

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. + 5 Lent + March 17, 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 #473 Lift High the Cross, The Love of Christ Proclaim** *Crucifer*

#### 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.

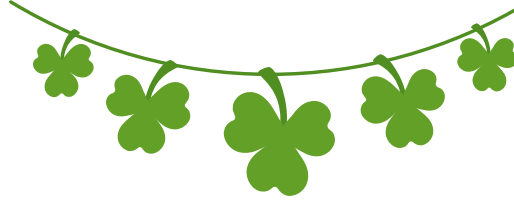
**Collect** (see insert)

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

**The First Lesson** (see insert) Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Psalm** Chanted by the choir 51:1-13

**The Second Lesson** (see insert) Hebrews 5:5-10



## The Holy Gospel

(see insert)

John 12:20-33

## 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*

- **EASTER FLOWERS:** If you would like to dedicate Easter Flowers to a loved one, commemorated in the Easter bulletin, please contact Gladys with your donation by March 27th. Email: Parish@sseds.org or call 305-448-2601.
- Our Website has a new look. Check it out! [www.sseccg.org](http://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](http://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: Ms. Jisu Oh  
Lector: Chris Steinmetz  
Chalice Bearer: George Vazquez  
Altar Guild: Susan Murray  
Verger: Russell Corbett  
Acolytes: Harlan Hoenig, Ella Krawall  
Edie Hoenig, Lucas Moran, Matias Moran

**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

**Repose 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** *Jesus So Lowly (Friedell)*

**Offertory Hymn #170 To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord** *The Third Tune*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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**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**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

### ***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 (Byrd)*

### **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 #495 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!**

*In Babilone*

### **The Dismissal**

### ***Organ Postlude***