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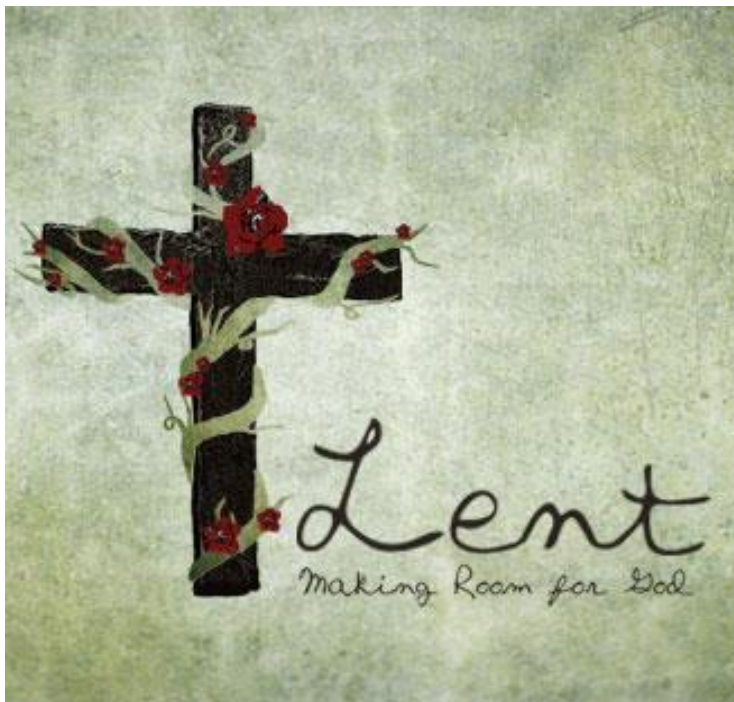
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Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to our worship service today. During the season of Lent we are using a combination of Morning Prayer and Communion. Lent being a time of self-reflection and redirecting our lives to be more aligned with God's desires for us, we use Morning Prayer because the confession is at the beginning and reminds us to be more introspective about how we can improve ourselves with God's help.

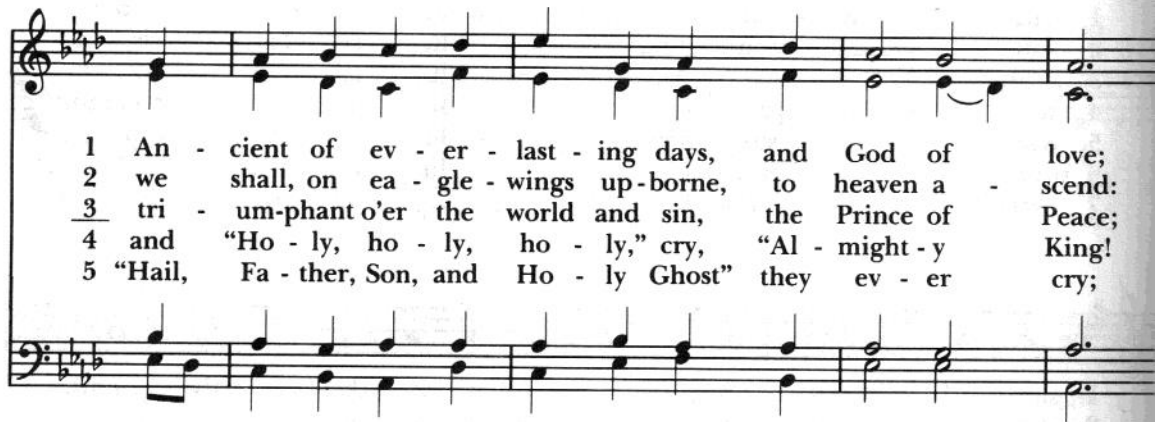


Welcome and Announcements


28 Feb 2021 10:30am



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

Opening Acclamation:

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Presider *I will arise and go to my father; and will say unto him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son."* Luke 15:18, 19

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Presider *The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Salutation

Presider *O Lord, open thou our lips.*

People **And our mouths shall show forth thy praise**

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy upon us.**

Psalm 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus (Read aloud in unison)

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of
Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor
the poor in their poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears
them.

24 My praise is of him in the great as-
sembly; *

I will perform my vows in the pres-

ence of those who worship him.
25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise
him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall re-
member and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the
earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall be-
fore him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for
ever.

30 They shall come and make known to
a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

(please be seated)

The Lessons

First Lesson: A reading from **Genesis 17:1-7,15-16:**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: from the book of the Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:31-38

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

Leader *The Lord be with you.*
People **And with thy spirit.**
Leader *Let us pray*

The Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

V. *O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. *Endue thy ministers with righteousness;*
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. *Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;*
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. *Lord, keep this nation under thy care;*
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. *Let thy way be known upon earth;*
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. *Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;*
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. *Create in us clean hearts, O God;*
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Leader: *In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for **Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.***

People: **Lord, be with them.**

Leader: *In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the **Church of the Nativity, in Scottsdale.***

People: **Lord, be with them**

Leader: *We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache peoples who called this area home.*

People: **For greater understanding and cooperation between us towards the common good for all.**

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Exchange of the Peace

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you...*

People: **And also with you.**

(People exchange socially distant signs of peace, namaste, virtual hugs, etc..)

Presider: *If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

Offertory music:

The Holy Communion

Presider: *The Lord be with you .*

All: **and also with.**

Presider: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider: *Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word through whom you have created all things; Who was sent by you, in your great goodness, to be our Savior; by the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and, as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, was seen on earth and went about among us;*

He opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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 with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: *Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these your*

gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of all men, rejoicing at his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption;

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come in glory.**

Presider: We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you; we bring before you this bread and this cup;

We pray you to accept this our duty and service, a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever; through him from whom all good things come, Jesus Christ our Lord;

*By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

Presider As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

(Lord's Prayer)

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

The Breaking of the Bread *(spoken)*

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.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Please follow the directions of the priest and maintain distancing. Receive the bread in your outstretched hand, move 6ft over and lift/lower mask to consume the bread. Replace mask and return to seat).

Communion Music *(My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread)* 1982 Hymnal #321

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Gratitude Sharing

(remain in your seat area, stand for recognition or sharing)

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

All: **Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness from doing it; but that in your light we may see light, and in your service find our perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.*

Closing Hymn/Song (*Forty Days And Forty Nights*) *The 1982 Hymnal #150*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Forty Days And Forty Nights'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains five verses of lyrics. The second system contains five verses of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.;
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

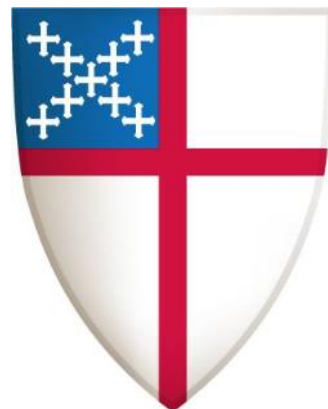
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Dismissal

Deacon: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

People **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

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