

MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 144, 145, and 146, beginning on page 519. The canticles after the lessons are the *Te Deum*, 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, *Winchester Old* **Hymnal 13**

Collect for Purity..... BCP 67

Summary of the Law BCP 69

Introit. *Dum medium*. Wisdom 18 & Ps. 93.

When all things were in quiet silence and night was in the midst of her swift course, thine almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. *The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. Glory be etc When all things were in quiet silence, etc.

Kyrie, eleison, ninefold..... Hymnal 710

Collect for Christmas I..... BCP 104

Epistle, Galatians iv. 1..... BCP 104

Gradual & Alleluia

Thou art fairer than the children of men : full of grace are thy lips. *V*. My heart is inditing of a good matter, I speak of the things which I have made unto the king : my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Alleluia, alleluia. *V*. The Lord is King and hath put on glorious apparel : the Lord hath put on his apparel and girded himself with strength. Alleluia.

Gospel, St. Matthew i. 18 BCP 104

Nicene Creed..... BCP 71

Sermon Father Athanaelos

Offertory sentence

God hath made the round world so sure, that it cannot be moved : ever since the world began hath thy seat, O God, been prepared : though art from everlasting.

Offertory solo, *In the Bleak Midwinter* - Gustav Holst

Presentation of alms & Doxology (Hymnal Supplement 820)

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 Nativity BCP 77

Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (Hymnal 797)..... BCP 77

Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass) BCP 80

Our Father BCP 82

Fracture & Pax, Embolism & *Agnus Dei* Hymnal 712

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 82

Holy Communion

Communion solo, *Gesu Bambino* - Pietro Yon

Communion hymn (kneel), *Abends* **Hymnal 485**

Communion sentence

Take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel : for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

Thanksgiving..... BCP 83

Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal 713)..... BCP 84

Postcommunion collects

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.

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: *Depart in Peace*. Response: *Thanks be to God*.

Blessing..... BCP 84

Closing hymn, *In Dulci Jubilo*..... **Hymnal 31**

✠ ✠ ✠ ✠

The **flowers** this morning are given by Tina Grile and Jeff Fair to the Glory of Almighty God and in celebration of their marriage this past Friday, December 28th.

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 the coffee hour after the 9 and 11 a.m. 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.

The **Sunday School** classes for children and **Adult Bible Study** are in recess. Classes will resume on January 20th.



Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Tim Revis (12/30), Felicia Bolden (1/2), and Betty Alice Fowler and Elaine Utley (1/5).

Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Sylvia and Manuel Alejandro (1/2).

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 Conn West (12/30) and Eleanor Griner (1/4) on the anniversary of their death.

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, Bill, Lena, Victoria, Devon, Aubry, Rene, and John.



St. Stephen's welcomes our special soloists today: Lloyd, Marilyn, and Virginia Mims. Many thanks for lending your voices to us today!

Please mark your calendar for the **Annual Meeting**, scheduled for January 27th. There will be only one Mass that day at 10am with the meeting to follow.

Upcoming Events

December 31-January 1st
Wednesday, January 2, 6pm
Tuesday, January 8, 10:30am
Sunday, January 27

Church offices closed
Archbishop's Bible Study
Women's Guild Meeting
Parish Annual Meeting,
following a 10am Mass

Please silence your cell phones...thank you

Saint Stephen's Church

*A parish of the Anglican Catholic Church
& Pro-Cathedral of the Diocese of the South*



800 Timothy Road, Athens GA
Telephone: 706 543.8657
www.ststephensathens.org

The Very Rev. Nicholas C. Athanaelos
Rector and Dean

Sunday after Christmas
December 30, 2018

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