

Thank you for worshipping at  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



#### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We celebrate in our community a real and present God, who affirms the precious value of every person in the life and example of Jesus. We seek out, invite, and welcome all people and encourage them to join us in a life of mercy, justice, learning and service.



## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

*The Heart of the Grove for over 100 years and reaching beyond.*

10:30 a.m. + 2 Advent + December 10, 2023

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### The Liturgy of the Word

*The organ prelude marks the beginning of worship,  
an invitation to quiet preparation, prayer and meditation.*

#### Organ Prelude

**Opening Hymn #75 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying** *Ascension*

*Lighting of the Second Advent Candle* **Chris Steinmetz & Keith Cantine**

#### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worth magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Collect of the Day** (see insert)

**The First Lesson** (see insert) Isaiah 40: 1-11

**Psalm** Chanted by the choir 85: 1-2, 8-13

**The Second Lesson** (see insert) 2 Peter 3:8-15a

#### The Gospel Acclamation



Choir, then all Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.  
Choir Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."



All whoever follows me will have the... light of life.

All repeat the three Alleluias.

**The Holy Gospel**

(see insert)

Mark 1:1-8

**The Sermon***A period of silence follows to offer time for reflection.***The Nicene Creed** BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Announcements*****Please welcome today The Reverend Thomas Bruttell***

- **Commemorate a loved one with Christmas flowers!** Now is the time to make a donation to our Christmas altar flowers in memory of someone you love. Please email the church office by this Sunday to make your contribution and give us your loved one's name in time to be in our Christmas bulletin.
- Dec 17: Deadline to bring in your unwrapped gift for the Angel Tree & **Christmas Cookie Party** after mass along with sorting/distributing of the Angel Tree Toys
- **Christmas Eve** Schedule: !030am & !0:30pm
- **We need SOCKS!** Please bring in a pair of unused socks. Claudia Copeland will be in charge of making sure they are distributed to the homeless in the community.
- Follow us on Instagram: @SSECHURCHGROVE. Tag us & repost!
- Get Sunday's bulletin online! go to [www.sseccg.org](http://www.sseccg.org) - click on the SERVICES drop down button then BULLETINS.



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The AIDS Ministry  
of St Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

Each year, The AIDS Ministry of St Stephen's collects toys to give to the children of families served by Food For Life Network, a non-profit organization providing food, food vouchers and meals to people and families living with AIDS/HIV. These families are living in poverty as defined by the United States Government and have little or nothing for gifts at Christmas or any other time.

At this Holiday Season we ask that you please help those less fortunate than you by taking an ornament from the tree and return it to the Museum, attached to a new, **un-wrapped** age appropriate gift for a boy or girl no later than Sunday, 17th December.



**At the 10:30 AM  
Sung Eucharist**

Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas Bruttell  
Preacher: The Reverend Thomas Bruttell  
Choirmaster: Mr. Gregory Cheng  
Organist: Ms. Jisu Oh  
Lector: Daisy Holcombe  
Chalice Bearer: Kelly Miller  
Altar Guild: Melinda Harper, Donna Vazquez  
Vergers: George Vazquez  
Acolytes: Grayce-Madeleine Cheng

**The Vestry**  
Mike Kress, Sr. Warden  
Eric Copeland, Jr. Warden  
Paul Campbell  
Jordan Krawll  
Claudia Lang  
Liz Moran  
Deborah Roncallo  
Kelly Miller  
Kirsten Wood

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**The Prayers of the People**

**Ongoing Needs:**

Janet Steinmetz, Loretta Cantine, Maraquita Steinmetz, Earl Ziebarth, Allison McNeill, Isabel Gomez-Basols, Marsha Lackey, John Michael Miller, Martha Wilson, Gerry Planells, Juvie Barreto, Wanda Palmer, Linda Bryan, Melinda Harper, Vivian Hale, Joyce Harrington, Linda Bryan, James Summerlin

**Immediate Needs:**

Paula Garnica, Marsha Lackey, Damar Hamlin, Belinda Fernandez, Barbara Massey, Camile & David Kopcik, Patricia Hernandez, Joella Feasel, The people of Israel, Delio Maranjes, Chuck Moxley, Phil Clark

**The Prayers of the People**

*After each petition, the Intercessor says Let us pray to the Lord.*

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution** BCP p. 360

**Prayer for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Those who will be traveling**

**The Peace**

**Celebrant** The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Community greets one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The Peace is then exchanged.*

**The Holy Communion**

*The clergy and people return to their seats.*

*An offering is received for the work of the Church.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Lo, How a Rose (Praetorius)*

**Offertory Hymn #67**

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

*Psalm 42*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**BCP p. 361**

**Sanctus S125 (Prolux)**

**Celebrant and People**

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## The Lord's Prayer *Sung by All*

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low - ed be thy Name,  
 thy king-dom come, - thy will be done, - on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
 Give us this day our dai - ly bread. - And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,  
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not  
 in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
 For thine is the king-dom, and the po-wer, and the glo - ry,  
 for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Fraction Anthem

*Antiphon: Cantor; then All*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

***(All sing the antiphon)***

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

***(All sing the antiphon)***

## ***Our Invitation to You This Morning***

*You are invited and encouraged to receive the Sacrament. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please raise your right hand at the altar rail. Anointing for healing is offered at the side chapel during the time of Communion.*

## **Communion Anthem**

### **The Post-Communion Prayer BCP p. 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn #76**

### **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

*Winchester New*

### **The Dismissal**

***Organ Postlude***