

Welcome to St Stephen's

BELVEDERE

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, one of the major feasts of the Church year. When we celebrate the saints, we celebrate those who have given evidence, who have made God believable by how they have lived and how they have died. Today we peer into our family album and take courage from the saints who by God's grace handed down the Faith to us. And in doing so we receive a measure of God's very glory and mighty power.

In the Middle Ages they used to say, "The greater the king the greater his court." God doesn't hoard his glory; the Most High doesn't keep a paltry court. The God whose story is told in, "The Lord is my shepherd" or, "this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger" is the Blessed One attended by creatures of such burning splendor that we can scarcely imagine them: cherubim and seraphim, angels and archangels, and mortal men and women. Welcome to St Stephen's.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new via the livestream, please email office@ststephenschurch.org to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.
- If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or you'd like a call from one of our priests, please email office@ststephenschurch.org.
- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Central page.
- Visit *Together Apart*, the daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

1st November 2020 | All Saints' Sunday



The flowers at the altar today are given in memory of
Carmen and Marshall Nickles,
parents of Marsha Lasky.

Serving at the Altar Today

Scripture Reader	Dee Bowman [Revelation lesson]
Scripture Reader	Potter Wickware [1 John lesson]
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Matheus L. Coura
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Director of Parish Music	John Karl Hirten
Stream Team	Oliver Dugan, Alec Marasa, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney
Preacher	The Rev'd Christine Trainor
Celebrant	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

1st November 2020 | 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship is a verb. from the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart in the sacred space of your home. We welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist Liturgy of Eucharistic Prayer D, in the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] on page 372, printed herein.

For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the Procession

Hymn 293 *I sing a song of the saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.

And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

— Lesbia Scott (1898 – 1986)

The Acclamation

Celebrant The world belongs to God.
People **The earth and all its people.**

Celebrant How good it is, how wonderful
People **To live together in community.**

Celebrant Love and faith come together.
People **Justice and peace hold hands.**

Celebrant Were Christ's disciples to keep silent
People **These stones would shout aloud.**

Celebrant Open our lips, O God,
People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Canticle *Holy is God*

Paul Inwood (b. 1951)

Refrain [r]

**Holy is God, holy and strong!
God ever living, alleluia!**

Sing the Lord's praise, every nation, give God all honor and glory.
Strong is God's love for all people, his faithfulness is eternal. — [r]

Praise to the Father almighty; praise to the Son, Christ the Lord;
praise to the life-giving Spirit; both now and forever. Amen. — [r]

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Feast of All Saints

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Revelation 7. 9 – 17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
“Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.”

Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have
washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34. 1 – 6 *Benedicam Dominum, Gustate et videte* Stephen Dean (b. 1948)

Refrain [r]

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good. The Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips.

The Lord shall be the glory of my soul.

The humble shall hear and be glad. — [r]

Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord, he answered me;

he set me free from all my fear. — [r]

Look upon the Lord and be radiant;

Hide not your face from the Lord.

He heard the cry of the poor;

he rescued them from all their woes. — [r]

The Epistle Reading 1 John 3. 1 – 3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

At the Sequence *Alleluia*

Michael Vulpius (1570 – 1615)

Sung three times.



The Holy Gospel Matthew 5. 1 – 12

Gospeller 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.

The Homily

Christine Trainor

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory *The Beatitudes*

Pavel Mironositsky (1867 – 1932)

In thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in thy kingdom.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

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

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

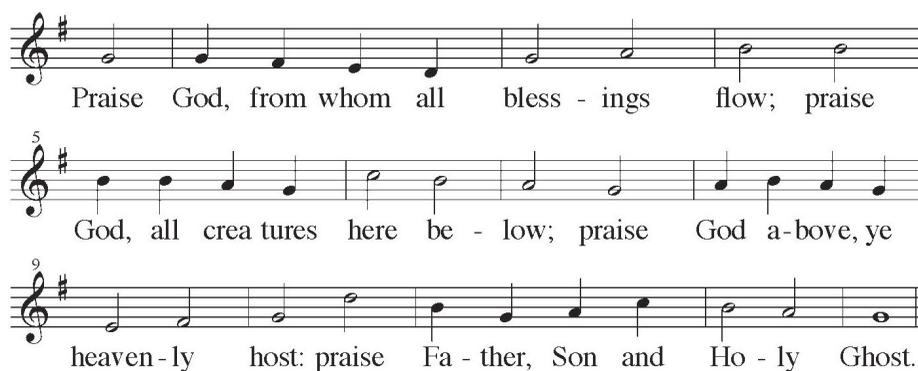
Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you,
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

— Matthew 5. 3 – 12

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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 *Rose Hill Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

The people remain standing and sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

from the Rose Hill Mass by John Karl Hirten

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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

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 **Bishop Curry, Bishop Marc, Phil, Christine, Richard, Zoila, Shari, Dorothy, John**, and all who minister in your Church.

