ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



# 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 OF ADVENT

**Saturday 28 Nov 5pm & Sunday, 29 Nov 10 AM**

| | Saturday 5pm | Sunday 10am |
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| Celebrant/Officiant | | Fr. Henri Capdeville |
| Deacons | Dorothy Gutwein<br>Sherry Simon | Dorothy Gutwein<br>Sherry Simon |
| LEM | Tim Holsonback | Renee Olejnicak |
| Lector | Phillip Griardin | Anne Roth |
| Accompanist | | Doreen Oberg |
| Choir | | Pat Wick &<br>Me & you |

**Prelude:**

## Processional Hymn: *"Blest be the King whose coming"* #74

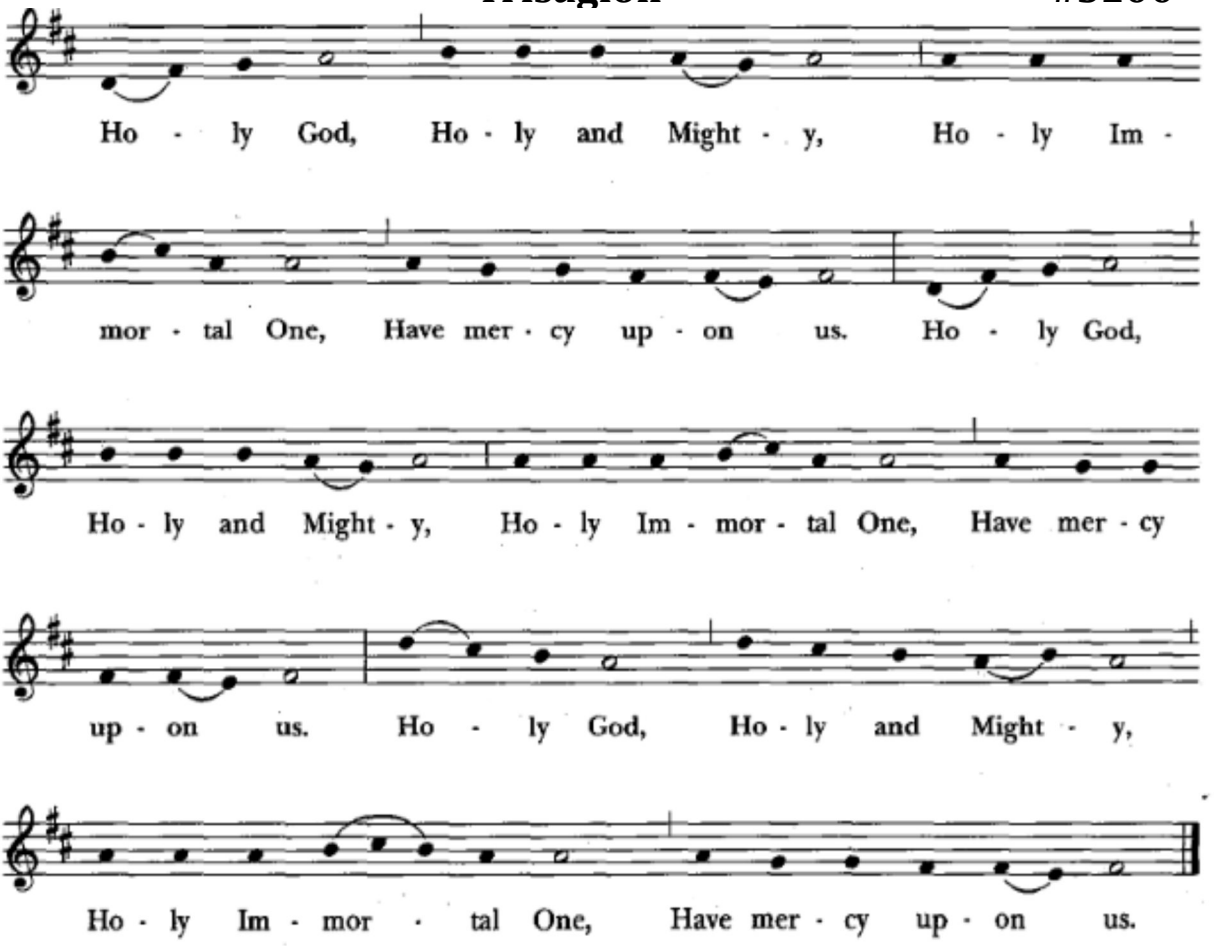
Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: Let us pray; 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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## Trisagion #S100




