

## MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalms for today are Psalm 116, 117, and 118, beginning on p. 486. 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. Theodulpb* .....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 Athanaelos

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 (choir)

Presentation of alms & Doxology

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 Holly Ransom to the Glory of Almighty God and in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ and in thanksgiving for St. Stephen's.

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.

**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.

**Sunday Schools** are in recess for today.

The **Archbishop's Bible study** is in recess this week and will resume on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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Please pray (BCP 597, For a Birthday) for those with known **birthdays** this week: Jani Dickson (3/25), Leslie Greuel (3/24), and Susan Kasay (3/27).

*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:** Lena, Victoria, John, James, Chris, Alan, Melissa, Nick, Thomas, Julie, and Ed.

The **watch before the altar of repose** is Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. 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?' Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

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

Holy Monday 3/25.....Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon  
Holy Tuesday 3/26.....Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon  
Holy Wednesday 3/27 .....Holy Eucharist, 12:00 noon  
.....Tenebrae, 6:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday 3/28 ..... Solemn High Mass, 6:00 pm  
.....Watch before the Altar of Repose, 7:00 pm – Midnight  
Good Friday 3/29.....Morning Prayer, Address, & Litany, 12:00 noon  
..... Good Friday Liturgy, 6:00 pm  
Holy Saturday 3/30 ..... Great Easter Vigil, 6 pm  
Easter Day 3/31 ..... Holy Eucharist & Sermon, 9:00 am  
..... Solemn High Mass with procession, 11:00 am

**Please silence your cell phones...thank you**

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Rector**

**The Sunday next before Easter  
Commonly Called Palm Sunday  
March 24, 2024**

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