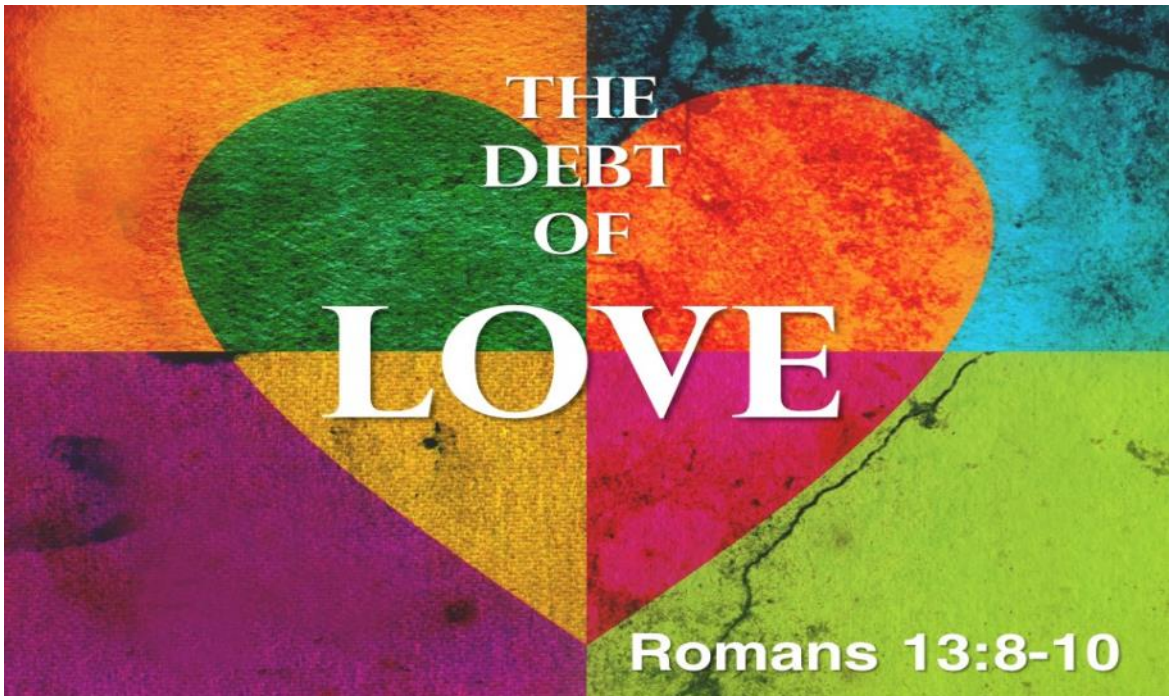




Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Saturday, 13 April 5pm & Sunday, 14 April, 10 AM 2024



Prelude: *“Worthy,”* by Todd Beaney

Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Opening Song: *"All hail the power of Jesus name"*,

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Salutation

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify you Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria—

H1982 #S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you
thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day:

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray

All: **O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may
behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word: *(Please be seated for the lessons)*

First Lesson: A Reading from the Book Deuteronomy (5:11-22):

You shall not lift up the name of the MOST HIGH your God as though it were nothing, for the DREAD GOD will not acquit anyone who treats God's name as though it were nothing.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the HOLY ONE your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Yet the seventh day is a sabbath to the HOLY ONE your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your daughter or your son, or your female slave or your male slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the migrant in your towns, so that your female slave and your male slave may rest as you do. Remember that a slave were you in the land of Egypt, and the FAITHFUL ONE your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore, the HOLY ONE your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Honor your mother and your father, just as the CREATOR OF ALL, your God, commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the FAITHFUL ONE your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. And:

You shall not commit adultery. And:

You shall not steal. And:

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

And: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

And: You shall not desire your neighbor's house, or field, or female slave or male slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

These words the FIRE OF SINAI spoke to your whole assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness; a great voice and added no more. God wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm:

