

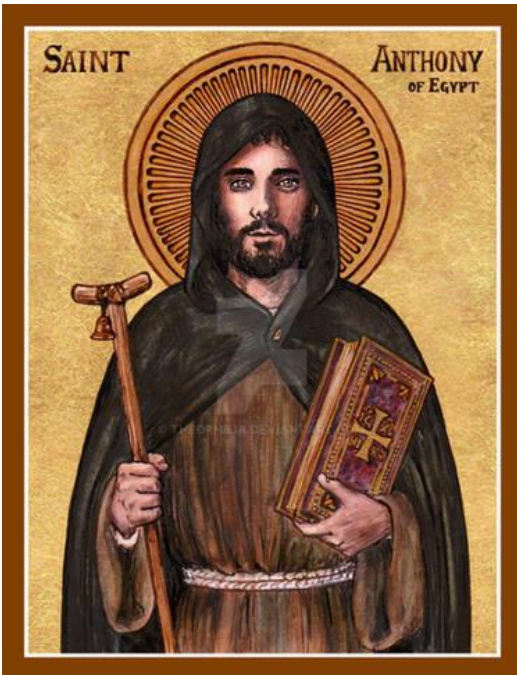
# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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



**Wednesday, 17 January 2024 9:30am**  
**The feast of Antony of Egypt**

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**Anthony the Great** (**Greek:** Ἀντόνιος *Antónios*; **Arabic:** القديس أنطونيوس الكبير; **Latin** : *Antonius*; **Coptic:** Ⲁⲛⲧⲟⲛⲓⲟⲥ Ⲁⲛⲧⲟⲛⲓⲟⲥ; c. 12 January 251 – 17 January 356) was a Christian monk from Egypt, revered since his death as a saint. He is distinguished from [other saints named Anthony](#), such as [Anthony of Padua](#), by various epithets: **Anthony of Egypt**, **Anthony the Abbot**, **Anthony of the Desert**, **Anthony the Anchorite**, **Anthony the Hermit**, and **Anthony of Thebes**. For his importance among the [Desert Fathers](#) and to all later [Christian monasticism](#), he is also known as the **Father of All Monks**. His feast day is celebrated on 17 January among the [Eastern Orthodox](#) and [Catholic](#) churches and on [Tobi 22](#) in the [Coptic calendar](#).

The biography of Anthony's life by [Athanasius of Alexandria](#) helped to spread the con-

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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Allison Cornell**

## The Greeting

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider “Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.”—Isaiah 60: 3.

Gloria: The Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.**

**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 Collect of the Day

Presider *The Lord be with you.*

People **And also with you.**

Presider *Let us pray.*

**All: O God, as you by your Holy Spirit enabled your servant  
Antony to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the  
devil; so give us grace to follow you with pure hearts and minds,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons from Scripture** *(Please be seated)*

### **New Testament: A reading from James (1:9-11):**

Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the field; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. It is the same way with the rich; in the midst of a busy life, they will wither away.

Reader The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

### **The Psalm:**

#### **Psalm 91**

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.**
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."**
- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.**
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.**
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;**
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.**
- 7 A thousand shall fall at your side  
and ten thousand at your right hand, \*  
but it shall not come near you.**
- 8 Your eyes have only to behold \*  
to see the reward of the wicked.**
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,**
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.**
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.**
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.**
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation.**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
**Mark (10:17-22):**

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

.Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon/Meditation**

### **Nicene Creed** *(Traditional)*

**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: Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ. As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”;

**People: Empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.**

Leader: As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child;

**People: send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.**

Leader: As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan,

**People: we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.**

Leader: Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior’s birth;

**People: we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries and other happy occasions.**

Leader: As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world;

**People: we pray for healing of the sick and comfort for the distressed, relief for the poor, and good news for the desperate.**

Leader: As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, everything of their former life, and follow him;

**People: we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus into your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace.**

Leader: In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **The Diocese of Bunbury – The Anglican Church of Australia**. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for **St. John's Episcopal-Lutheran, in Williams**. With honor and respect we remember the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O’odham, who call this area home.

