

All of us here at St. Stephen's wish you and your family a blessed and healthy New Year!



We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023

10:30 A.M. Lessons & with Carols with Eucharist

Please turn off all cell phones.

Organ Voluntary

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 100 "Joy to the world!"

Antioch

The Bidding Prayer

We are invited to remember the birth of Christ and to pray for the world into which he came, for the poor and those who have died.

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this *place* glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this *city*.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Our Father

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

Please sit and remain seated to bear the lessons and sing the carols.

The Lessons

I. *Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

Genesis 3:1-23

Carol 107 “Good Christian Friends”

II. *God comforts his people*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Carol 56 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” (verses 1-4)

III. *The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the son of the Most High.*

Luke 1:26-58

Carol 265 “The Angel Gabriel from heaven came”

IV. *Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.*

Luke 2:1-20

Hymn 87 “Hark! the herald angels sing” (verses 1 & 2)

V. *In the fullness of time God sent his son whose reign is forever and ever.*

Hebrews 1:1-12

Hymn 92 “On this day earth shall ring” (verses 1 & 2)

Preparation is made for the Gospel procession. All stand and join in singing.

Carol 96 “Angels we have heard on high” — verses 1-3

The Holy Gospel — The Incarnation of God’s love in Jesus Christ

John 1:1-18

The People remain standing.

The Gospel is announced and the People respond.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel is read, the Minister says

 The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Carol 96 “Angels we have heard on high” — verse 4

Blessings for Travelers, Birthdays and Anniversaries
(Those seeking prayers come forward to the altar rail.)

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the People

 The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

The Celebrant bids us to make offerings with an Offertory sentence.

The Reverend Thomas Bruttell, Clergy

The Vestry

Mike Kress, Senior Warden

Eric Copeland, Junior Warden

Jorge delValle

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The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People. All return to their seats following the crucifer. Announcements
Hymn #109

Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold
winter's night that was so deep.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is
the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is
the King of Israel.*

The Dismissal

The People stand. The dismissal is given. All respond, saying
People Thanks be to God.

Participants in today's services

At the 10:30AM Eucharist

Celebrant	The Reverend Thomas Bruttell
Music Director	Gregory Cheng
Organist	Jisu Oh
Lectors	Chris Steinmetz, Jorge delValle, Liz Munoz, Tom Leness
Chalice Bearer	Kirsten Wood
Altar Guild	Kelly Seibel, Colleen Bernuth

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People sit. An offering is received for the work of the Church.

Offertory solo *Herbert Howells*

O my dear bert

At the Offertory hymn, everyone please follow those presenting the gifts of money, bread, and wine, and come inside the altar rails to stand in a complete circle around the Altar. Please guide those who need to sit to the seats used for the clergy and altar servers or to the first pews.

Offertory Hymn #83

Adeste Fidelis

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.*

2 Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

Refrain

3 See, how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Refrain

4 Child, for us sinners,
poor and in a manger,
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly?

Refrain

During the Hymn, the gifts and altar are censed, and afterwards the people are censed.

The Celebrant, standing at the altar says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-130 *Service music is in the front of the hymnal.*

Schubert

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ☐ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Mary, Blessed Stephen, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

The Celebrant and People together

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us
today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread and silence is kept. Then is said

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The bread is broken and wine is poured out for Holy Communion.

The Fraction Anthem S-164

Schubert

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins; have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Our invitation to you this morning

At St. Stephen's we welcome everyone to God's table. You are invited and encouraged to receive the Sacrament today. If you would like a blessing instead, cross your arms on your chest to indicate this to the ministers. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this by raising your right hand.

The Post-communion Prayer

The Celebrant says Celebrant

and People

Let us pray.

Creator of all, the Child born for us is the Savior of the world. May Jesus who, by his birth, made us your children, welcome us into your heavenly kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you in glory, now and for ever. Amen.