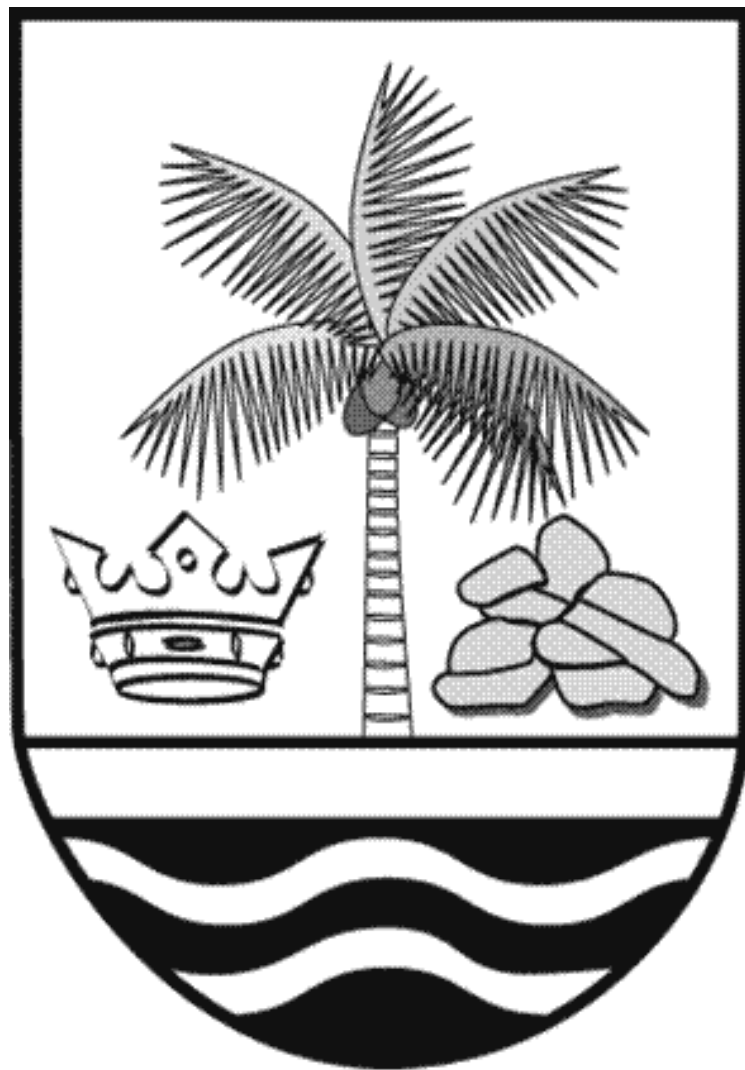


Thank you for worshipping at
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



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. + 4 Lent + March 10, 2024

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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 #686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

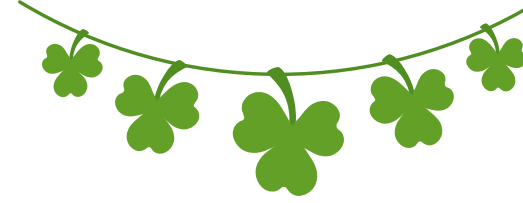
Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect of the Day (see insert)

The First Lesson (see insert) Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm Chanted by the choir 107:1-3, 17-22

The Second Lesson (see insert) Ephesians 2:1-10



The Holy Gospel

(see insert)

John 3:14-21

The Sermon

A period of silence follows to offer time for reflection.

The Nicene Creed

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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 Mary Ellen Cassini

- Our Website has a new look. Check it out! www.sseccg.org
- It was designed especially to be cell-phone friendly.
- Follow us on Instagram: @SSECHURCHGROVE. Tag us & repost!
- Get Sunday's bulletin online! go to www.sseccg.org - click on the SERVICES drop down button then BULLETINS.

Upcoming Events....

March 24 - Palm Sunday

We begin at 10:15 in front of The Barnacle Historic State Park 3485 Main Highway Miami FL at 10:15 for The Blessing of the Palms and process to the church from there.

March 28, Maundy Thursday, at 7pm. Bishop Rickel will lead our service. There will be a foot washing ceremony for those who wish to participate.

March 29, Good Friday, at noon.

March 30 - The Great Vigil of Easter

Kindling of the New Fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle on the Labyrinth in the front of the church at 7pm and process into the darkened church for the readings as we await the first Alleluias.

March 31 - Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your children to our Easter Egg hunt beginning right after the 10:30 Mass. Children and their parents from all over our local community are invited to share the food and fun!

Coconut Grove Concert Series Presents, April 5| 7pm| FREE Concert The Stamps Brass Quintet

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Mary Ellen Cassini
Preacher: The Reverend Mary Ellen Cassini
Choirmaster: Mr. Gregory Cheng
Organist: Mr. Vojtech Trubac
Lector: Liz Munoz
Chalice Bearer: Russell Corbett
Altar Guild: Melinda Harper, Donna Vazquez
Verger: Grayce-Madeleine Cheng
Acolytes: Abby Krawll, Ella Krawll, Kai Subhawong, Loranzo Kress

The Vestry
Mike Kress, Sr. Warden
Eric Copeland, Jr. Warden
Paul Campbell
Jordan Krawll
Claudia Lang
Liz Moran
Deborah Roncallo
Kelly Miller
Kirsten Wood
Julianne Munoz
Andrea Subhawong
Thomas Stevens

The Prayers of the People

Ongoing Needs:

Janet Steinmetz, Loretta Cantine, Maraquita Steinmetz, Earl Ziebarth, Allison McNeill, Isabel Gomez-Basols, Marsha Lackey, Martha Wilson, Gerry Planells, Juvie Barreto, Wanda Palmer, Linda Bryan, Vivian Hale, Linda Bryan, James Summerlin, Katherine Rowe, Marsha Lackey, Pam Twitchell, Rebecca Tobias, Charity Johnson, Peace in the Middle East, Our search for a Rector, Robbin Simmons, Carole Bracken

Immediate Needs:

Paula Garnica, Damar Hamlin, Belinda Fernandez, Barbara Massey, Camile & David Kopcik, Patricia Hernandez, Delio Marantes, Chuck Moxley, Phil Clark, Penny Ritter, Esther Edwards, Claribel Teran, Loretta Beynon, Matt Rotolante, Vincent and Janet Holcombe

Rest of the soul: Joella Feasel, John Michael Miller

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

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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 *Lead Me Lord (Wesley)*

Offertory Hymn #706 In Your Mercy, Lord You Called Me *Halton Holgate*

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 Father, 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.

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 *Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)*

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 #690

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

Organ Postlude