

## MORNING PRAYER

8:30 am

Morning Prayer begins at the bottom of p. 6. The psalm for today is Psalm 119, vss. 105-144, beginning on page 497. 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, *Everton* ..... **Insert**

Collect for Purity..... BCP 67

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 69

Introit. *Sederunt principes*. 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.

*Kyrie, eleison* (Hymnal 710), ninefold

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

Collect for St. Stephen's Day ..... BCP 99

Of the Octave..... BCP 96

For the Epistle, *Acts vii.55* ..... 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, *St. Matthew xxiii.34* ..... BCP 100

Nicene Creed ..... BCP 71

Sermon ..... Father Athanael

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, *Gaudeamus Pariter* (alt tune 136) ..... **Insert**

Presentation of alms, *Doxology* ..... 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

*Sursum corda* (Hymnal 734) ..... BCP 76

Preface of the Nativity ..... BCP 77

*Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit* (Hymnal 748) ..... BCP 77

Prayer of Consecration (Canon of the Mass) ..... BCP 80

Our Father ..... BCP 82

Fracture & Pax, Embolism & *Agnus Dei*

Prayer of Humble Access ..... BCP 82

Holy Communion

Communion hymn (kneel), *St. Vincent* ..... **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 stablished by thy everlasting protection. 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 (kneel) ..... BCP 84

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

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The **flowers** this morning are given by Kurt and Katherine Barnes to the Glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for their children, Luke, Mackenzie, and Jacob, all baptized at St. Stephen's.

We welcome our visitors and guests. We are glad you are with us. 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 put on the parish prayer list, please contact the Church office.

**Sunday School** and the **Archbishop's Bible Study** is currently in recess.

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



Please pray (BCP 303, Third Collect) also for those with known **wedding anniversaries** this week: Jeff and Tina Fair (12/27).

*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 soul of Conn West (12/30) on the anniversary of her death.

*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her. May her soul 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, John, Mark, Henry, James, Cam, Bill, and Kenny.



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 2021 pledge must be received in the church office by December 28th!**

The **church business office will be closed** on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

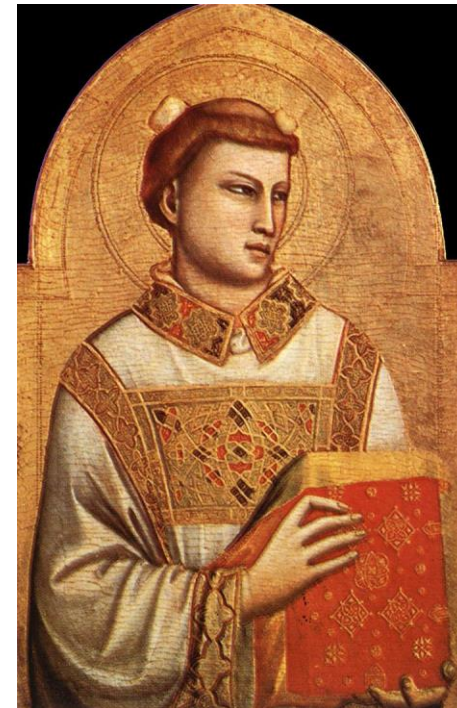
The notebook for **2022 Flower and Sanctuary Lamp dedications** is in Lewis Hall. Please pull the sheet(s) you would like for the year and return it to Susan with your payment. Remember, if the flower dedication is taken for the day you wish, you can always dedicate the sanctuary lamp for \$15.

**Upcoming Daily Mass Schedule**

Monday, December 27, 10am	Feast of St. John
Tuesday, December 28, 10am	Holy Innocents
Wednesday, December 29, 10am	St. Thomas of Canterbury
Thursday, December 30, 10am	Sixth Day in Octave
Friday, December 31, 10am	St. Sylvester
Saturday, January 1, 10am	Circumcision of Christ

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## The Patronal Feast of St. Stephen December 26, 2021

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

