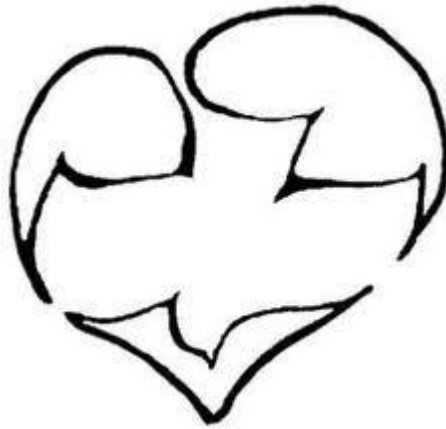


St. Stephen's

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Welcoming Worshiping Working

The Holy Eucharist for the Sundays After Pentecost



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The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn numbers are listed in the weekly bulletin.

Hymns are in the blue book: The Hymnal 1982.

Invocation and Preparation

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
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 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

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

Two Lessons are read, with The Psalm after the First Lesson.

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 Deacon 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 – Form II

The Deacon invites the People to pray.

In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Lucinda our Bishop;
for Ian our Rector and Pastor Karen;
for this gathering here at St Stephen's, and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

We ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
for wisdom for our leaders:
The President, our United States Congress Representatives:
The Governor and our State Legislature Representatives.
for the leaders of the nations, and for international peace organizations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

We ask your prayers for the poor and the sick,
and those who care for them, especially our Lay Eucharistic Visitors;
for the hungry and homeless,
and for the organizations and our own people who come to their aid;
for the oppressed, and those in prison;
and for those who support them.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We ask your prayers for all who seek God,
or a deeper knowledge of God.
for all the faith communities of San Luis Obispo;
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

We ask your prayers for the departed [*especially*].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We ask your prayers for...

The Intercessor and the People may add any concerns, either silently or aloud.

We ask your thanksgiving for the St Stephen's Family,
the many blessings of our lives...

The Intercessor and the People may add any Thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God,
ruler of all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people,
And strengthen us to do Your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 prayer for birthdays and for anniversaries are at the end of this booklet on page 24.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Te Deum Laudamus

You are God: we praise You;

You are the Lord; we acclaim You;

You are the eternal Father: All creation worships you.

To You all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise You.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise You.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim You;

Father, of majesty unbounded, Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,

and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free, You did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that You will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help Your people, bought with the price of Your own blood,

and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

An Anthem

A General Thanksgiving

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 Him and make Him known;

and through Him, at all times and in all places,

may give thanks to You in all things.

Amen

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

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.