Psalm: 78:1-7 (read in unison)

- 1 Give ear, my people, to my teaching;
incline your ear to the utterances of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a proverb;
I will utter riddles from of old.**
- 3 Which we have heard and known,
and which our mothers and fathers have told us.**
- 4 We will not hide them from their daughters and sons;
we will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds of SHE WHO SPEAKS LIFE,
and her might and the wonderful works she has done.**
- 5 She gave her decrees for Rebekah's descendants
and placed teaching among Sarah's offspring,
which she commanded their mothers and fathers
to make known to their daughters and sons.**
- 6 In order that a coming generation, children yet to be, might know,
and will rise up and tell their daughters and sons.**
- 7 Then they will put their confidence in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but will keep her commandments**

Second Lesson: From the Epistle to the Romans (13:8-10):

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, " You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet" and any other commandment are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: *(Please stand as you are able)*

Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (22:23-33):

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The same day [that Jesus taught about taxes] some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they questioned him, saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies without having children, his brother shall marry the [widow] woman, and raise up offspring for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and without having offspring, leaving the woman to his brother. The same for the second, and the third, to the seventh. After everything the woman died. In the resurrection, then, for which of the seven will she be wife? For they all had her."

Jesus answered them, "You all are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, rather they are like angels in heaven. And about the resurrection of the dead, have you all not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? God is God not of the dead, but of the living." And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

HOMILY

Nicene Creed: *Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)*

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: Christ our life, You are alive - in the beauty of the earth:

**People: in the rhythm of the seasons, in the mystery of time and space,
Alleluia**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the tenderness of touch

People: in the heartbeat of intimacy, in the insights of solitude, Alleluia

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - in the creative possibility

**People: of the hardest conversation, of the dreariest task, of the most
threatening event, Alleluia**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive - to offer re-creation

**People: to every unhealed hurt, to every deadened place, to every damaged
Heart, Alleluia.**

Leader: Christ our life, You are alive – to give us encouragement

**People: to face our fears, to wrestle with our doubts, to overcome our
disappointments, Alleluia.**

Leader: You set before us a great choice, death in our souls without you or Life
abundantly and eternally with you.

People: Therefore, we choose life.

Leader: The dance of resurrection soars and surges through the whole creation,

**People: This is your grace through which we live. So let us live fully and
thankfully. Alleluia.**

Exchange of the Peace

Presider *May the peace of Christ be always with you .*

People And also with you

The Offertory:

Presider *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as an offering and
sacrifice to God.*

Offertory Song “Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless“ **#343**

Doxology #380 vs. 3

**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 BCP Rite 2A*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus -

Hymnal 1982 #S-128

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also (+) that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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)*

Fraction Anthem : Hymnal 1982 #S-154

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. We have two different ways to receive communion. First way = go to the right of the altar, receive the bread, eat the bread, then take a sip of wine from the cup. Second way = go to the left of the altar, receive the bread, dip the bread in the wine in the cup and then eat the bread. If you are not ready to receive the bread and wine, we invite you to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead. Bread is gluten free).

Communion Hymn: *"I come with joy"*

#304

Prayers for:

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayers, Travelers, and Gratitude

Post Communion Prayer *(The people stand as they are able.)*

Presider; Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *"Come ye faithful raise the strain"* **#199**

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 into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

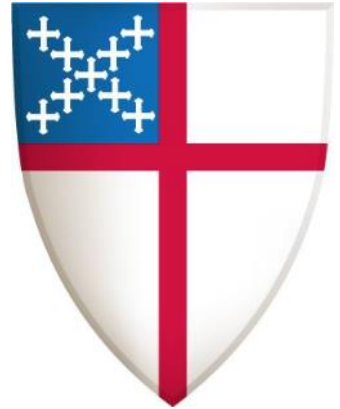
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)

Postlude: *"Round of Allelujah"*, by Doreen Oberg

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