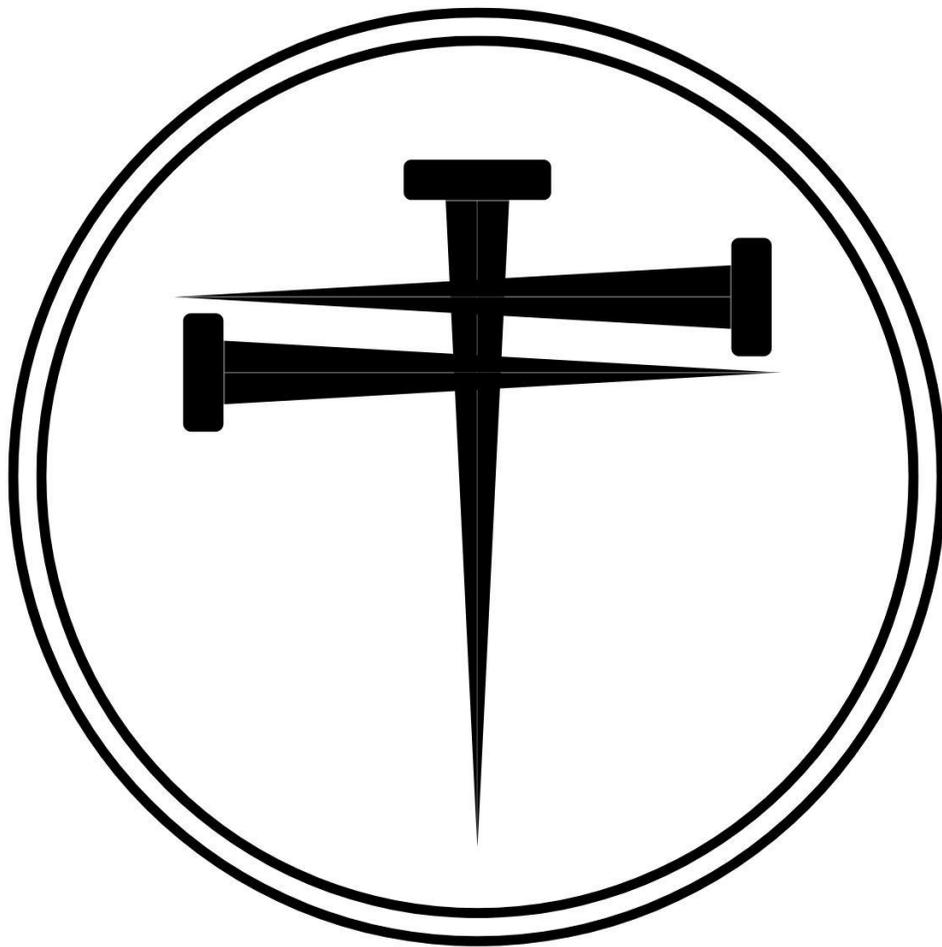


Third Sunday of



**LENT**

THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY EUCHARIST  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*St Stephen's is called, with God's help, to follow Jesus, and to be a source of transformation and Christian hope and inspiration to those within our community and those in our respective neighborhoods.*



Welcome! If you are unfamiliar with the rituals of the Episcopal Church, simply let the congregation carry you in worship. The order of worship is found in this service booklet and the hymns are in the blue hymnal in your pew.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Preceding the service, a singing bowl will be rung as we prepare ourselves interiorly for worship.**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

Make Joyful Sound unto the Lord

**GATHERING HYMN**

#692 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

**OPENING BLESSING**

Celebrant: Blessed be the God of our salvation.

**People: Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

**AN OPENING SENTENCE** (Hebrews 4:14,16)

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.

KYRIE

*Deutsche Messe*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, — Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, —

Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — have mer - cy. Lord, —

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## **COLLECT FOR THE DAY—**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord of the wellspring, source of life and truth: Jesus asked for water from the hands of a woman in the land of the stranger; may he teach us to name our need, to love our neighbor and to worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, who shows us who we are. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the Holy One; \*

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

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, \*

and raise a loud shout with psalms.

