

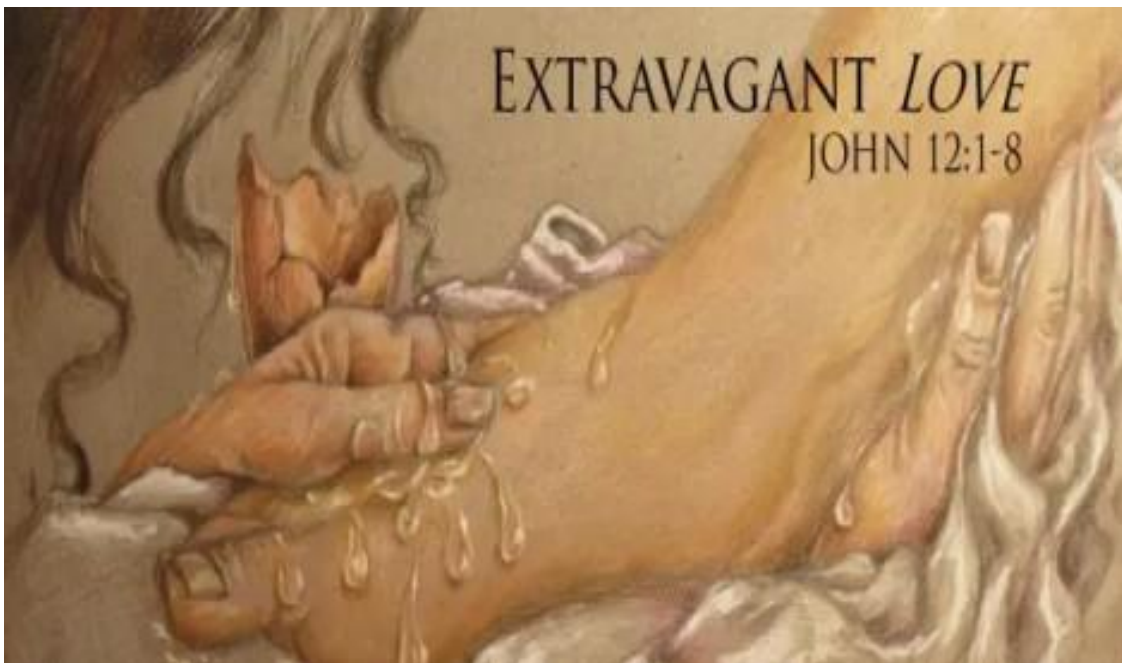


WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, 5 April, 5PM & Sunday, 6 April, 10am 2025



Prelude: "Holy Is The Lord", Franz Schubert, arr Fred Bock

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Allison Cornell

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

Opening Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This "

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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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn "Kyrie Eleison / Lord, have mercy" by Steve Merkel. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on me." The second staff has a measure rest under "on" and a fermata over "me."

The Lessons – *(please be seated)*

Psalm for today: Psalm 126

- 1** When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
- 2** Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3** Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4** The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5** Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6** Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7** Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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 The Book of Isaiah (43:16-21)

**Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched
like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?**

**I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for
myself
so that they might declare my
praise.**

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson:

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: *The word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *St. Peter's, in Casa Grande*.

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, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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: “King of Glory King of Peace”

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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 thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction (+); and also that we and all thy 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: “Ubi Caritas”

Duet (Doreen & Cheryl)

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: "When I Survey"

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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: "*The Love of God*", by Frederick Lehman, arr June Stanton

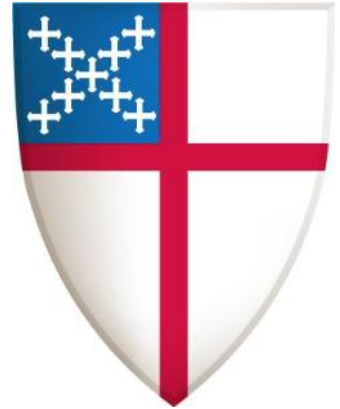
(↳Doreen's mom)

Please join us Sunday morning for refreshments in the Parish Hall

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