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

Remember those needful or desirous of our prayers, including **Jeff, Judy, Robabeh, Jeanie, Gwen, Stanley, Kristina, Liana, Tom, and Ann**.

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.

The Celebrant prays for those who have died in this past year, including ...

Steve Albrecht
Lynn Baker
Steve Berg
Richard Behrman,
Jennifer Bolton
Elaine Boorstein
Marcia Burnam
Ray Cesaretti
Barbara Ellsworth
Paul Epp
Hector Raul Ossorio Espinel
Bill Fink
Vince Fitzpatrick
Pete Ford
Karla Gibson
Ruth Bader Ginsberg
Bobby Hall
Susan Hedges
Timothy Hirten
Salma & Javed Iftekha
Sairse Kasongo
William A. King
Anthony Kinney
Virginia Kirchhoff
Alexander Knepper
Richard Landvatter

Katherine Latimer
Ray Lett
Sarah Lingle
Paul Martori
Pat McDonald
Sean McGee
Frances McGovern
Midge Moore
Jean Morin
Michael Olenak
Phillips J. Perkins
Bruno Peter
Christopher John Purvis
Al Rambod
Rodney Rheiner
Norman Ruecker
Mark Sauvo
William Scully
Gina Sims
Sister Ruth
Murial White Stehouwer
Paul Stevens
Paul Sturm
Carol Treasure
Robert Turkle, Sr
Bob Zimmerman
All those who have died from the
coronavirus

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember Ernest Brown, Sr., and
Constance Tyler.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed St Stephen and 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *Together*

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.

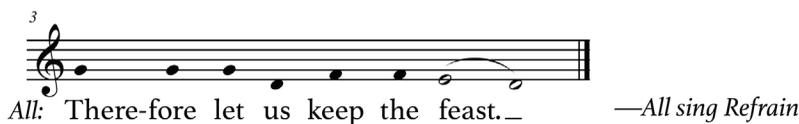
At the Breaking of the Bread

Peregrine Tone

Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Peace

Invitation

At the Communion

How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."

Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.

The people sit.

Communion Music *At the River*

Robert Lowry(1826 – 1899)
arr. Aaron Copland (1900 – 1990)

Wilford Kelly, *bass solo*

Shall we gather by the river? Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace

Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

The Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving *The people stand.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Said by all.

Almighty Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 287, stanzas 1 – 4 *For all the saints*

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might:
 thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
 fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

— William Walsam How (1823 – 1897)

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace, caring for creation, serving Christ,
 and sharing the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude

– Music Notes –

Lesbia Scott wrote that her texts were not intended to be published, but were for use in her own nursery, “as an expression of the faith we were trying to impart to the children. Most of them came in response to the children’s own demands. ‘Make a hymn for a picnic,’ ‘Make a hymn for a foggy day.’ *I sing a song of the saints of God* was written “to impress the fact that sainthood is a living possibility today.” When texts were being selected for publication in *Hymnal 1982*, the committee in charge of producing the book at first chose to eliminate the hymn because the text seemed too culture-specific and even a bit childish, but by action of the Joint Committee for Hymnal Revision of the General Convention of 1982, the hymn was restored to the collection.

The Beatitudes is set to harmonized chant by the Russian composer Pavel Mironositsky. The music fits under the all-encompassing heading of “Russian Orthodox Chant,” which really comprises many different styles and origins. The Russian Orthodox Church grew out of the missionary work of bishops and priests from the city of Byzantium (Constantinople) in the ninth century, eventually becoming the official religion of several important Russian states in the next century. The early music of the Russian church is thought to have been an amalgam of Greek Byzantine chant and Russian folk music, thus giving it a peculiar slavonic tinge. Many manuscripts exist from this period, although most are musically difficult to translate.

