

## WELCOME TO 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.*

### THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

**Saturday, 8 Mar, 5PM & Sunday, 9 Mar, 10am 2025**



Prelude: "Come We that Love the Lord", tune Vineyard Haven by Dirkson

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**Rev. Allison Cornell**

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

**Opening Hymn: "Lord who throughout these forty days" #142**

**Salutation**

**Presider:** Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

**People:** His mercy endureth forever

**Opening Acclamation:**

**Presider** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**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 91:1-2, 9-16**

- 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."
- 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.

**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 Deuteronomy (26:1-11)**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Lesson:**

### **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (10:8b-13)**

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13**

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

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 Canada*.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *St. John's Episcopal-Lutheran, in Williams*.

We pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tahona O'Odham peoples who called this area home.

**People:** Lord, be with them to bless and guide them.

## Collect Of the Day

Presider: Let us pray

**All: 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: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

## Offertory Hymn: "Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley" **G#406**

Doxology -

#380 Hymnal 1982

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. ♪

# 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.

**All: 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: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:*

**Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna 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 thereby 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 did 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 to thee, he broke 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 this all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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 people, do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify (+) these gifts of bread and wine; that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

**All: And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.**

Grant, we beseech thee that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily received the most precious body and Blood of they Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction (+); and also that we and all they whole church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in 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 #S-163

♪ **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: “Let Us Break Bread Together” G#832**

*Everyone is invited and welcome to receive communion in this church. We offer gluten free bread and real wine. You may receive one or both as partaking in full communion. If you prefer to intinct/dip your bread into the wine to consume, please go to the left side of the altar. If you prefer to eat the bread and then sip from the cup, please go to the right side of the altar. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may go to either side and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing instead.*

## **Prayers for:**

***Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travelers and Gratitudes***

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Grant, O Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction:**

Presider: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**G #594**

## **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.**

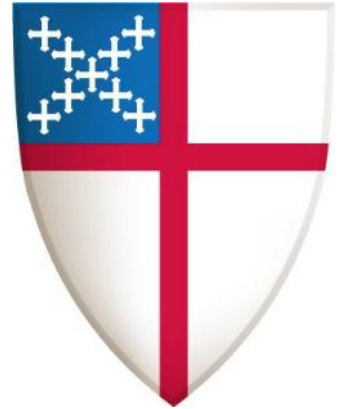
Postlude: “*The Lord Bless You and keep You*”, by John Rutter

*Please join us Sunday morning for refreshments in the Parish Hall*

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