**The Collect of the Day**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.**

## The Word of God *(please be seated)*

## First Reading — Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

## The Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

*{Unison}*

**1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

**2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

**3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**

**5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

**7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

**17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**

**18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was
in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God**

## Sequence Hymn: *"0 Jesus, I have promised"* #655 Vss 1-2

## The Gospel Mark (13:24-37)

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

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

## Sequence Hymn: *"0 Jesus, I have promised"* #616 Vs. 3

## The Sermon

## The Nicene Creed

**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.**

**Celebrant** Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Trusting in God's abundance and welcome, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all creation.

## Prayers of the People:

*Please respond to each of these prayers with the phrase:* COME LORD JESUS!

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of our Lord: We pray with fellow Christians everywhere that we will welcome Him in our hearts. *(Pause)* Saying together:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

We pray with the people of our Nation for God's guidance and wisdom. *(Pause)* Saying together:

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We pray with the leaders of the world for peace and goodwill for all. *(Pause)* Saying together:

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

We pray with our local community for all those who are alone as we wait for the Coming of our Lord. *(Pause)* Saying together:

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

Leader: We remember those who are sick, poor, needy, or suffering (especially... ) and any others whom we may now choose to mention, either aloud or silently in our hearts. (Pause for people to mention names)

Saying together:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus!**

We remember those who have died, (especially... ) and any others we may now mention. (Pause for people to mention names)

Saying together:

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

**May we continue to support one another in love and empathy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***The Church of England.***

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***All Saints' Church & Day School in Phoenix.***

## Prayer for Southeast Arizona Episcopal Churches:

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift; look graciously on all your Southeastern Arizona Episcopal churches, and so guide the minds of our search committees, wardens, and Bishop's Committees, who are in discernment for Pastoral leadership, that they may receive faithful pastors, to care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (...)* .. **Amen**.

## Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace:

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Welcome & announcements

**Birthday's, Prayers of Healing, Blessings and gratitude…..**

## Offertory sentence;

*Presider chooses an Offertory sentence:*

## Offertory Hymn: "*Comfort, comfort ye my people*" #67

**Doxology (Hymn #380 v. 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 Great Thanksgiving "B"

*Celebrant:* *The Lord be with you.*
*People:* **And also with you.**
*Lift up your hearts.*
**We lift them to the Lord.**
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

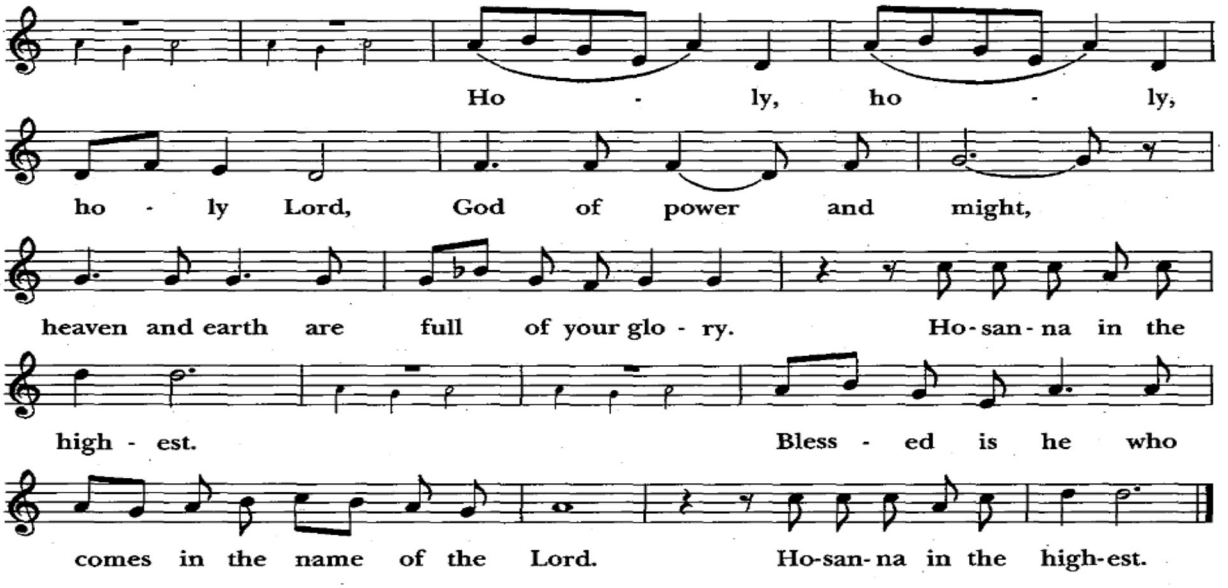
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

