

# LENT

prayer • fasting • almsgiving

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.*

## FIFTH 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.

### God's New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my law  
on their hearts  
and minds

Welcome and Announcements

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;

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 Vulpius (1560?-1616);  
 harm. after Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

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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 119: 9-16**

*In quo corrigit? (Read aloud in unison or by verse or half verse)*

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; \*

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; \*  
instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite \*  
all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way  
of your decrees \*  
than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments \*  
and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; \*  
I will not forget your word.

**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 **Jerimiah 31:31-34:**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

**Second Lesson:** from the book of the **Hebrews 5:5-10**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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## **Gospel Lesson: John 12: 20-33:**

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

**People:        Glory to you Lord Christ**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 a **Prayer for Repentance & The Church of England***

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

Leader: *In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the **St. Andrew's, in Sedona***

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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 you.**

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)**

*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.**

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 *(I Come With Joy)*

*1982 Hymnal #304*

**Holy Eucharist**

**304**

*Unison or harmony*

The musical score is written on two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The lyrics are: 1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for - 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.  
 5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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## 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** (*Descend, O Spirit*)

*The 1982 Hymnal #297*

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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.

Words: Scott Francis Brenner (b. 1903), alt.

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

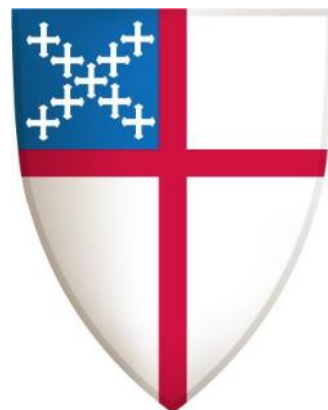
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## Dismissal

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

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

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