

## MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 56, 57, and 58, beginning on p. 408. The canticles after the lessons are the *Te Deum laudamus*, p. 10, and the *Benedictus*, p. 14.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00 am

The service follows the order of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer (page 67 and following) with Minor Propers from the Anglican Missal.

11:00 am

Opening hymn, *Ratisbon* ..... **Hymnal 153**  
Collect for Purity ..... BCP 67  
Summary of the Law ..... BCP 69  
Introit (*Choir*)

REJOICE in the Lord always : and again I say, Rejoice : let your moderation be known unto all men : the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing : but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be.

*Kyrie, eleison*, ninefold, ..... **Hymnal 747**  
Collect for Advent III ..... BCP 93  
Collect for Advent Season ..... BCP 90  
Commemoration of the Octave  
The Epistle, I Corinthians iv. 1 ..... BCP 94  
Gradual and Alleluia (Choir)

SHEW thyself, O Lord, thou that sittest upon the Cherubims, stir up thy strength and come. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Alleluia, alleluia. Stir up thy strength, O Lord : and come and help us. Alleluia.

Gospel, St. Matthew xi. 2 ..... BCP 94  
Nicene Creed ..... BCP 71  
Sermon ..... Father Athanael  
Offertory sentence (Choir)

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob : thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Offertory hymn, *Aberystwyth* ..... **Hymnal 440**  
Presentation of Alms & Doxology (Hymnal Supplement 819)  
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church ..... BCP 74  
Bidding to Confession & General Confession ..... BCP 75  
Absolution & Comfortable Words ..... BCP 76  
Preface of the Holy Trinity ..... BCP 79  
*Sanctus & Benedictus* ..... **Hymnal 799**  
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass) ..... BCP 80  
Our Father ..... BCP 82  
*Agnus Dei* ..... **Hymnal 749**

Prayer of Humble Access ..... BCP 82  
Holy Communion

Communion hymn, *Stuttgart* ..... **Hymnal 1**  
Communion sentence (*Choir*)

SAY to them that are of a fearful heart : Be strong, fear not : behold your God will come and save you.

Thanksgiving ..... BCP 83  
Postcommunion collect

HAVE mercy upon us, O Lord, we beseech thee : and grant that the heavenly assistance of thy holy mysteries may so cleanse us from all our iniquities, that we may be made ready worthily to keep thy coming festival. Through.

Dismissal: *Let us bless the Lord.* Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Blessing (kneel) ..... BCP 84  
Closing hymn, *Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland* ..... **Insert**

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The **sanctuary lamp** this morning is given by the members of the church to the Glory of Almighty God in in thanksgiving for the recent rain.

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We welcome our visitors and guests this morning. We are glad you are with us today. Please **fill out one of the guest cards** (located in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate. There are visitor's packets containing information about St. Stephen's and the Anglican Catholic Church in the narthex. You are invited to join us for coffee hour following the 9 am and 11 am Services.

**Pastoral Care:** If you would like a visit from the clergy, or if you know of someone who is sick or shut in, or if you would like someone placed on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church Office at 706 543.8657.

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**Sunday School** meets today for both adults and children at 10 a.m. The children's class meets in the lower level of the church and the adult class meets in Lewis Hall in the Fowler Building.

The Archbishop's **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and will be preceded by Evening Prayer held in the Church office.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Grey Thomason (12/12), Mary Miller (12/15), Mark Helwig (12/16) Savannah Pressley, and Janie Seglund (12/17).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Felicia and Ron Bolden (12/16).

*Prayers and best wishes to them from all their parish family.*

Of your charity pray for the blessed **repose of the souls** of Leroy Dorminy, father of Blair Dorminey, and Edith Shepherd, close family friend of Debra Helwig.

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Please remember the following parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's in your **daily prayers**: Dodie, Hildegard, Christiane, Betsye, Jefferson, Elaine, Bill, Karen, and Angela.



The **Women's Guild** is in recess for December and will resume meetings in the new year on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

It's time to think about remembering loved ones and friends at Christmas. Dedications for **Christmas flowers** should be given to Susan by December 20th to be included in the Christmas bulletin. The cost is \$25 and checks can be made to St. Stephens with notation for "Christmas flowers."

Donations for **Clergy Christmas** will be accepted through the end of the year. Help us show our appreciation for the exceptional clergy we have at St. Stephen's!

### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec 14, 6pm	Archbishop's Bible Study
Saturday, Dec 24, 7:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Saturday, Dec 24, 8 pm	Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass
Sunday, Dec 25, 10 am	Christmas Day Low Mass
Monday, Dec 26, 6 pm	St. Stephen's Day Mass

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**The Third Sunday in Advent**  
December 11, 2016

*The Holy Eucharist this week will be celebrated on  
Tuesday at 12 noon, Wednesday at 12 noon,  
Thursday at 8 am, and Friday at 12 noon.*