

HOLY EUCHARIST

6 pm

Opening hymn, <i>Everton</i>	Insert
Collect for Purity.....	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Introit. <i>Sederunt principes</i> . Psalm 119. PRINCES, moreover, did sit, and did witness falsely against me : and the ungodly pressed sore upon me : O Lord, my God, stand up to help me, for thy servant is occupied continually in thy commandments. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be.	
<i>Kyrie, eleison</i> (Hymnal 710), ninefold	
<i>Gloria in excelsis</i> (Hymnal 713).....	BCP 99
Collect for St. Stephen's Day	BCP 99
Of the Octave.....	BCP 96
For the Epistle, <i>Acts vii.55</i>	BCP 100
Gradual & Alleluia PRINCES also did sit and speak against and wicked men have persecuted me. Help me, O Lord my God : save me for thy mercy's sake. Alleluia, alleluia. I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Alleluia.	
Gospel, <i>St. Matthew xxiii.34</i>	BCP 100
Nicene Creed (Hymnal 703).....	BCP 71
Offertory sentence THE Apostles chose Stephen the Levite, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost : whom the Jews stoned, calling upon God, and saying : Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.	
Offertory hymn, <i>Gaudeamus Pariter</i> (<i>alt tune 136</i>)	Insert
Presentation of alms, <i>Doxology</i>	Hymnal 139
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> (Hymnal 734).....	BCP 76
Preface of the Nativity	BCP 77
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit</i> (Hymnal 748)	BCP 77
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass).....	BCP 80
Our Father (Hymnal 722)	BCP 82
<i>Eccu, Agnus Dei</i>	
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 82
Communion hymn (kneel), <i>St. Vincent</i>	Hymnal 209

Communion sentence

I SEE the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right
hand of the power of God : Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,
and lay not this sin to their charge, for they know not what
they do.

Prayer of Thanksgiving..... BCP 83

Postcommunion collects

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord : that we, which have received
these holy mysteries ; may, at the intercession of thy blessed
Martyr Saint Stephen, be established by thy everlasting protection.
Through.

Dismissal: *Depart in peace*. Response: *Thanks be to God*.

Blessing (kneel)

BCP 84

Final Gospel, St John i.i

BCP 97

Closing hymn, *Rambling Road*..... **Insert**

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The **flowers** this evening are given by Starr and Bill Helms to the Glory of
Almighty God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary and in
thanksgiving for the St. Stephen's community.

We welcome our visitors and guests this evening. We are glad you
are with us tonight. 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.

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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
put on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church office.

From a Sermon by St. Fulgentius, the Bishop:
(*Sermo 3 de S. Stephano circa initium*)

Yesterday we were celebrating the Birth in time of our eternal King. Today we celebrate the triumphant suffering of one of his soldiers. Yesterday our king, clothed in the robe of our flesh, was pleased to come forth from his royal palace of the Virgin's womb to visit the world. Today his soldier, laying aside the tabernacle of the body, entereth in triumph into the palace of heaven. The One, preserving unchanged that majesty of the Godhead which he had before the world was, girded himself with the lowliness of our flesh in the form of a servant, and entered into the battlefield of this world. The other, putting off the corruptible garment of our flesh, entered into the heavenly mansions, there to reign forever. The One, cometh down and is veiled in the flesh of his human birth. The other goeth up, and is robed with a glory which is red with the blood of his temporal death.... The One cometh down amid the jubilation of Angels. The other goeth up amid the stoning... Yesterday the holy Angels rejoiced in the song: Glory to God in the highest. Today they rejoice in the welcome whereby they do receive Stephen into their company. Yesterday the Lord came forth from the Virgin's womb. Today his soldier is delivered from the prison of the body. Yesterday Christ was for our sakes wrapped in swaddling bands. Today he girdeth Stephen with a robe of immortality. Yesterday the new-born Christ lay in a narrow manger. Today Stephen entereth victorious into the boundless heavens, The Lord came down, one and alone, that he might raise many up. Our King descended into our low estate so that he might set his soldiers, such as Stephen, in high places.

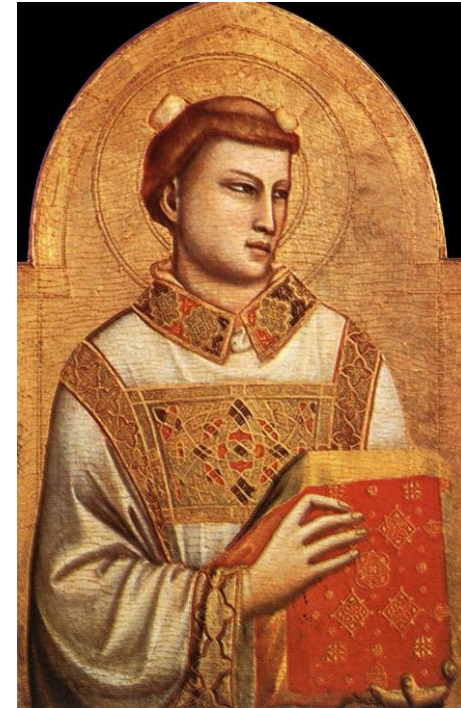
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The image on the front of the bulletin is a depiction by Giotto of **the martyr Stephen**, patron saint of this parish.

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