**People: May God bless and keep them healthy and protected.**

Presider: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us

reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

## **Exchange of the Peace**

Presider 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**

Presider: Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

## **The Holy Communion**

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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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

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:

Sanctus - Hymnal 1982 #S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana 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 our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

### **The 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.**

### **Fraction: The Breaking of the Bread**

*(In silence the Presider breaks the bread)*

### **Fraction Anthem**

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore, let us keep the feast  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **Invitation to Communion:**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*(In this church, everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten free bread and real wine are used. If you prefer to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, please come to the left altar rail. If you prefer to take a sip of wine from the cup, please come to the right altar rail. If you prefer to receive a priest blessing instead of the bread and wine, come to either rail and cross your arms over your chest. .*

Presider: Let us pray: *Presider and People*

**Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you united things earthly and things heavenly. Fill us with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill, that we may join the heavenly host in singing praises to your glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*The Presider says*

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. And may Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal:**

Deacon: *Let us go forth in the peace and spirit of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!*

People           **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Continued from front      cept of Christian [monasticism](#), particularly in Western Europe via its [Latin](#) translations. He is often erroneously considered the first Christian monk, but as his biography and other sources make clear, there were many ascetics before him. Anthony was, however, among the first known to go into the wilderness (about AD 270), which seems to have contributed to his renown.<sup>[6]</sup> Accounts of Anthony enduring supernatural temptation during his sojourn in the [Eastern Desert](#) of Egypt inspired the depiction of [his temptations in visual art](#) and literature.

Anthony is appealed to against infectious diseases, particularly skin diseases. In the past, many such afflictions, including [ergotism](#), [erysipelas](#), and [shingles](#), were referred to as *Saint Anthony's fire*.

## **Life of Anthony**

Most of what is known about Anthony comes from the *Life of Anthony*. Written in Greek around 360 by [Athanasius of Alexandria](#), it depicts Anthony as an illiterate and holy man who through his existence in a primordial landscape has an absolute connection to the divine truth, which always is in harmony with that of Athanasius as the biographer.<sup>[6]</sup>

A continuation of the genre of secular [Greek biography](#),<sup>[7]</sup> it became his most widely read work.<sup>[8]</sup> Sometime before 374 it was translated into Latin by [Evagrius of Antioch](#). The Latin translation helped the *Life* become one of the best-known works of literature in the Christian world, a status it would hold through the [Middle Ages](#).<sup>[9]</sup>

Translated into several languages, it became something of a "best seller" in its day and played an important role in the spreading of the [ascetic](#) ideal in Eastern and Western Christianity. It later served as an inspiration to Christian [monastics](#) in both the East and the West,<sup>[10]</sup> and helped to spread the concept of Christian monasticism, particularly in Western Europe via its Latin translations.

Many stories are also told about Anthony in the [Sayings of the Desert Fathers](#).

Anthony probably spoke only his native language, [Coptic](#), but his sayings were spread in a [Greek](#) translation. He himself dictated letters in Coptic, seven of which are extant.<sup>[11]</sup>

## **Life**

### **Early years**

Anthony was born in [Koma](#) in [Lower Egypt](#) to wealthy landowner parents. When he was about 20 years old, his parents died and left him with the care of his unmarried sister. Shortly thereafter, he decided to follow the gospel exhortation in [Matthew 19](#): 21, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasures in heaven." Anthony gave away some of his family's lands to his neighbors, sold the remaining property, and donated the funds to the poor.<sup>[12]</sup> He then left to live an [ascetic](#) life,<sup>[12]</sup> placing his sister with a group of [Christian virgins](#).<sup>[13]</sup>

### **Hermit**

For the next fifteen years, Anthony remained in the area,<sup>[14]</sup> spending the first years as the disciple of another local [hermit](#).<sup>[4]</sup> There are various legends that he worked as a [swineherd](#) during this period.<sup>[15]</sup>

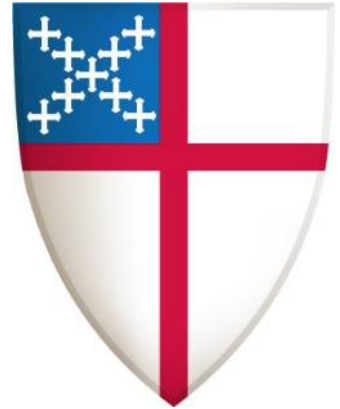
According to the *Temptation of Saint Anthony* (1878) by [Félicien Rops](#):

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