For you, O God, are a great God; \*

you are great above all gods.

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

and the heights of the hills are yours also.

The sea is yours, for you made it, \*

and your hands have molded the dry land.

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

and kneel before God, our Maker,

For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. \*

Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*

at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me;

They put me to the test, \*

though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*

"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, \*

"They shall not enter into my rest."

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person--though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

I A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:

when o - ther help - ers fail and com-forts flee,

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to... **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE HOMILY**

## NICENE CREED

*Enriching Our Worship*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

V. We make our home in the desert   **R. Be our source of Life, O God.**

*Those in need of healing or support:*

Joey and Family, Tiffany, Tonya, Stephanie, Dan, Jessica, Casey, Steve, Bernadine, Kristin, Daniel, Bahati, Jason, Ashley, Braden, Bev, Chris, Jayne, Vance, Aidan, Jeanne, Leon, Larry, Colin, Connie, Russell, Kadie

## THE PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be always with you  
**And also with you**

## WELCOME SONG

God Welcomes All



God wel - comes all, stran - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

## OFFERTORY

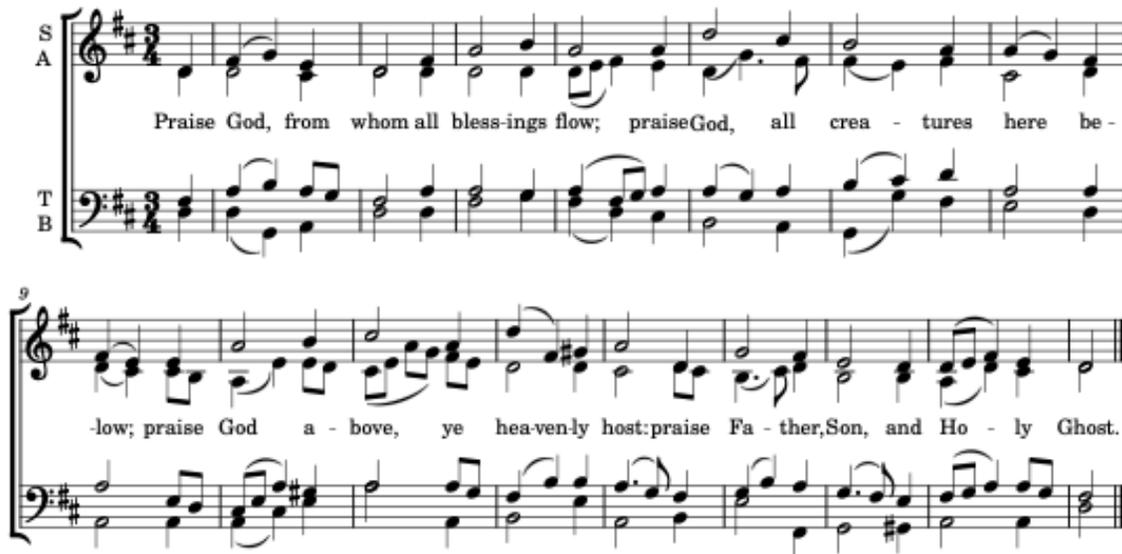
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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Gratias agimus tibi/ Propter magnam gloriam*

*Translation: We give You thanks for your great glory.*

## DOXOLOGY



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A  
T  
B  
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -  
low; praise God a - bove, ye hea-ven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

