

# Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

**M**y parents used to live on Lake Gogebic in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Behind their house a Canadian National Rail train would come by once a day, and so when Evan and Gabriel were boys, I explained to them how you can hear a train coming by pressing your ears to the track. "Be quiet and get low," I showed them, "that's how you know it's coming." They put their ears to the rails. I watched their six- and three-year-old bodies hold still. A rare sight. But in that moment, there was something worth holding still for.

Lent is like that. It's preparation for Easter, as Advent is preparation for Christmas. It's an annual opportunity to turn down the volume in life, get low, and listen for the coming rush and roar of Easter resurrection. To know that God is God, you've got to slow down sometimes and be still.

Welcome to St Stephen's.

## **To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:**

- If you're new via the livestream, please email [office@ststephenschurch.org](mailto: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 <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>
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- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Calendar page.
- During Lent: We will be using the older and more traditional language of Rite I. At the 10:00 o'clock service today the Great Litany is spoken. in Procession.

**28th February 2021 | The Second Sunday in Lent**



## **Serving at the Altar Today**

<b>Reader</b>	[Genesis lesson & Romans lesson] The Clergy
<b>Soprano</b>	Judith Ward Hall
<b>Alto</b>	Mateus Coura
<b>Tenor</b>	Douglas Mandell
<b>Bass</b>	Wilford Kelly
<b>Director of Parish Music</b>	John Karl Hirten
<b>Stream Team</b>	Oliver Dugan, Ciara Hall, Alec Marasa, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney, Jack Sciarillo, Madeline Thiara
<b>Preacher</b>	The Rev'd Christine Trainor
<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



Everyone's welcome. Nobody's perfect. Anything's possible.

# ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

28th February 2021 | 10:00 o'clock in the morning

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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*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 II in the Book of Common Prayer [BCP] on page 340, printed herein.*

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

**The Prelude**

**At the Procession** *Salvator mundi*

Jacques Berthier (1923 – 1994)

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5 3. Sal - va nos, sal - va nos, 4. Sal - va - tor mun - di sal - va nos.

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## A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE ONE

### The Acclamation

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People** God's mercy endureth for ever. Amen.

*The Priest continues.*

### The Summary of the Law *Book of Common Prayer*

BCP 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**The Confession** *Said by all, kneeling or standing.*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

**The Absolution** *The Celebrant pronounces an absolution.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission  
of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of God's Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Kyrie eleison** *Norfolk Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**O** God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The First Reading Genesis 17. 1 – 7, 15 – 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Antiphon** We beheld him despised and rejected.  
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them. — **Refrain** [r]

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!” — [r]

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations. — [r]

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done. — [r]

**Antiphon** We beheld him despised and rejected.  
A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

## **The Epistle Reading Romans 4. 13 – 25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**The Sequence Hymn 456** *O love of God, how strong and true*

DE TAR

O love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

— Horatius Bonar (1808 – 1889)

## **The Holy Gospel Mark 8. 31 – 38**

Gospeller The ✠Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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

**The Homily**

Christine Trainor

*After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed** *Standing*

BCP 327

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

Prayers for the Whole State of Christ's Church

*During the Prayers for the Whole State of Christ's Church, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Gayathri, Heather, Deidre, Rachel, Norah, Lane, Amy, Jim, Doe, Susan, Pascual, Kate, Jack and Jeanie**, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for those who have died, including **Omar Rodriguez**.

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Robert Craig Windham, Harry Likas, Buddy Maleville, Daniel Bailey Gale, and Lawrence R. Daly**.

## The Comfortable Words

## 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 <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**At the Offertory** *O Lord, increase our faith* Henry Loosemore (c. 1607 – 1670)

O Lord, increase our faith.

Strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;

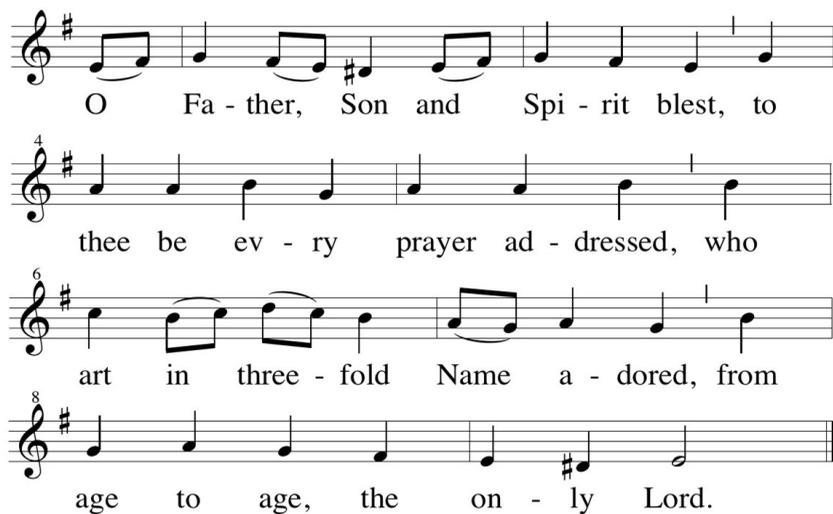
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience

in all our adversity.

Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

ERHALT UNS, HERR



O Fa - ther, Son and Spi - rit blest, to  
thee be ev - ry prayer ad - dressed, who  
art in three - fold Name a - dored, from  
age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II

BCP 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

## **Preface for Lent**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

*The Celebrant proceeds.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

Sanctus *Deutsche Messe*

Richard Proulx (1937 – 2010)

*The people remain standing and sing.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts. Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly,  
Lord God of Hosts. Hea-ven and earth are  
full, full of thy glo - ry. -  
Glo - ry be to thee, to thee, O Lord Most  
High. Bless-ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*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.*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O

Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**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.

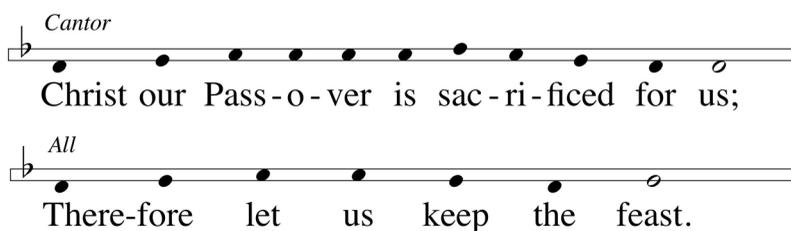
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

Ambrosian Chant



*Cantor*  
Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us;

*All*  
There-fore let us keep the feast.

## The Prayer of Humble Access *The Celebrant and People*

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## 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.*

**Communion Music** *The people sit.*

**Hymn** *Prayer*

Ricky Ian Gordon (b. 1956)

Matheus Coura, *alto solo*

I ask you this: which way to go?

I ask you this: which sin to bear?

Which crown to put upon my hair?

I do not know, Lord God, I do not know.

— Langston Hughes (1902 – 1967)

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

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

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

## **The Benediction**

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **At the Retiring Procession**

**Hymn 675** *Take up your cross, the Saviour said* BOURBON

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Charles William Everest (1814 – 1877), *alt.*

## **The Dismissal**

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

## **The Postlude**

## — Music Notes —

The season of Lent is one of preparation and repentance. It is a time when believers traditionally fast and/or do without something that is meaningful, to make oneself aware of the emptiness of an existence without God. During this season, it is customary here at St Stephen's to change the opening order of the prayers. In addition, for the five Sundays in Lent, we will be using the traditional language of Rite I as found in the *Book of Common Prayer*. On the Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday) we revert to the more modern language of Rite II.

For over 300 years, the classic anthem "O Lord, increase my faith" was attributed to Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625), but recent manuscripts have confirmed that it was actually written by one Henry Loosemore (c. 1607 – 1670), who was organist at King's College, Cambridge, from 1627 until his death. For years, the text of the anthem was written in first person singular (O Lord, increase *my* faith) but the Loosemore version is written in first person plural.

In honor of Black History Month, we have programmed the song "Prayer," by Ricky Ian Gordon, a prolific NY-based composer. "The text is by noted African-American poet, novelist, playwright, and social activist, James Mercer Langston Hughes." One of the earliest innovators of the then-new literary art form called jazz poetry, Hughes is best known as a leader of the Harlem Renaissance.

In Great Britain and North America, there are dozens of hymns in regular use today written by Dr. Horatius Bonar, a Scottish minister and religious writer. A contemporary reviewer named John Julian wrote in 1907 that his hymns "satisfy the fastidious by their distinctive good taste" and also handed out faint praise by writing, "they sing the truth of God in ringing notes although, when taken as a whole, they are not perfect."

## – Announcements –

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

**Would you like to see into the future?** Click the link in *Tidings*: 'Printable Calendar of Events', and you can.

**Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions** that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Calendar at [ststephenschurch.org](http://ststephenschurch.org) for all links. Please see the next set of pages for all St Stephen's Bible Studies and Forum offerings.

**Today, 28th February 2021, 9:00 am | Zoom**

The Slow Religion series on Baptism and Eucharist continues. This Sunday: Ancient Creeds. Led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings.

The Rector is offering **Lenten Studies on Zoom** [Six Studies: *The Merciful Humility of God.*], on **Thursdays now through 25th March at 4:30p**. Please let [Elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:Elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org) know if you plan to participate. See your *Tidings* for complete information and links.

**The Associate Rector's 6p Wednesday Lenten Classes** on prayer are on Zoom currently through 24th March [no class in Holy Week]. Soup, conversation, prayer, recipes, and more. See your *Tidings* for information and links.

**Confirmation for Youth and Confirmation or Reception for Adults.** If you have a teenager interested in Confirmation, or if you are an adult interested in Confirmation or Reception, please let [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org](mailto:elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org) know. Instruction will begin in early April. See your *Tidings* for more information.

