

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 50, 51, and 52, beginning on p. 401. The canticles after the lessons are the *Benedictus es Dominus*, 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, *St. Stephen* **Hymnal 11**
Collect for Purity BCP 67
Summary of the Law BCP 69
Introit (*Choir*)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations : and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel : thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be.

Kyrie, eleison, ninefold **Hymnal 747**
Collect for Advent II BCP 92
Collect for Advent Season BCP 90
Of the Octave
Epistle, *Romans xv. 4* BCP 92
Gradual and Alleluia (*Choir*)

OUT of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty. Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. *Alleluia, alleluia*. I was glad when they said unto me : we will go into the house of the Lord. *Alleluia*.

Gospel, *St. Luke xxi. 25* BCP 93
Nicene Creed BCP 71
Sermon Father Athanael
Offertory sentence (*Choir*)

WILT thou not turn again, O God, and quicken us, that thy people may rejoice in thee : shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

Offertory hymn, *Rex Glorioso* **Hymnal 8**
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
Sursum corda 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, *Conditor Alme* **Hymnal 6**

Communion sentence (*Choir*)

ARISE, O Jerusalem, and stand high, and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from thy God.

Thanksgiving BCP 83

Postcommunion collects

O LORD, who hast vouchsafed to satisfy us with heavenly sustenance : we humbly beseech thee ; that we, whom thou hast made partakers of thy holy mysteries, may learn therein to despise all things earthly, and to cleave steadfastly unto all things heavenly. Through.

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

Blessing (kneel) BCP 84

Closing hymn, *Sleepers Wake* **Hymnal 3**

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The **sanctuary lamp** this morning is given by Beverly McDowell to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for answered parish prayers for healing for her friend, Dot.

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 after 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 13th, at 6 pm in the Church office and will be preceded by Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Ron Carlson (12/10), Grey Thomason (12/12), and Mary Miller (12/15).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Starr and Bill Helms (12/10) and Felicia and Ron Bolden (12/16).

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

Year's Mind: Of your charity pray for the blessed repose of the soul of Rebecca Ann Fowler, our late parishioner, on the anniversary of her death (December 10th).

Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul 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:** Hildegard, Elaine, Bill, Lena, Victoria, Robert, 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 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!

Please be advised that 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

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 Second Sunday in Advent
December 10, 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.*