

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## HOLY WEEK



Palm  
Sunday



Maundy  
Thursday



Good  
Friday



Easter  
Sunday

*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 IN HOLY WEEK—MORNING PRAYER

9:30 am Sunday, 16 April 2025



Welcome and Announcements -

Sherry Simon

Leader: Let us pray:

**All:** Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Opening Sentences** *(Please stand as you are able)*

Leader: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *(Psalm 43:3)*

### **Confession of Sin**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(a short silence is observed)

Deacon: We have wounded your love.

**People: O God, heal us.**

Deacon: We stumble in the darkness.

**People: Light of the world transfigure us.**

Deacon: We forget that we are your home.

**People: Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

**All:** Eternal Spirit, living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us. Living flame burn into us, cleansing wind, blow through us, fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise you in deed and in truth.

Deacon: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**People: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**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.

Leader: The Holy One is in our midst: O come let us worship.

**Venite:** *(In unison)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice! Amen.**

**The Lessons** *(Please be seated)*

**First Lesson: A Reading from the book of Isaiah (50:4-9a):**

The Lord God has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled

out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to

shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 70

**1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.**

**2 Let those who seek my life be  
ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my  
misfortune draw back and be  
disgraced.**

**3 Let those who say to me "Aha!"  
and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.**

**4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be  
glad in you; \***

**let those who love your salvation  
say for ever,**

**"Great is the Lord!"**

**5 But as for me, I am poor and  
needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.**

**6 You are my helper and my  
deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.**

### **The Second Lesson: A reading from the book of Hebrews (12:1-3):**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Lector: *The word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Lesson: John 13:21-32**

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

**People:** **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

**Leader:** The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### ***Reflection—Sherry Simon***

#### **The Apostles Creed:**

**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**

#### **The Prayers**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Suffrages (B)**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

### *Collect for Today:*

Leader: Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Other Intercessions and Thanksgivings:  
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing, Travel, Gratitude**

## **Prayer of General Thanksgiving (All in unison)**

Leader: Let us Pray

**All:** Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Deacon/Leader: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

**People:** We are called to love and serve.

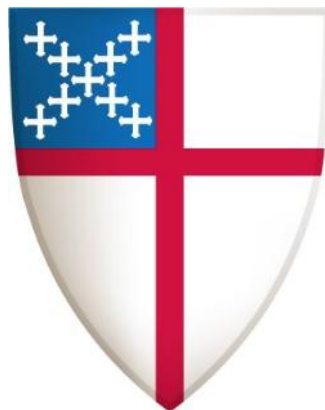
Deacon/Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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