

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

March 9, 2025 8:00 A.M.



FIRST SUNDAY
in
LENT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation stands for The Great Litany.

THE GREAT LITANY

BCP 148

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day, Psalm and readings can be found in the insert.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 (Said in Unison)

INSERT

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS.

ROMANS 10:8b-13

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand for the reading of the Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 4:1-13

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

PASTOR LAURA HENRIK

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.*

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

BCP 333

The people remain standing. The priest then says,

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then the Presider proceeds,

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.

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

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

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosaanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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 Presider 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, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with 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,

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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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.*

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 SOLEMN COLLECT

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

*The Ambry Candle is given by Bonnie Nestor to the
glory of God and in loving memory of Bill Nestor.*

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY - MARCH 9, 2025

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
CRUCIFER		Tyler Walker
ACOLYTES	Jack Lee	Thomas Hillis, Chi Kirk
LECTORS	Roni Boyd	Bonnie Bautz
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Jack Lee	Gary Dreier, Courtney Manrod
USHERS	Cameron Ellis, MN Campbell	Stacy Cox, Ed Johnson
GREETERS	Mary Nell Campbell	Barbara Neill, Carol Ann Lane
COUNTERS		Roger Johnson, Carol Gardner
EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR	Katherine & Gary Grubb	
ALTAR GUILD	Barbara Steele, Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith	
AV TECH	Chuck Kirk	
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS - MARCH 10-MARCH 15

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, March 10	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 11	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	5:30 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 12	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 13	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, March 14	8:30 a.m.	Wardens Meeting
		Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, March 12. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

MITE BOXES

Mite boxes, named for the story of the “widow’s mite” (Mark 12:41-43) are often used by churches to encourage children and others to give their coins and small change. This Lenten season, we invite all the people of St. Stephen’s, young and young at heart, to collect coins in a mite box. The Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee voted that the proceeds go to Gift of Life, a subsidiary of the The Episcopal Relief Fund. Mite boxes will be available for pick up at any of the in-person worship services and during communion delivery during Lent. Mite boxes will also be available in the hospitality area during the week. Children and adults are asked to collect coins throughout the season of Lent and return the boxes as an offering on Easter Sunday or during the week following Easter. You may wish to keep your mite boxes on your kitchen counter or dinner table where they can easily receive the tokens of your generosity and hope. It’s easy to think that such small amounts don’t add up to much, but just as the two coins were a lot to the widow, your “mites” for Gift of Life, will go a long way toward helping others in need.

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything —all she had to live on” (Mark 12:41-43)

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WEDNESDAY LENTEN SIMPLE SOUP SUPPERS

BEGINS WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

From 5:30-6:30, beginning on March 12, we will again sponsor our FREE simple soup suppers which will consist of two soup choices--one of which will be vegetarian, bread and/or crackers, fruit, and a beverage. This week, we will be offering Broccoli Cheese Soup and Chili with all of the fixings. Please come and join us for some delicious soup and great fellowship. If you would like to make a soup for one of our April dinners, please contact Leah Bailey (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org).

WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDY

Following the soup supper, we will be offering a special Lenten Study, **Living Well Through Lent**, to renew and deepen our spiritual practices. There will be groups for both adults and kids. Each participant will receive a Living Well Lenten Kit.

CELTIC SERVICE**TODAY**

This month's Celtic Service will be held at Chapel-on-the-Hill, today at 5 p.m. Please join us!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**TODAY**

Coffee and conversation will continue today after both services in the Parish Hall.

THE VESTRY IS IN**TODAY**

This Sunday, Junior Warden Ben Shassere will be at both services and the Coffee and Conversation periods that follow them. Please seek him out to share your likes/dislikes/concerns.

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING**TODAY**

The loose plate offering for the remainder of March will go towards Clearfork Reading Camp.

DOK MEETING**TODAY**

The Daughters of the King (DOK) will be meeting Sunday, Mar 9, from 12-1 pm in the Pollard Library. All Daughters are encouraged to wear blue and sit in one of the reserved pews in the front of the nave. All women are invited to be involved with the Daughters and meetings are open to all. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact either of their co-chairs - Rebecca Cavender (rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com) or Beth Reed (brussellreed@yahoo.com).

BLESSING BOX IN ACTION**ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of canned chicken, tuna, beef. Many of those in need do not have access to a can opener. If you are purchasing canned items, please check to see if your item can be bought with a pop-off lid. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**LECTIONARY STUDY****POLLARD ROOM 9.30 A.M.****ART AS PRAYER****PARISH HALL 9.30 A.M.**

The Lectionary class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Pollard library.

Jamey Kennedy will be hosting sessions on art as prayer. Come write, sing, dance, etc., your way closer to God. Each session will begin with a brief meditation to which you will be invited to respond as your artistic self desires...or to simply sit in quiet reflection. If desired, you may share what you created with the group. Art supplies and paper/pens will be provided. Bring your own instruments and dance attire. We will meet in the parish hall between Sunday services. Look forward to seeing you there.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

MARCH 30

Our Monthly Parish Potluck will be on March 30th following the 10:30 service and is co-sponsored by Parish Life and Outreach. It will be Caribbean-themed, with grilled chicken and beverages provided. Please bring a side dish to round out the meal. Following lunch, we will have a "Conversation with Dr. Wilkine Syllin", former director of our medical clinic at Petit Harpon regarding the conditions that exist in Haiti, and the continuing importance of our clinic to the people of the region.

BUNCO NIGHT

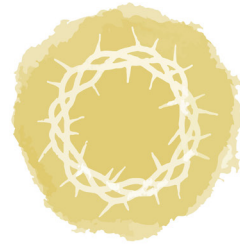
APRIL 5

Attention all ladies--Mark your calendars! Parish Life and Daughters of the King are teaming up to sponsor Bunco Night on April 5th! Bunco is a fast-moving dice game that requires no skill, and promotes conversation and fun!

SEVEN LAST WORDS - REQUEST FOR MEDITATIONS

GOOD FRIDAY

The 'Seven Last Words' service is one of our Holy Week traditions. We gather on Good Friday (April 18) to meditate on the seven last words of Christ. We are looking for parishoners to offer short meditations on each of these words. If you are interested, please contact the Fr. Bailey, or the parish office for more info.



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VESTRY

SENIOR WARDEN - LEAH BAILEY (2025) • JUNIOR WARDEN - BEN SHASSERE (2026)
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CLEON HARTMAN, ASHLEY HILLIS, COURTNEY MANROD (2025)
CRAIG BRENT, TYLER WALKER (2026) BETH BAILEY, CAROL KING, JULIE WEBBER (2027)
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