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

# ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Saturday Feb 25, 5pm & Sunday Feb 26, 11am (First Sunday in Lent) Prelude: "Worthy", by Todd Beaney

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Rites (*The people stand as they are able.*)

#550 **Opening Hymn:** "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" vs. 1,3,4,5

**Opening Acclamation:** 

Presider Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from All: 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.

**Rev Allison Cornell** 

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.** 

Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy - Richard Proulx



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.

Psalm for today: Psalm 32 (Said in unison)
1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!

- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \* Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \* shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
- 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.

The Lessons – (please be seated)

# First Lesson: A Reading from Genesis (2:15-17; 3:1-7)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.""

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:12-19):

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.* **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# **Gospel Reading**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (4:1-11)

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.""

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.""

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.""

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Sermon

# 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 The Lord be with you.

#### People And with thy spirit.

Leader Let us pray.

- 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 Angiican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Scottish Episcopal Church* 

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

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *Grace Church, in Lake Havasu* 

#### People:Lord, be with them

- Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona Odum peoples who called this area home.
- People: For greater understanding and cooperation between us towards the common good for all.

# **Collect Of the Day**

Presider: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

## All And also with you.

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

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

Offertory Hymn: "All that We Have"

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### Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 3)

# The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit
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 meet and right so to do.

#### Presider

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People: Hymnal #S128

#### ↓ 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 be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify (+), with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

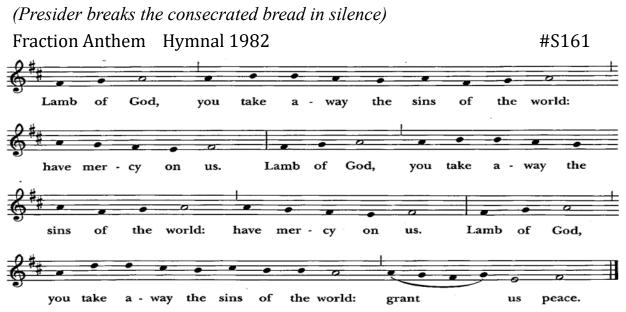
All: And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, (+) and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** 

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, 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



#### **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.
- Communion Hymn: ""Lord Jesus Think on Me"

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

# **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

All: Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### **Benediction:**

Presider: The peace which passeth 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 Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	"Dear Lor	d and Father	of Mankind"
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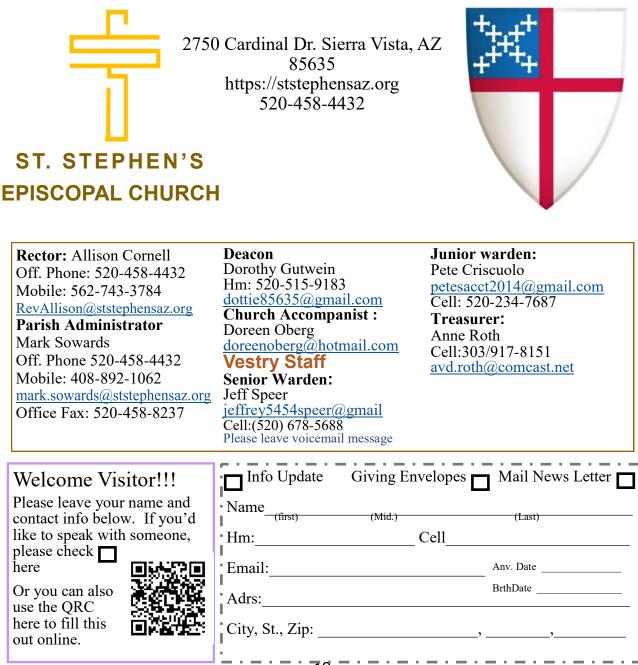
#### Dismissal

Deacon:	People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?
People	We are called to love and serve.
Deacon:	Let us go forth in the name of Christ
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing", from Mariners tune

Sundays join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall

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