

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



The Third 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, 2 March 5pm & Sunday, 3 March 10am 2024



Prelude Music: *"Jesus Shall Reign"*, Duke Street arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements -

The Rev. Allison Cornell

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

Opening Hymn *"Christ whose glory fills the skies"*

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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 96

- 1 Sing to the EXALTED a new song;
sing to the CREATOR, all the earth.**
 - 2 Sing to the MOST HIGH, bless her name;
proclaim from day to day her salvation.**
 - 3 Declare among the nations her glory,
among all the peoples, her marvelous works.**
 - 4 For great is the AGELESS GOD, and greatly to be praised;
revered is she above all gods.**
 - 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
yet the WOMB OF LIFE made the heavens.**
 - 6 Splendor and majesty are before her;
strength and beauty are in her sanctuary.**
 - 7 Give to the MAJESTIC ONE, you families of the peoples,
give to the MIGHTY ONE glory and strength.**
 - 8 Give to the FIRE OF SINAI the glory due her name;
bring an offering and come into her courts.**
 - 9 Bow down and worship the SOVEREIGN ONE in majestic holiness;
tremble in her presence, all the earth.**
 - 10 Say among the nations, "The EVER-LIVING GOD reigns!
Indeed, the world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
God will judge the peoples with equity."**
 - 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea roar, along with what fills it.**
 - 12 Let the field exult, and all that is in it.
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**
 - 13 before the WISDOM OF THE AGES; for she is coming,
for she is coming to judge the earth.
She will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with her truth.**
- 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 (3:8-21):

The woman and man heard the sound of the SOVEREIGN God walking about in the garden in the breezy part of the day, and the woman and her man hid themselves from the presence of the SOVEREIGN God among the trees of the garden. Then the SOVEREIGN God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And the man said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself." Then God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree which I commanded you not to eat?" And the man said, "The woman whom you gave to stand with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the SOVEREIGN God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The SOVEREIGN God said to the serpent:

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all herd animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat, all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; her offspring will strike your head, and you will strike the heel of her offspring."

To the woman God said:

"I will greatly increase your painful toil and your pregnancies; in pain shall you birth children, and your desire shall be for your man, yet he shall rule with you."

And to the man God said:

"Because you have listened to the voice of your woman and have eaten of the tree which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat from it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in painful toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Thorn and thistle shall it grow for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow shall you eat bread until you return to the ground; for out of it you were taken, you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the SOVEREIGN God made garments of skins for the woman and her man and clothed them

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:31-39):

What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God is the one who did not spare the very Child of God, but rather for all of us, handed the Messiah over. Will not God—with Christ—also give us everything else? Who then will bring any charge against the elect of God? God is the one who justifies. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus, the one who died, moreover the one who was raised and who is at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are completely victorious through the one who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor powers-that-be, nor things that are, nor things that will be, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Redeemer

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Gospel Reading

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Mark (13:14-22):

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

"Now when you all see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be— let the reader understand—then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. The woman or man on the housetop should not go down or enter the house to take anything out. And the one in the field should not turn back to grab a garment. Woe to those who have a child in womb and to those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that it be not winter. For in those days there will be affliction, of such a kind as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, no, and never will be. And if the Living One had not cut short those days, no flesh would be saved; rather for the sake of the elect, whom God chose, God has cut short those days. And if anyone says to you all at that time, 'Look! Here is the Messiah!' or 'Look! There is the Christ!'—do not believe it. False messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the elect."

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 Church of the
Province of Uganda.**

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

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **St. Thomas, in Clarkdale.**

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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: *"Praise to the holiest in the height"* **#446**

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 line of musical notation is in 6/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho -

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes

in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: “*There is a wideness in God's mercy*” **G#603**

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: “*How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord*” **#637**

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.

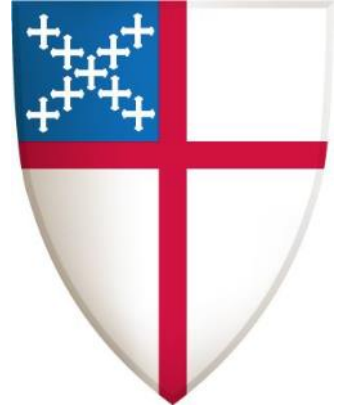
Postlude: “*The Water Is Wide*”, Appalachian melody arr. John Purifoy

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