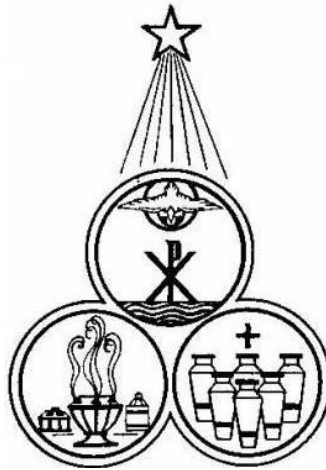


St. Stephen's

Episcopal Church

Welcoming Worshiping Working

The Holy Eucharist for the Sundays during Christmas and Epiphany



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St. Stephen's welcomes all persons to an open, caring Christian community that seeks to follow the example of Jesus Christ. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, you are invited to worship, study and work with us. You are always welcome to our worship and fellowship, regardless of your background.

- This booklet contains the order of service and prayers and music that are used every Sunday for a certain period. There is also a smaller insert with this Sunday's hymns and readings. Hymns are in the blue book in the pew rack: The Hymnal 1982
- We have two services on Sunday morning: 8am and 10am. At 10am, children can remain with you in the service, or participate in Sunday School classes. Ask the usher for directions.
- After the service you are invited to be seated for the Postlude music or go quietly in peace after the blessing.
- Coffee and goodies are provided in the Parish Hall behind the church after the 10am service.

We hope you find St. Stephen's to be a place where you can meet new friends, experience an inspiring worship service, and find many different opportunities that will help you continue on your spiritual journey. Whatever your background, even if you have never been to church before, **WELCOME!**

The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn numbers are listed in the weekly bulletin.

Hymns are in the blue book: The Hymnal 1982.

Salutation and Response

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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,

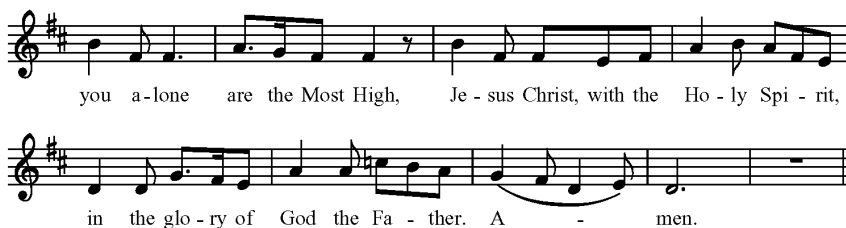
that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

The People and Ministers say at 8am and sing at 10am

In 2 ***f***
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
 - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo ***mp*** *poco cresc.*
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin — of the world; have
 mer - cy on us; — you are seat - ed at the right
ff
 hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, —



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The priest says the Collect of the Day, and all respond

Amen.

The Lessons

A Reading from...

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

A Psalm is said or sung together. The words are found in the bulletin.

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel

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

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

We receive a response to the day's readings from the Preacher.

The Nicene Creed

All standing and facing the altar:
**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.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered with intercession for

The Universal Church, its members, and its mission

The Nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

The departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

The People are invited to pray:

During Christmastide:

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
who has brought us out of darkness
and into His own marvelous light.

During Epiphanytide:

We pray that Christ may be seen
in the life of the Church.

The response to:

Lord, in your mercy,

is:

Hear our prayer.

*After the Intercessor offers the concerns of the parish, there may be a short silence
during which the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Silence is kept.

The Celebrant adds the concluding collect

During Christmastide:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Father,
full of the Spirit,
hear our prayer,
receive our praises,
fill our lives.
Amen.

During Epiphanytide:

Jesus, Lord of the Church,
You have called us into fellowship
with all Your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve You with joy
where You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.
Amen.

The Confession

During Christmastide:

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in His wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

During Epiphanytide:

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins
and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to Him,
which is our spiritual worship.

The people stand or kneel.

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.**

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

The Peace

All stand.

During Christmastide:

Unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given,
and His name shall be called
the Prince of Peace.

During Epiphanytide:

We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
that we may proclaim
the mighty acts of Him
who called us out of darkness
into His marvelous light.
Gathered as his people we share His peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

The prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries is on page 20.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory and Anthem

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise,
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name.

The Choir sings an anthem as a collection is taken for the work of St Stephen's.

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine,
and money or other gifts, to the altar.*

The Doxology

The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, and say at 8am

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.**

All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.

and sing at 10am

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2

The people remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

We praise You and we bless You, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time You made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in Your image, and taught us to walk in Your ways.

But we rebelled against You, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children, You would not forget us.

Time and again You called us to live in the fullness of Your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify You as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People say at 8am and sing at 10am:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the

Blessed is the

high - est. Bless - ed is

one

he who comes in the name of the

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Glory and honor and praise to You, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of Your grace,
You looked with favor upon Mary, Your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to Himself
yet we were heedless of His call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for Him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of His life, and to be glorified by You.

On the night before He died for us, Jesus was at table with His friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, He gave thanks to You, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at Your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, Who was and is and is to come,
we offer to You our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

✠ Pour out Your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe Your Spirit over the whole earth and make us Your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world You have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St Stephen, Mary the Mother of Jesus,
and all Your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to You be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language
with which you most feel comfortable, or in general, at 8am*

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

*As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language
with which you most feel comfortable, or in general, at 10am*

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am


Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Cantor



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

At St. Stephen's, all are welcome to come to the altar. If you would like to receive Communion / the Sacrament, please place your hands, palms upward, to receive the bread, and then receive the wine from the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing from the Priest.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

During the ministrations of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 Sending forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

N. In the name of this congregation
we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts
that those to whom you go may share with us
in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.
We who are many are One body
because we share One bread, One cup.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Blessing

During Christmastide:

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace;

During Epiphanytide:

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship
and offered gifts,
reveal to you His glory
and pour upon you the riches of His grace;

...and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Final Hymn

Dismissal

Alleluia! We have seen His glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

O God, our times are in Your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.*

as s/he begins another year.

Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,

and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness

all the days of his/her life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage

that in it is represented the spiritual unity

between Christ and His Church:

Send therefore Your blessing upon these Your servants,

that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other

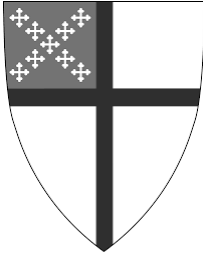
in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,

that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.



The Episcopal Church is related to the Church of England, and part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. We are part of the Diocese of El Camino Real, which is a grouping of churches from San Luis Obispo County to Santa Clara County.

St. Stephen's was founded in 1867 as the first organized Protestant church in San Luis Obispo County. The original church building, locally known as a "carpenter gothic" gem, was built of Monterey Pine beams from Cambria, CA and covered with redwood on site which cost \$10. The rich hues of our memorial stained glass windows reflect both a pioneer heritage and a radiant future. The building today still retains the lines and flavor of the original structure.

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Sunday Morning Services:

8 a.m. Quiet, contemplative Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music and Sunday School

Please check the weekly bulletin or our web site
for other services and activities.

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Our mission as a parish is to open our hearts to God and to share Christ's unconditional love with the world. We do this by following three pathways:

✠ **Welcoming**

We invite all to join us at every stage
in their spiritual journeys.

✠ **Worshipping**

We cultivate a living tradition of liturgy
and a life made holy by the sacraments.

✠ **Working**

We share our abundance,
we strive for justice, and
we accept our calling
to protect God's creation.

