

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

January 29, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. service

This Liturgy is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are glad you are with us! St. Stephen's is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world. We welcome everyone to join us for worship and life together—no exceptions!

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Follow this QR code to our website and complete the online welcome card.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? A Sacred Lent with St. Stephen's

FEBRUARY & MARCH

February 1 A Meditation for People & Place
Wednesdays @ 7 PM via Zoom

February 21 Shrove Tuesday, 5:30 pm to 7 pm
Pancake Community Dinner

February 22 Ash Wednesday, Liturgy @ 7 am
& 7 pm, Ashes to Go 4:30-6 pm

February 29 Neighborhood Prayer Walk
Wednesdays @ 6 pm

March 19 Intergeneration Community
Service @ 9:30 AM

HOLY WEEK

April 2 Palm Sunday Procession & Liturgy
@ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

April 6 Maundy Thursday

April 7 Good Friday

April 8 Easter Vigil

April 9 Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt
@ 9:30 am

April 9 Easter Liturgy @ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

During worship, all are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar, please let an usher know so the sacrament can be brought to you.

In addition to bread, you may now receive wine. You may intinct (dip your wafer into the chalice) or drink from the chalice directly. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

After church services, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church at any time. We encourage adult caregivers to join their children in the front chapel area as they engage seasonal lessons and materials.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity. Diaper-changing facilities are available in both restrooms and in the nursery.

PARKING

Parking is available off West Alabama in the lot in front of the church. Additional lots are available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL THIS THURSDAY

We will offer a virtual Town Hall on the Mission Real Estate Initiative at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, via Zoom for those who were not able to attend the January 28. Please scan code for Zoom link.



COVID PROTOCOLS IN CHURCH

St. Stephen's has a culture of care. We are focused on keeping everyone safe in church,

- People may choose to mask at any time – indoors or outdoors
- People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the word **CURIOS** to the phone number **73256**. Then follow the prompts. The first time you use the system you will need to enter your information, but the system will "remember" you thereafter.

THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

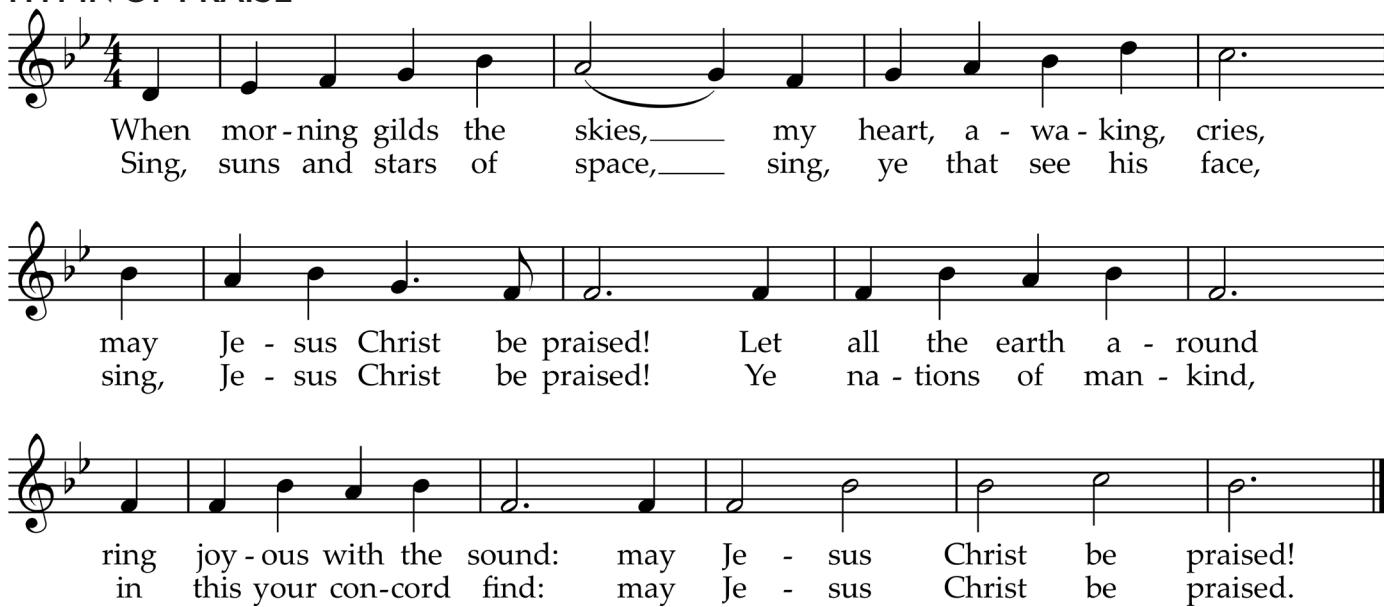
The People standing, the Celebrant says,