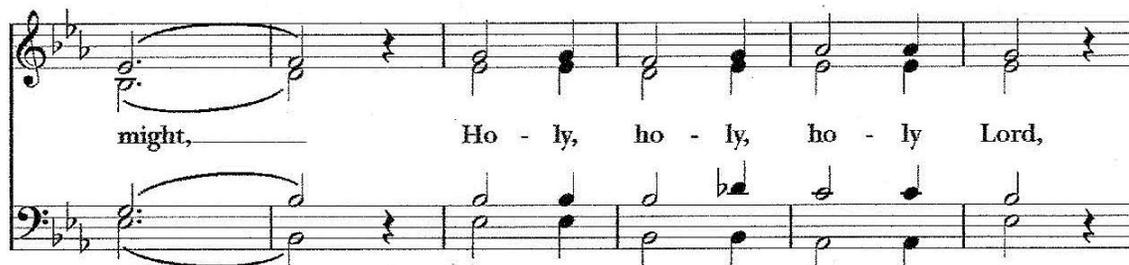
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# SANCTUS



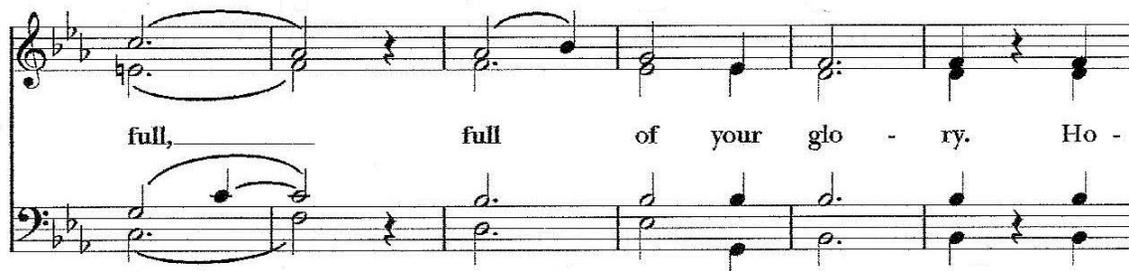
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



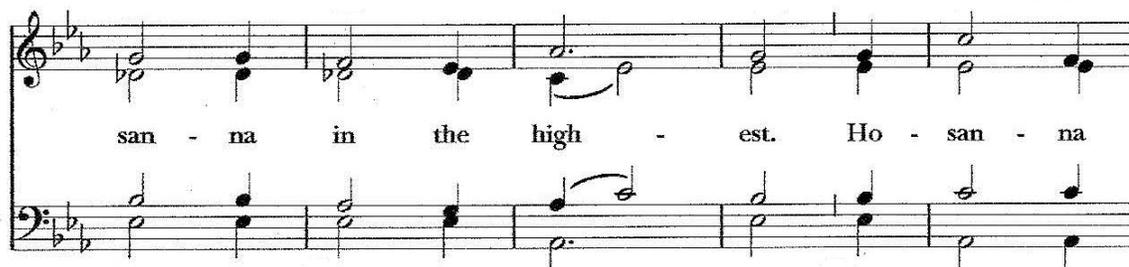
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are



full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na



in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na' and 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial,**

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power,**

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world: give us your

peace, give us your peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is the Host of this Holy Feast: All are welcome to receive God's blessing. You may choose to receive wine from the little cups or from the common chalice. To receive from the chalice, please help guide the cup by grasping the bottom of the cup. Please do not dip your wafer (intinct) into the cup. Gluten-free hosts are available—please mention your need for a gluten-free host to the clergy distributing the Body of Christ when you approach to receive Holy Communion.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verses  
Unison

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain,  
 2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,  
 3. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend;

D.C.

But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.  
 You can tell the love of Je-sus, and say, "He died for all!"  
 And if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of this feast beyond measure and price;  
we thank you for meeting us in our brokenness  
so that none might be lost:  
liberate us now to share bread with our neighbor,  
each receiving from the other  
what we need to be ourselves. Amen.

## **PARISH PRAYER CENTER**

## **BLESSING**



**THE SENDING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Thanks to all those who serve in St. Stephen's liturgical ministries!**

SATURDAY

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Tom Pitzer | Julie Henry

**Usher**

Mary Hedrick

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

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**Ushers**

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