

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday of Lent

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, 24 February 5pm & Sunday, 25 February 10am 2024



Prelude Music: *"We Are One In The Spirit"*, by St. Brendan by Scholtes arr

Doreen Oberg

Welcome and Announcements -

The Rev. Allison Cornell

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

Opening Hymn *"Thy Kingdom Come O God"*

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Salutation

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People: **His mercy endureth forever**

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.

Confession:

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

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

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 - Steve Merkel

Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on me.

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The Lessons – *(please be seated)*

Psalm for today: Psalm 92: 1-5, 12-15

- 1 It is good to give thanks to the AGELESS GOD,
to sing praises to your name Most High;**
- 2 to declare your faithful love in the morning,
and your trustworthiness by night,**
- 3 upon the ten strings and the harp,
upon the murmurings of the lyre**
- 4 For you have made me glad,
WELLSPRING OF LIFE, by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**
- 5 How great are your works, WOMB OF CREATION!
Your designs are so very profound.**
- 12 A righteous woman or man flourishes like a palm tree,
and grows like a cedar in Lebanon.**
- 13 They are planted in the house of SHE WHO Is HOLY;
in the courts of our God, they flourish.**
- 14 Still producing fruit in their elder years;
fat with sap and ever green.**
- 15 They declare that the MIGHTY GOD is upright;
she is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in her.**

**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.**

First Lesson: A Reading from Genesis (3:1-7)

Now the serpent had more naked intelligence than any other animal of the field that the SOVEREIGN God had made. And it said to the woman, "Indeed, did God say, 'You two shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of any tree in the garden we may eat, though of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden God said, 'You two shall not eat and shall not touch it lest you two die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You two will certainly not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you two 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 man, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them 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 Ephesians (2:4-10):

Now God, who is rich in mercy, loving us with a great love when we were dead through our trespasses, brought us to life together with Christ—by grace have you all been saved. And God raised us up together with Christ and seated us all together in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. This, that God might show in the ages to come, the abundant riches of God's grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace have you all been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God. It is not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what God has crafted, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our path.

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 (7:15-20):

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

"Beware of false prophets, who will come to you all in sheep's clothing but inside are rapacious wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or from thistles, figs? Thus, every good tree bears beautiful fruit, but the rotten tree bears wicked fruit. A good tree cannot bear wicked fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bear beautiful fruit. Every tree that does not bear beautiful fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O 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 Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Tanzania**

People: Lord, be with them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **St. Matthew's, in Chandler.**

People: Lord, be with them

Leader: We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahono O'Odham 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.

Offertory:

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

Offertory Hymn: *"God is love"*

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Doxology

All:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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: **SANTUS**

(Tune "Land of Rest")

207 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and".

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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, 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;

All: 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;

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

(Presider breaks the consecrated bread in silence)

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 #S163

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.

Communion Hymn: “*We Remember*”

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Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

All: O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction:

Presider:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all forever more. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: “*The call is clear and simple*”

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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: “*We Are Gods people*’

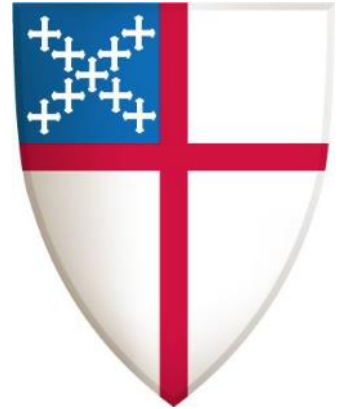
Music: Johannes Brahms

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