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

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 worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



When mor - ning gilds the skies,____ my heart, a - wa - king, cries,
Sing, suns and stars of space,____ sing, ye that see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! Ye na - tions of man - kind,

ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
in this your con-cord find: may Je - sus Christ be praised.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE

O God, the Creator, who provides nests for birds and burrows for foxes, open us to your dreams and visions for this land and its people. Empower us in wisdom to join with partners and build spaces that serve communities. Embolden us to . . . Go. Partner. Build for light. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

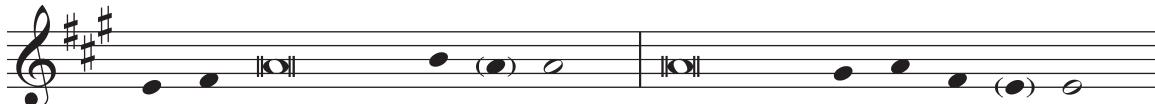
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: PSALM 15

Congregation sings the bold printed verses.

The asterisk indicates where the first half of a verse ends. The whole note with two lines on each side indicates a reciting tone; natural word rhythm determines its duration. The word or words in [square brackets] are chanted on the first quarter note following the reciting tone. The words beyond the [brackets] fall naturally on the remaining notes.*



*Lord, who may dwell in your [ta]-bernacle? **
who may abide up-[on] your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and [does what] is right, *
who speaks the [truth] from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;
*he does no evil [to his] friend; **
he does not heap contempt up-[on] his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is re-[ject]-ed, *
but he honors [those] who fear the Lord.

*He has sworn to do [no] wrong **
and does [not] take back his word.
He does not give his money in [hope] of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe a-[gainst] the innocent.

*Whoever [does] these things **
shall ne-[ver] be overthrown.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Silence may follow.

THE NICENE CREED

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.

CONFSSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Congregation greets one another.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *Please be seated.*

ANTHEM

“How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”

Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

How brightly beams the Morning Star! What sudden radiance from afar doth glad us with its shining? Brightness of God that breaks our night, and fills the darkened souls with light, who long for truth were pining! Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing; praise, oh praise such love o’erflowing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

William Mathias

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and 2/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Hector, Kai, Jeff, and Scott, our Bishops; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember : *Members of the congregation offer their intercession and petitions silently or aloud.*

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Mason Martens

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



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

Cantor sings

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

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

INVITATION

Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

COMMUNION HYMN *Please be seated.*

Dickinson College

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Amanda Udis-Kessler



1. When we treat each o - ther in a way that's fair, what a won - drous day!
love our neigh - bors and are loved in turn, what a won - drous day!
no more hun - ger and there's no more hate, what a won - drous day!
great day co - ming and it's ours to bring. What a won - drous day!



When we treat our pla - net with re - spect and care, what a won - drous day!
When we help each o - ther in our quest to learn, what a won - drous day!
Then the whole cre - a - tion will ce - le - brate! What a won - drous day!
Do the work you need to, then get up and sing! What a won - drous day!



What a won - drous day: love and jus - tice! What a won - drous day: peace and free - dom!

1, 2, 3.



What a won - drous day! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a won - drous day!

2. When we
3. When there's
4. There's a

4.



What a won - drous day!

What a won - drous day!

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild – Donna Inouye, Sheila Johnson, D Lozano, Tina Munoz

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Usher: Jennifer Richardson

Reader: Peter Lovely

Hospitality: Christina Lovely

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Readers: Carolyn Keating (1st lesson), Kenneth McClain (2nd lesson),

Rowan de los Reyes (Prayers)

Counting: Cathlyne Camp-Murray, David Morrell

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH VESTRY

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person & YouTube Channel

9:30 a.m. – Adult Formation

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person & YouTube Channel

2:00 a.m. – Presence Group meets in-person at Havens Center and via Zoom.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

12:00 a.m. – Bible Study – Online Only

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:30 a.m. – In Person Bible Study in the Gathering Area.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

6:30 a.m. – Faith & Justice Group – Online Only

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

6:00 p.m. – Virtual Town Hall on Mission Real Estate

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group – Online Only

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