

LENT

A Season of Renewal



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

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Wed 13 April 9:30am, 2022



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

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

The Collect of the Day:

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

**All: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be
whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the
sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Word of God *(Please be seated)*

First Lesson: A reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *(Read aloud in unison)*
Deus, in adjutorium

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.**
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.**
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.**
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"**
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.**
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.**

Second Lesson: A reading from Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John 13:21-32

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

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

Homily

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

Presider: 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. Stephen's in Phoenix.*

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray *for The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Exchange of the Peace

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

All **And also with you.**

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

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)

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #S161

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: 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.

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

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?

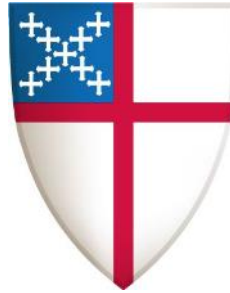
People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God.**

Stations of the Cross to follow at 10:30

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