***Sanctus -*** **#128**




*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, *with St. Stephen [... and]* all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

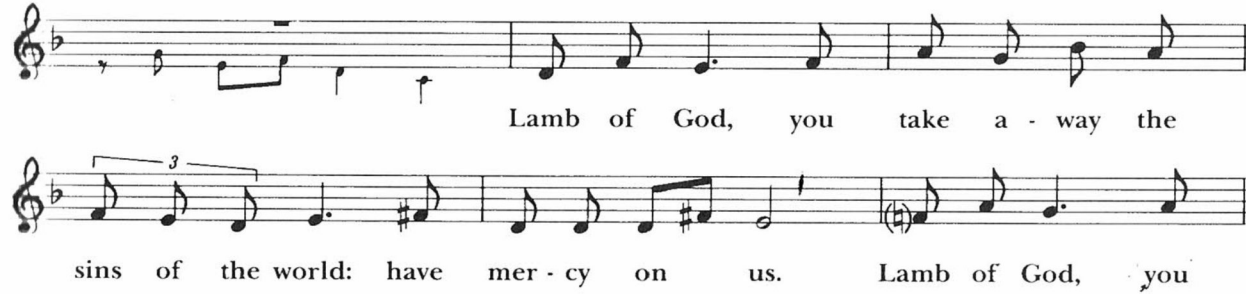
## The Lord's Prayer

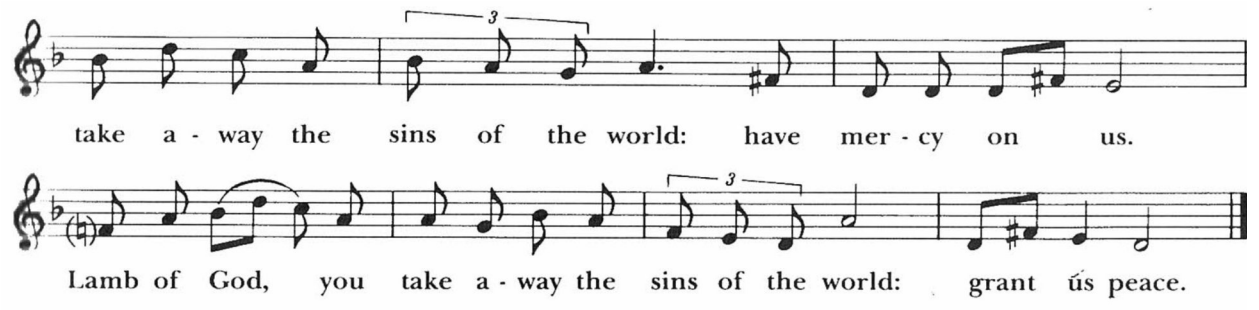
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Fraction Anthem Lamb of God S#163






*facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

*The Celebrant continues:* 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, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn: "*Strengthen for service, Lord*" #312

## Post-Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray:

**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.**

## The Blessing....

*Presider:* May the Spirit of Truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess Jesus' ways, truth, and life and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and may the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn: "*Rejoice! rejoice, believers*" #68

## 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. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.** Alleluia, Alleluia!!

## Postlude:

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