

St. Stephen's

Episcopal Church

Welcoming Worshiping Working

The Holy Eucharist for the Sundays during Lent



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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.

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Penitential Litany

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,

will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

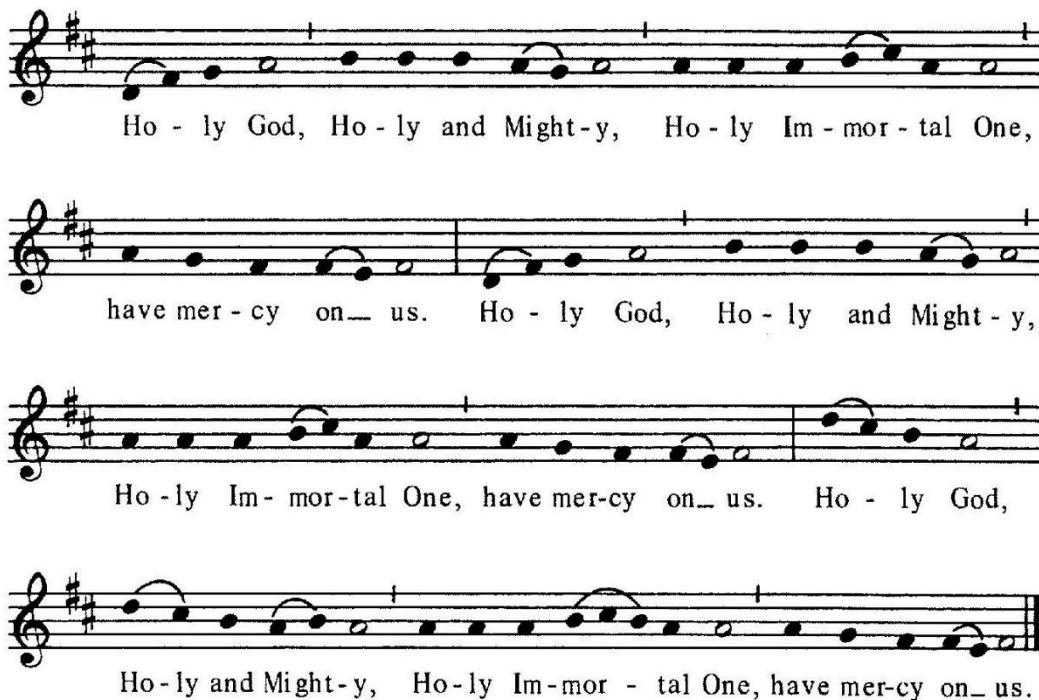
Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Trisagion

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

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Repeat twice (three times total)



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,
have mer - cy on_ us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on_ us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on_ us.

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 weekly 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

The Deacon invites the People to pray:

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

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

Heavenly Father,

You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son:

Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray,

not as we ask in our ignorance,

nor as we deserve in our sinfulness,

but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

All stand.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to His grace.

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, Announcements,

Birthdays, Anniversaries,

The prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries is on page 16.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory and Anthem

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.

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 deacon.

The Offering of the Gifts

The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, and the following are said

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation;
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become the cup of our salvation.
Blessed be God for ever.

**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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer F from "Common Worship" (Church of England)

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of Your mouth You have spoken Your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in Your image and placed us in the garden of Your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion, You would not abandon Your own.

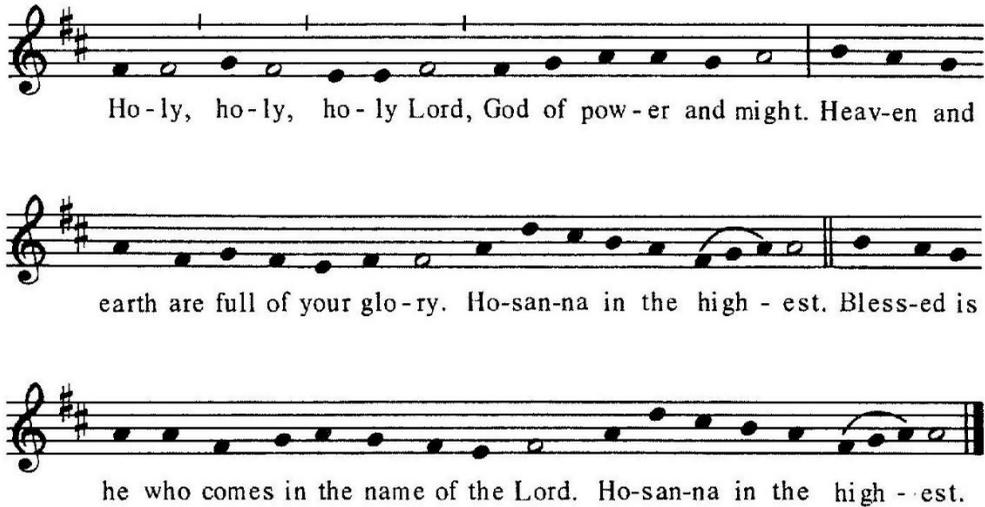
Again and again You drew us into Your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by Your prophets
to look for Your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of Your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising You and saying (singing):

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



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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.

Lord God, You are the Most Holy One, enthroned in splendor and light,
yet in the coming of Your Son Jesus Christ, you reveal the power of Your love
made perfect in our human weakness.
Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, He gave Himself to death for us;
dying for His own, He set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with Him in glory.

On the night He gave up Himself for us all,
He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks;
He gave it to them, saying:
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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the death that He suffered on the cross,
we celebrate His resurrection, His bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that He reigns at Your right hand on high
and we long for His coming in glory.
As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of Your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in Your sight.

Look with favor on Your people and in Your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill Your Church with power from on high.
Gather Your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all Your saints at the table in Your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory be Yours, almighty Father, 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

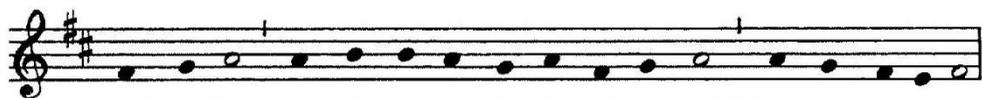
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Angus Dei

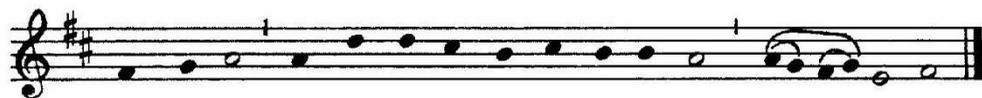
Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 or Deacon.

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 ministration of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,

**You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Him;
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

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

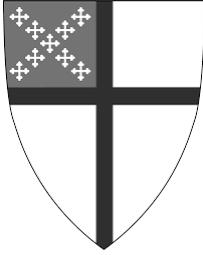
O God, our times are in Your hand:
Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.*
as s/he begins another year.
Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace,
and strengthen his/her trust in Your goodness
all the days of his/her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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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.

