

LENT

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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.

Saturday 2 April, 5:30pm & Sunday April, 3 11am

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Prelude: *“Lift High The Cross”*, by Syd NicholSEN piano arr Fred Bock
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Allison Cornell

Opening Acclamation:

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Presider: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

Presider: God forgives and heals us.

All: We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve you. Amen

Presider: God forgives you. Forgive others; Forgive yourself.

Silence

Presider: Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy - Richard Proulx

The Collect

1,3. Lord have mer- cy. Lord, have mer- cy. Lord, have mer- cy up - on us.
2. Christ, have mer- cy. Christ, have mer- cy. Christ, have mer- cy up - on us.

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray

All: 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.

The Lessons *(please be seated)*

First Lesson: A reading from Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: Psalm 126

In convertendo

**1 When the Lord restored the
fortunes of Zion, ***
 **then were we like those who
dream.**

**2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter, ***
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
 **"The Lord has done great things
for them."**

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves

Second Lesson: A reading from Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

.Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John (12:1-8)

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Let us proclaim our faith in the words of 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

Leader: Blessed are you eternal God,

People: **to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
May we all be one that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you,
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

We remember those who have died.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

(Remembering N) We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory.

May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.

In your presence may they find strength.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

We honor and pray for our indigenous neighbors

That we may dwell together in respectful harmony

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray *for St. Paul's Sudanese Mission in Phoenix*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray *for The Church of Nigeria*

Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of Christ always be with you

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Presider: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

New Zealand BCP

Presider *The Lord is here.*

People **God's spirit is with us**

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider *Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.*

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Who though tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin; through your Christ therefore we may triumph over sin and grow in grace.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Presider and People:

Hymnal #S129

**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.**

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father.

On the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to

them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit (+) that these gifts of bread and wine which we Receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power (+), may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: *As Jesus taught us we now pray: (Contemporary version)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion. Please observe the social distancing by using the marks on the floor. Indicate a dipping motion to have your bread dipped in the wine. To receive just the bread without the wine, extend arm with hand open, palm up to receive the bread. Move to the side to lift/lower mask to eat bread, replace mask and return to your seat.

Communion Hymn *“I heard the voice of Jesus say”*

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Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers, and Gratitudes

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

All: Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Benediction:

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

Dismissal

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

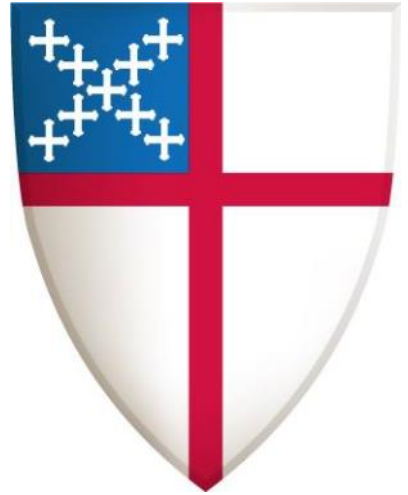
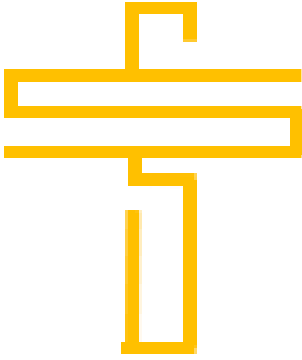
People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song: *"I surrender all"* **See Insert back of Announcements**
Please join us for refreshments and a time of fellowship following the service.

Postlude: *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*, by Peter Lutkina



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