

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

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent Nov 28—Dec19, 2021 Sat 5pm & Sun 11Am



Opening Song/Hymn — *(See Insert for song number)*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Hymn #56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Nov 27-28 verses 1 & 2

Dec 4-5 verses 3 & 4

Dec 11-12 verses 5 & 6

Dec 18-19 verses 7 & 8

**Greeting**

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria: (Third Song of Isaiah)

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, \***

**and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land; \***

**deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise, \***

**and his glory will appear upon you.**

**Nations will stream to your light, \***

**and kings to the brightness of your dawning.**

**Your gates will always be open; \***

**by day or night they will never be shut.**

**They will call you, The City of the Lord, \***

**The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

**Violence will no more be heard in your land, \***

**ruin or destruction within your borders.**

**You will call your walls, Salvation, \***

**and all your portals, Praise.**

**The sun will no more be your light by day; \***

**by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.**

**The Lord will be your everlasting light, \***

**and your God will be your glory.**

## Collect of the Day

**Presider** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Presider** Let us pray.

**All:** (See Collect on the insert provided)

(please be seated for the lessons)

## The Word of God

**First Reading :** *See Insert for Readings*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm :** *See Insert for Psalm*

**Second Reading** *See Insert for Readings*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

**Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

*After the reading :*

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

## SERMON

## **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:** *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Michael and Jennifer our bishops, Allison our priest, and all your Church members in the service of Christ,*

**All:** **That those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.**

**Leader:** *Bless and guide the President, our elected officials, and those in positions of leadership in our governing bodies; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace;*

**All:** **that we may honor one another, and seek the common good.**

**Leader:** *Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors,*

**All:** **that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

Leader: *Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: especially remembering: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please add the names of any you wish to be remembered).*

*Give them courage and hope in their troubles;*

**All: and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

Leader: *Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially \_\_\_\_\_ (please add names of those who have died). According to your promises,*

**All: grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.**

Leader: *In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for \_\_\_\_\_*

**All: O Lord, Bless and keep them.**

Leader: *In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for \_\_\_\_\_*

**All: O Lord, Bless and keep them.**

Leader: *We acknowledge and pay respect to the first peoples of this land especially the Apache and Pascua Yaqui who call this area of Arizona their home.*

**All: O Lord, Bless and keep them.**

Leader: *Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints,*

**All: we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Leader: *Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (The people stand, sit, or kneel.)*

**All: 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.**

## **Absolution**

*Presider: 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.*

## **Exchange of the Peace**

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

*All And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People exchange socially distant signs of peace (peace sign, namaste, virtual hug)*

## **Offertory**

*The Presider: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

Offertory Music

# Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Rite II Prayer B BCP p. 372

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because of your goodness and the fullness of your love revealed in your abundant creation, in the sending of your Son and in the imparting of your Holy Spirit, our hearts are moved to thankful praise.

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:

All: **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.**

*The people stand, sit, or kneel.*

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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.

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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

**Lord's Prayer:**

**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**

**Fraction:** *(In silence the Presider breaks the bread)*

**Presider:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## **Invitation to Communion:**

**Presider:** 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 and with thanksgiving.

*(Everyone is invited to come forward and receive communion or a blessing).*

Communion Music *(See Insert for music listing)*

## **Recognition of a Birthday, Anniversary, Healing, Gratitude**

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

**Presider:** Let us pray:

*Presider and People*

**Almighty and ever-living God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Presider: *Holy God, make us holy as you are holy. Revealing God, allow us to see as you see. Sending God, motivate us to move as you move. Loving God, inspire us to love as you love. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.* **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal:**

Presider: *People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?*

**People: We are called to love and serve.**

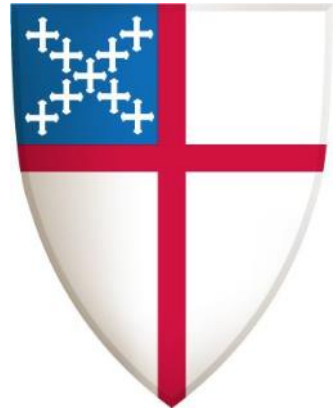
Presider: Let us go forth in Spirit of the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Closing Song/Hymn (See Insert for Song number)



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