**Rogation and Sacred Ground Blessing next Sunday 7th March.** Special prayers will be offered at the beginning of the Sunday livestream service to celebrate the planting season, for an abundant harvest, for relief from calamities such as war, disease, bad weather and natural disasters, and to celebrate those who have been participating in the Sacred Ground program. Please add your prayers to this special blessing by tuning in at 10:00am.

**Ash Wednesday Ash Wednesday Service | 17th February service remains available for viewing on the YouTube Channel.**

<https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>.

**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.

**From the Bishop:** The most recent protocol issued by the **Diocese of California** still prohibits indoor gatherings and requires that face masks be worn at all times, without exception, anywhere on the church campus. We continue to adapt to current guidelines and work within safety parameters to stay connected and innovatively responsive.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:dee[at]ststephenschurch.org) into your address book.

**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.

- Go to what is now St Stephen's unique url for this channel:
- <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere> and save this in your browser favorites. *If you have difficulty finding the livestream after the service, look for the 'videos' button, and look under 'uploads', then 'past videos'.*

**Floral Donations** | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a living 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. There are 6 slots left, with the exception of Easter Florals. **Please see the link on the next set of pages sign up for 2021.**

— Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums —

**Find the Zoom links on St Stephen's Central**

**Slow Religion Sunday Sessions, 9:00 am | Zoom**

28th February Eucharist

7th March Eucharist

The Slow Religion Foundations of Faith class approaches the sacramental rite of Eucharist. Baptism and Eucharist are the two rites performed by Jesus. Led by the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun and Joe Jennings.

**Rector Studies | Thursdays, 4:30p now through 25th March via Zoom: Six Studies: *The Merciful Humility of God*.** See *Tidings* for a complete list and Zoom links.

**Associate Rector's Wednesday Lenten Studies via Zoom** through 24th March, 6p, [no class in Holy Week] | Meet on Zoom for soup and conversation on an aspect of prayer, from materials sent the week before. See the pdf link in *Tidings* for a complete description, Zoom link, and materials.

**Other Event links also on St Stephen's Central**

**Film Society Zoom: Wednesdays at 4:00 pm**

**Saturday Prayer Zoom Breakfasts with Father Schaper at 8:00 am.**

— Calendar these Dates —

*All services and events will be livestreamed or Zoomed until further notice.*

**4th March, 4:30p, Rector's Thursday Lenten Classes through March 25th.**

**3rd March, 6:00p, Assoc Rector's Wed. Lenten Studies through March 24th.**

**7th March, at the 10a service, Rogation blessing of the Garden.**

**Candelmas Compline, available for viewing on our YouTube channel.**

**Ash Wednesday livestream available for viewing.**

— Please Pledge today for 2021 —

The 2021 Pledge Appeal Campaign | St Stephen's is at **91% 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 six spots left & Easter florals—

*Please use the link below if you would like to contribute to the 2021 altar flowers in memory, or in celebration of your loved ones, or special events.*

The 2021 Flower Chart is virtual this year. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The regular donation for flowers is \$150. 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 expenses. If you have difficulty signing up, email dee@ststephenschurch.org.

St Stephen's 2021 Altar Flower Chart:

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

## — The Majesty of Rite One —

Rite I and Rite II of the Service of Holy Eucharist in the Book of Common Prayer use largely the same language, the primary difference between them being Rite II's adoption of the more formal second person pronoun 'you' instead of the more intimate and majestic Elizabethan 'thou'.

In French to this day, and Spanish has something similar, 'tu', like 'thou', is an intimate. And in a formal, polite situation with somebody you don't know, or someone you are respecting, for example your French teacher, you use 'vous'. You'd never use 'tu'. You'd never address her with 'tu'. It would be inappropriate; she's your teacher.

And 'thou' is analogous to the French 'tu', and 'you' is analogous to the French 'vous' which is the formal. And if we don't know better, if we're uneducated or naïve, as I certainly was until I was taught, we hear 'Thou' and think, "Wow, that's so formal; that's so cold and distant," while actually it's precisely the opposite if we begin to understand one of the elementary principles of Elizabethan English.

We talk of 'taking on' something, as well as giving up something, for Lent. By putting Rite I in our mouths during this season of preparation for Easter — roughly a tenth of a year's Sundays, a tithe — we keep faith with the people who came before us, the godly souls who handed down to our generation in this place the *Book of Common Prayer* tradition, the people who put up the building which does so much for us. We pray with them every Sunday, "with Angels and Archangels, and with *all the company of heaven*," and whenever we use Rite I we make them, once our neighbors, our neighbors once again.

This is one reason, there are others I could talk about another time, why Rite I language is unsurpassable. It is more majestic and, at the same time, more intimate. In Rite I we speak with God, with God!, the way we speak with an intimate. And that, my friends, is awesome.

— PCE, Jr.✠

## — 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.

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: <https://www.ststephenschurch.org/give/>. 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 CHURCH

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