

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.

THIRD 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.

THE TEN Commandments

- I. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
- II. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
- III. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
- IV. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.
- V. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.
- VI. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
- VII. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
- VIII. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
- IX. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR.
- X. THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

-EXODUS 20

Welcome and Announcements

Praise to God

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1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.

Music: *Mit Freuden zart*, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529;

adapt. *Pseaumes cinquante de David*, 1547, and *Kirchengeseng darinnen die Heubtarticke
 des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset*, 1566

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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 19

Caeli enarrant

(Read aloud in unison)

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handi-
work.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to
another.

3 Although they have no words or lan-
guage, *
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 enlight-
ened, *
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.

**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 **Exodus 20:1-17:**

Then 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. For six days you shall labour 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: from the book of the **1 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.

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Gospel Lesson: John 2:13-22:

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

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.

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 **Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo***

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

Leader: *In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the **St. Anthony on the Desert, 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

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 adversities 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

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.**

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 (Let Us Break Bread Together) 1982 Hymnal #325

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 *(Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise) The 1982 Hymnal #423*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

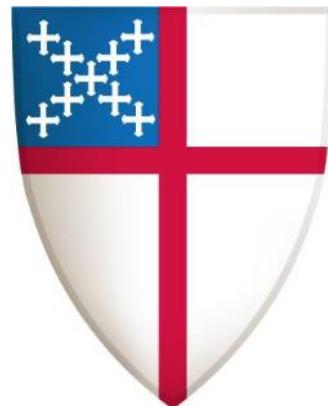
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Dismissal

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

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

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