Robert Lowry was an ordained Baptist minister who became known as a gifted preacher as well as a writer of many hymns and accompanying hymn tunes. Between 1865 and 1898, he was involved in the publication of twenty-five different hymn collections, some solely and some jointly with others. His fame as a hymn writer eventually eclipsed that of his preaching and ministry. “Shall We Gather at the River” is his most celebrated song. Aaron Copland’s version was first performed in 1952 as part of a set of American Songs, written in his distinctive spare harmonic style.

For all the saints was written by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, William Walsham How as a processional hymn. The original hymn contains 11 stanzas, and the opening line was changed shortly after publication by How himself from “For all thy saints” to “For all the saints.” It had been paired with a

different tune until its publication in *The English Hymnal* of 1906 with a tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams called SINE NOMINE (which means “without name” in Latin), one of the great tunes of the 20th Century.

— Please Pledge today for 2021 —

Pledge Appeal Campaign 2021: St Stephen’s is at 51% of goal. Our goal is 100 % participation. Please get your pledge in today.

Returning your pledge now will help your Vestry plan a realistic budget that will allow your church to flourish in 2021. Additionally, pledge amounts over last year’s pledge and first-time pledges will be matched.

Whatever amount you pledge is sincerely appreciated. By simply making a pledge of any amount, you cast your heart and thoughtful support for St Stephen’s and the church community you want it to be. Please give today.

Pledge appeal packages were mailed on the 17th of September. If you have not received yours, pledge cards can be downloaded from Ststephenschurch.org, or contact the office. Look for the pledge link on the bottom right side of the home page. You can fill out, scan, and email it to office[at]ststephenschurch.org or send by mail.

— Floral Donations for 2021 including Christmas florals —

The 2021 Flower Chart is virtual this year. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The regular donation for flowers is \$150. The donation for Christmas florals is what you wish to donate. You will be contacted the week prior to your Sunday week for your floral dedication which appears in the online pdf of the leaflet, in *Tidings*, and on Facebook. You may send your check with Altar Flowers written in the memo line, and your dedication to the office in advance, or the week of your dedication, or email the office with permission to charge your credit card. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Garcia-Romero at barbara.c.garciaromero [at] gmail.com or Barbara Berling at berling11[at]gmail.com. Although, until services safely begin again, the arrangement will be an orchid plant, your donation will also go to the Livestream.

St Stephen’s 2021 Altar Flower Chart Live Document:

<https://bit.ly/3iFUSgH>

– Announcements –

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S CENTRAL** page on our website at <http://ststephenschurch.org/>.

Eventbrite Link for 8th November, 8:00 am courtyard service.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/courtyard-service-registration-123524660585>

Registration for 24 people, 10 on the wait list. Goes live this Saturday, 31st October and closes on 29th October at Noon. If it is raining, the service will be cancelled.

This Sunday at 9:00am | Slow Religion Foundations of Faith: *Alternative Theories to Explain Resurrection*. Resurrection is the central starting point of the Christian faith. Controversial from the start it beckons us across 2,000 years as both mystery and history. This week's class will look at the Alternative theories to explain how Resurrection did not actually happen and the Church's responses.

Please see the class pdf in *Tidings* for background reading. The Class Overview is on pp 11-12, Readings pp 13-17, Prayers pp 18-20 and Summary pp 21-24. The class is led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings.

Visit *Together Apart*, the almost daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

Read your *Tidings* to learn about a special event coming soon in November: *Talking Turkey about Race*: the Rector and the Associate Rector of St Stephen's Church, Belvedere in Conversation with Pastor Dave Hall of Big God Ministries, Mill Valley, Saturday 14 November, 10:00am. In the St Stephen's Memorial Garden Courtyard. A second interview will be announced later in mid-November [TBD] with Dr. Esau McCaulley, author of *Reading While Black*.

Regathering for In-Person Indoor Worship Starting Advent One [28th November] | St Stephen's plan for in-person Sunday worship was approved by the diocese, and we hope to start worshipping in our sanctuary

again on Advent One, Sunday November 28 at 10 am. Registration for about 36 spaces will begin through the EVENTBRITE system the week leading up to the service. The service will continue to be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. Please watch your *Tidings* for updates as we get closer to Advent One.

Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Central at ststephenschurch.org for all links. Please see the next set of pages for all St Stephen's Bible Studies and Forum offerings.

