

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 86, 87, and 88, beginning on p. 447. 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, *Rex Gloriae* **Insert**
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
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
Fracture, Pax, Embolism & *Agnus Dei* **Hymnal 749**

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 82

Ecee, Agnus Dei & 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 and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

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 20th 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: Savannah Pressley and Janie Seglund (12/17) and Kathy Snyder (12/18).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Edmund and Shirley Banks (12/18).

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

Please remember the following parishioners and friends of St. Stephen's in your **daily prayers**: Hildegard, Elaine, Bill, Lena, Victoria, and Andy.



It's time to think about remembering loved ones and friends at Christmas. Dedications for **Christmas flowers** should be given to Susan by **this Tuesday**, December 19th 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!

The **church office will be closed the week of Christmas** (12/25-12/29) as both Susan and Father Nick will be out of town. All monies to be credited towards a 2017 pledge must be received in the church office before December 22nd!

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec 20, 6pm	Archbishop's Bible Study
Sunday, Dec 24, 7:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Sunday, Dec 24, 8 pm	Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass
Monday, Dec 25, 10 am	Christmas Day Low Mass
Tuesday, Dec 26, 6 pm	St. Stephen's Day Mass

Please silence your cell phones...thank you

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The Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2017

*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.*