

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalm for today is Psalm 119, vss.33-72, beginning on p. 492. The canticles are the *Benedictus*, p. 11, and the *Benedictus Dominus*, 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

Blessing of Palms (See Insert)

Procession (Clergy and servers only)

Hymn, *St. Theodulp* **Hymnal 62**

Hymn, *Winchester New*..... **Hymnal 64**

Collect for Purity BCP 67

Summary of the Law BCP 69

Introit. *Domine, ne longe*. Ps. 22

Be not thou far from me, O Lord, thou art my succour, haste thee to help me : save me from the lion's mouth, thou has heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. * My God, my God, look upon me : why hast thou: forsaken me : and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint. Be not thou far from me, etc.

Kyrie, eleison, ninefold (Hymnal 702)

Collect for Palm Sunday..... BCP 134

Epistle, Philippians ii.5 BCP 134

Gradual & Tract

THOU hast holden me by my right hand : thou shalt guide me with thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory. Truly God is loving unto Israel, even unto such as are of a clean heart : nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings had well-nigh slipt : and why? I was grieved at the wicked, I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

MY God, my God, look upon me : why hast thou forsaken me? And art so far from my health ; and from my words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the daytime. But thou hearest not : and in the night season also I take no rest. But thou continuist holy, O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee : they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen : they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man : a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn : they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying : He trusted in God, that he would deliver him : let him deliver him, if he will have him. They stand staring and looking upon me : they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. Save me from the lion's mouth : thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye seed of Jacob. They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation : they shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness. Unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The Passion According to St. Matthew xxvii.1 BCP 135

(Glory be to thee, O Lord is not said. The sign of the cross is not made. After the words, Jesus...yielded up the ghost, all shall kneel in silence. Praise be to thee O Christ is not said.)

Nicene Creed..... BCP 71

Sermon Father Athanaeos

Offertory sentence

THY rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness : I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man : neither found I any to comfort me : they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Offertory anthem, *Into the Woods*, David Ashley White; arr. by William F. Coscarelli

Presentation of alms & Doxology (Hymnal Supplement 821)

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 (Hymnal 734)..... BCP 76

Preface of the Holy Cross

BECAUSE that by the Tree of the Cross thou hast wrought the salvation of the race of man; that whence death arose, thence also Life might rise again; and that he who by a tree was once the vanquisher, might also by a Tree be vanquished; through Christ our Lord.

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (Hymnal 796) BCP 77

Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass) BCP 80

Our Father BCP 82

Fracture & Pax, Embolism & *Agnus Dei* (Hymnal 706)

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 82

Holy Communion

Communion hymn (kneel), *Rockingham* **Hymnal 337**

Communion sentence

O MY Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

Thanksgiving BCP 83

Postcommunion collect

GRANT, O Lord, that by the operation of these thy mysteries, we may be cleansed from all our sins: and obtain that which we have asked according to thy will. Through.

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

Blessing (kneel) BCP 84

Closing hymn, *Passion Chorale*..... **Hymnal 75**

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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.

Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Jani Taylor (3/25), Leslie Greuel (3/26), Alice Hayes (3/29), and Father Nick Athanaelos (3/31).
Prayers and best wishes to them from all their parish family.

Year's Mind: Of your charity pray (BCP 598, For an Anniversary of One Departed) for the blessed repose of the souls of Edna Hardeman (3/27) and Michael Dean Stephens (3/29) on this their year's mind.
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:** Hildegard, Elaine, Bill, Lena, Victoria, Amelia, Mattie, Mack, Aubry, and Lisa.

The next **Women's Meet and Greet** will be Saturday, April 14th, at 10am at the home of Kathy Ward. Her address is 1360 Tarpley Lane, Watkinsville.

A signup sheet for the **watch before the altar of repose** for Maundy Thursday, March 29th, can be found in the narthex. The Watch is a time for silent prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The purpose of the Watch is to honor our Lord as we relive the events of Holy Week when He was so dishonored, and to be able to answer affirmatively his question to the disciples in Gethsemane: 'What, could ye not watch with me one hour?'

If you would like to make an **Easter flower dedication**, please make sure you have contacted Susan by tomorrow, March 26th. The cost is \$25.

The **Holiday Charities** campaign continues throughout April. Once again, our campaign will benefit The Ark, a community outreach program to aid area county residents in need. Checks should be made payable to St Stephen's, with Holiday Charities noted in the memo line, and placed in the collection plate.

The schedule for **Holy Week** is as follows:

Holy Monday 3/26	Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon
Holy Tuesday 3/27	Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon
Holy Wednesday 3/28	Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon
.....	Tenebrae, 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday 3/29	Solemn High Mass, 6:00 pm
.....	Watch before the Altar of Repose, 7:00 pm – Midnight
Good Friday 3/30	Morning Prayer, Address, & Litany, 12:00 noon
.....	Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00 pm
Holy Saturday 3/31	Great Easter Vigil, 6:00 pm
.....	Champagne Celebration to follow
Easter Day 4/1	Morning Prayer, 8:30 am
.....	Holy Eucharist & Sermon, 9:00 am
.....	Easter Egg Hunt with "The" Easter Bunny (in Founders Garden), 10:15 am
.....	Solemn High Mass with procession, 11:00 am

Please note that there will be no Sunday School or Bible Study on Palm Sunday or Easter Day. Children should bring flowers at 11 a.m. on Easter Day for the flowering of the cross.

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 Rector and Dean

The Sunday next before Easter
 Commonly Called Palm Sunday
 March 25, 2018

*The Schedule for Holy Week may be found
 on the back of the bulletin.*