Live Stream | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravely to let us know.

- St Stephen's has moved the livestream channel to YouTube. All upcoming livestreams, as well as those from 8.16.20, and forward, are available on this channel. If you subscribe with your Google account, you can always doublecheck for the most recent version of the current livestream, as well as view those archived since the changeover. Go to what is now St Stephen's
- unique url for this channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>
Save this in your browser favorites.

Virtual Prayer Corner | To light a candle in the virtual prayer corner, please see the instructions on the *St Stephen's Central* webpage of the website <http://ststephenschurch.org/> under **Pastoral Care** or download the pdf link in your Saturday morning *Tidings* (*St Stephen's Church News*).

Floral Donations | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a phalaenopsis orchid plant until the church can resume physical services, and it is once again safe to create changing floral arrangements. Your continued floral donations help support the livestream services. **Please see the link on the previous page to sign up for 2021 and for Christmas florals.**

Clergy Pastoral Care | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812.

Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email and that you are currently receiving the weekly email and eNews from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch. Don't miss the Live stream Sunday Services, Zoom Bible Studies, and teleconference events that are available to you. If you do not receive *St Stephen's Tidings* on Saturday at 6:00a, look in your junk mail first. It helps to add dee[at]ststephenschurch.org into your address book.

Disaster Relief: Hurricane Laura: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneLaura20FB> | California Wildfires: <https://www.ncoinc.org/disaster-recovery/> with a memo for "Valley Fire." Or www.redcross.org to contribute financial aid or texting the word "REDCROSS" to 90999, to make a \$10 donation.



This Sunday's Video Link: The Exodus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oo9dkXo_jYU

Each week, St Stephen's provides a link to a Godly Play lesson for children and families to view at home together. Please contact the Rev'd Christine Trainor: christine@ststephenschurch.org, if you have any questions or would like support around ways to deepen your spiritual journey and formation as a family.

Prior Video Links:

Introduction for parents: <https://youtu.be/wJAYfWzmHPg>

The Church Year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPTWq1AsCao>

The Holy Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPxFp9iqMb4>

The Holy Family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arZJPdXrEV4>

Creation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBZSfu9TyrY>

The Flood and the Ark: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u6E4yEZhUE>

The Great Family: <https://youtu.be/iP7MdmrDHnM>

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Pledge and Participate in St Stephen's Growing Ministry Today

Meg & Steve Abbott	Barbara Garcia-Romero
Martha & Bruce Auld	Phyllis Garrick
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Debbie & Shawn Bennett	Ann Green & John McComish
Linda Berg	Ann & Ken Hammer
Barbara Berling	Kay Moore Harris
DeWitt Bowman	Liz & Robert Hart
Randi & Bill Brinkman	Jo Ann Haseltine
Janet Brown	Jennifer & Eric Henerlau
Gretchen & John Busterud	William Heydorn
June & Jack Campbell	Kay & George Hill
Lois Cannady	Jill Hinds & Charles Allen
Timothy Curtin	John Karl Hirten
Janice & Lance Dalzell-Piper	Martha & David Irmer
Olive DePonte	Auban & Bart Jackson
Nida DeVoto	Jane Jacobs
Ginny Doyle	John Jenkins
Chuck Eaton	Barbara Johnson
Victoria & Phillip Ellsworth	Anne Johnston
Claudia Feurey	Dorothy Jones
Heather Findlay	Sharon & Bob Kahn

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Gretchen Kimball	Anita Ostrom & Richard Schaper
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Missy & Randy Leathers	Susan Painter
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Diana Long	Laura & Chris Porter
Kathryn Lowell	Melissa & John Prentis
Carolyn & Claus Lund	Jeanette Richards
Denise & Elliott Main	Zebiya Rigby
Claire McAuliffe	Lisa & Paul Rosenlund
Joan & Roger McGee	Helen Sandeman
Katie & David McGee	Zoila & Dick Schoenbrun
Jane & Carl Martin	Deborah Sorondo
Pam Martori & Robert McCaskill	Juli & John Tantum
Elizabeth "Betsy" Menzel	Jennie Taylor
Mary Ann Milford	Chris & John Telischak
Diana & Robert "Bobby" Moore	Georgene Tozzi
Christine Mudge & Jim Grout	Christine Trainor
D.B. Murray	Suzanne & Harry Smith
Lilian Murray	Jerry South
Alexandra & Philip Norris	Joan White
Mike North	Karen Young & J. Morrow

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— Pledging Process —

Pray. Begin in prayer by asking God to guide you.

