

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, 21 February 9:30am 2024

The first week of Lent

Welcome and Announcements -

The Rev. Allison Cornell

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

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 mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me
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The Lessons – *(please be seated)*

Psalm for today: Psalm 51:11-18

**11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

**13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

**14 I shall teach your ways to the wicked, *
and sinners shall return to you.**

**15 Deliver me from death, O God, *
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.**

**16 Open my lips, O Lord, *
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**17 Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, *
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**

**18 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; *
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**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 Jonah (3:1-10):

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now

Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Luke (11:29-32):

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

When the crowds were increasing, Jesus began to say, "This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!"

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 Diocese of
Chandigarh – The Church of North India (United)**

People: Lord, be with them.

Leader: In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **Good Shepherd of the
Hills, in Cave Creek.**

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: Bless us, O God, in this holy season, in which our hearts seek
your help and healing; and so purify us by your discipline that we
may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ; 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.

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**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Hosana in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosana in the highest Hosana 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, 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.

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.**

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.



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