

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 75, 76, and 77, beginning on p. 431. 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, <i>Jubilate</i>	Hymnal 350
Collect for Purity.....	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Introit <i>Gaudete. Phil. 4. (Choir)</i>	
REJOICE in the Lord alway : 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.	
<i>Kyrie, eleison</i> , 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 <i>(Choir)</i>	
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	Canon Foggin
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, <i>Aberystwyth</i>	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
<i>Sursum corda</i>	BCP 76
Preface of the Holy Trinity	BCP 79
<i>Sanctus & Benedictus</i>	Hymnal 799
Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass)	BCP 80
Our Father.....	BCP 82

Fracture, Pax, Embolism & <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Hymnal 749
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 82
<i>Ecce, Agnus Dei</i> & Holy Communion	
Communion hymn, <i>Stuttgart</i>	Hymnal 1
Communion sentence <i>(Choir)</i>	
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: <i>Let us bless the Lord.</i> Response: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	
Blessing (kneel)	BCP 84
Closing hymn, <i>Nun Komm Der Heiden Heiland</i>	Insert

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The **sanctuary lamp** this morning is given by Holly Ransom to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings bestowed upon St. Stephen's Church.

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 is 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 liturgy.

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.

Sunday Schools for all ages meet most Sundays at 10 am. **THE ADULT CLASS IS IN RECESS.** The children's class meets in the lower level of the church.

The **Archbishop's Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, December 18th, at 6 pm in his church office and will be preceded by Evening Prayer at 5:30.

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Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Mary Miller (12/15), Janie Seglund (12/17), Peter Hodgson (12/18), and Erika Cox (12/20).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Felicia and Ron Bolden (12/15) and Sarah and Sean Arledge (12/18).

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 Thomas Nicholson (12/18) and for our parishioner, Larry Gill, who entered the Gates of Larger Life on Monday.

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:** Lena, Victoria, Jim, Chris, Alan, Melissa, Beverly, Freddie, Jeff, Bruce, Brad, and Kristy.

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If you still have not sent in your **pledge form for 2025**, you may still do so before the end of the year. This information is crucial to our budgeting process for next year. If you did not receive or have misplaced your form, there are additional ones in the narthex or just e-mail Susan in the office.

Dedications for **Christmas flowers** should be given to Susan by Tuesday, December 17th 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!

Any monies to be credited towards a **2024 pledge** must be **received** in the church office by Monday, December 30th!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, Dec. 21, 10am	Feast of St. Thomas Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 7:30 pm	Christmas Carols
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8 pm	Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10 am	Christmas Day Low Mass
Thursday, Dec. 26, 6pm	St. Stephen's Day Mass

Please silence your cell phones...thank you

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The Third Sunday in Advent

December 15, 2024

*The Holy Eucharist this week will be celebrated on
Monday at 12 noon, Tuesday at 12 noon,
Wednesday at 12 noon, Thursday at 8 am,
Friday at 12 noon, and **Saturday at 10 am.***