Give proportionally. Proportional giving is offering to God a portion of what God has given us. A traditional guideline for tithing is 10 percent of one's income, given in gratitude for God's blessings and to further God's work in the world. Giving a percentage of our income— increasing each year toward or beyond the tithe — is a way of deepening our awareness of the abundance of God's love.

Decide how you want to make your pledge. There are several options:

1. Make a one-time gift. Place a check in the mail it to us at St Stephen's Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920.
2. Make a pledge of a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Email Elizabeth Gravely [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org] or Betsy Menzel [betsy@ststephenschurch.org], or leave a voicemail for either one of them at 415-435-4501. Elizabeth will receive your voicemail on the main number, and Betsy can be reached at ex. 15.
3. Give online. Click the contributions link on our website to: <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html> then click the donate button to go directly to St Stephen's PayPal Account. If you don't have or wish to use a PayPal Account and prefer to use your credit card, scroll to the bottom of the PayPal page where it reads "Don't have a PayPal account?" and click the continue button to open the credit card page.
4. Gifts of Stock. Donating your securities to St Stephen's Church provides you a tax deduction based upon current market values and saves you paying capital gains taxes on your donated investment. Please contact the office for our wiring instructions.
5. Join our Legacy Society. Make a legacy gift in your estate planning. Contact the Rev'd Richard Schaper [rlschaper@gmail.com].

— St Stephen's Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour —



Join In This Sunday, 1st November 2020, For A Zoom Coffee Hour

Grab a cup of coffee after the livestream worship service this Sunday and join in for a social hour! Join in when you can following the service. The gathering will run from 11:00 am until 11:45 am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87664219006?pwd=dmF2RlF1cFhKNGtHQ2pBYkNPMoNkdz09>

Meeting ID: 876 6421 9006

Passcode: 485962

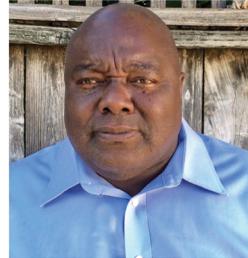
Participants will be muted on the Zoom call upon entry. [Zoom directions and etiquette as pdfs on St Stephen's Central.]

Talking Turkey About Race

Join Pastor Dave Hall of Big God
Ministries & St Stephen's priests
Phil Ellsworth & Christine Trainor
for a virtual conversation about
supporting Anti-Racism & Black Lives,
& about donating dollars for turkeys.

14 November 2020
10:00 am

Soon to be announced at the same link:
An interview with Dr. Esau McCaulley,
author of *Reading While Black*.



Pastor Dave Hall
Big God Ministries
Mill Valley
<https://spag.es/3ea5eop>

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Christine Trainor, Assoc. Rector

Link virtually to conversation at:
<https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>



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— Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums —

Find the Zoom links at St Stephen's Central.

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century **Sunday 1st November, 9:00 – 10:00 am**

Alternative Theories to Explain the Resurrection

Resurrection is the central starting point of the Christian faith. Controversial from the start it beckons us across 2,000 years as both mystery and history. This week's class will look at the Alternative theories to explain how Resurrection did not actually happen and the Church's responses.

Please see the class pdf in Tidings for background reading. The Class Overview is on pp 11-12, Readings pp 13-17, Prayers pp 18-20 and Summary pp 21-24. The class is led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings.
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Next sessions of Slow Religion:

Subjects may change by week as the class progresses.

8th November: *Introduction to Incarnation*

22nd November: *Incarnation:*

The Epistles and the early Baptismal Creeds (50 – 110 CE)

29th November: No class

6th December: *Incarnation: Synoptic Gospels (70 – 90 CE)*

13th December: *Incarnation: Gospel of St John (90 – 110 CE)*

20th December: *Incarnation: Evolution in the Creeds (40 – 450 CE)*

3rd January: *Incarnation: Augustine and later theologians (400 CE +)*

10th January: *Incarnation: 21st Century Incarnational Theology —*
(Richard Rohr, the Rev'd Vincent Pizzuto)

Sunday 15th November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Led by Karl Belgum.

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George Brown	Katherine "Kathy" Hill Perasso
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