

HOLY EUCHARIST

Collect for Purity.....	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Introit.	
UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulders: and his Name shall be called, Angel of mighty counsel. * O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. Glory be etc. Unto us a Child is born, etc.	
<i>Kyrie, eleison, ninefold</i>	
Collect for Christmas Day	BCP 96
Epistle, Hebrews i.1	BCP 96
Gradual & Alleluia	
ALL the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God : O be joyful in God, all ye lands. The Lord hath declared his salvation : in the sight of the heathen his righteousness hath he openly shewed. Alleluia, alleluia. A hallowed day hath dawned upon us : come, all ye nations, and worship the Lord : for on this day a great light hath descended upon the earth. Alleluia.	
Gospel, St. John i.1	BCP 97
Nicene Creed	BCP 71
Sermon.....	Father Athanaelos
Offertory sentence	
THE heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : thou has laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is : righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat.	
Presentation of Alms	
Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church.....	BCP 74
Bidding to Confession & General Confession	BCP 75
Absolution & Comfortable Words	BCP 76

<i>Sursum corda</i>	BCP 76
Preface of the Nativity	BCP 77
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit</i>	BCP 77
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass).....	BCP 80
Our Father.....	BCP 82
Fracture & Pax, Embolism & <i>Agnus Dei</i>	
Prayer of Humble Access.....	BCP 82
Holy Communion	
Communion sentence	
ALL the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.	
Thanksgiving.....	BCP 83
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i>	BCP 84
Postcommunion collects	
GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God : that like as thy Son, born this day the Saviour of the world, hath been made the author of our heavenly birth ; so he may bestow upon us the gift of everlasting life. Who liveth and reigneth with thee.	
Dismissal: <i>Depart in peace.</i> Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Blessing.....	BCP 84
Celebrant: <i>The Lord be with you.</i> Response: <i>And with thy spirit.</i>	
Last Gospel, St. Matthew ii, 1	BCP 108

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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.



Fr. Nick's **Sunday School** will be in recess until January 15th. Chris Davis will lead a Rosary devotion on Sunday, January 1st at 10:15am.

The **Archbishop's Bible Study** will be in recess until Wednesday, January 4th.

The **church business office will be closed** on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27th.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Penni Hamilton (12/25), Barrie Finney (12/26), and Tim Revis and Anna Bliss (12/30).

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

Year's Mind: Of your charity pray for the blessed repose of the souls of Anne Jane Kelley (12/25) and Conn West (12/30) on the anniversary of their deaths and for Sharon Caswall, aunt of Robert Caswall.

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, Lena, Victoria, Karen, Adam, and Angela.



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

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| Monday, December 26-27 | Church offices closed |
| Monday, December 26, 6pm | St. Stephen's Day Mass |
| Monday, January 2 nd | Church offices closed |
| Tuesday, January 10, 7am | Men's Breakfast/Morning Prayer |
| Tuesday, January 10, 10:30am | Women's Guild Meeting |
| Saturday, January 14, 10am | Women's Meet and Greet |

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated this week on Monday at 6 pm, Tuesday at 12 noon, Wednesday at 12 noon, Thursday at 8 am, and Friday at 12 noon.

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Christmas
December 25th, 2016

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.