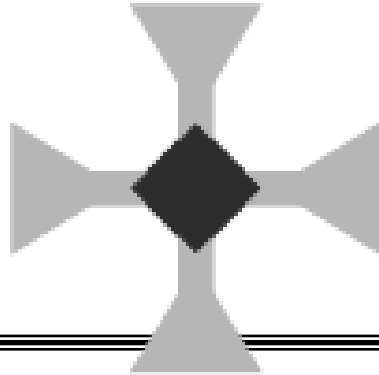


The Order of Mass

1st Sunday of Lent

March 8 & 9, 2025 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.



St. Stephen's Catholic Community † Anoka, MN

Welcome to St. Stephen's Catholic Community!

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today.

*Upon the conclusion of Mass, please return your worship aid
to one of the entrances of the church. Thank you!*

Prayer for a Fruitful Lent

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices
and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me
and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which
Your mercy is poured in
abundance into my soul,
and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Blessed Mother, pray for me and offer me to Your Son,
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

Amen.

The Mass is made up of two parts:

The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Entrance Song

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days For
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend And
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And
5. A - bide with us that, when this life Of



us did fast and pray, Teach us to o - ver -
did the vic - t'ry win, O give us strength in
teach us, gra - cious Lord, To die to self, and
through your Pas - sion - tide, For ev - er - more, in
suf - fer - ing is past, An East - er of un -



come our sins, And close by you to stay.
you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.
life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898, alt.

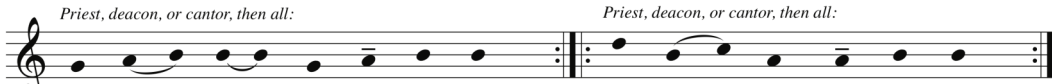
Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John Day's *Psalter*, 1562; harm. based on the original *faux-bourdon* setting

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

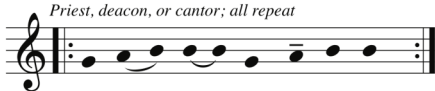
Kyrie

Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:



Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat



Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

Collect

The Collect is made up of three parts:

1. *The invitation ("Let us Pray").*
2. *Silent prayer by all gathered.*
3. *The formal prayer proclaimed by the priest, which "collects" the individual prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the readings God speaks to His people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through His word in the midst of the faithful.

Reading I

Deuteronomy 25:4-10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying:

“The priest shall receive the basket from you
and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God.

Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God,

‘My father was a wandering Aramean
who went down to Egypt with a small household
and lived there as an alien.

But there he became a nation
great, strong, and numerous.

When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us,
imposing hard labor upon us,

we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and he heard our cry

and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

He brought us out of Egypt

with his strong hand and outstretched arm,

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble, be
with me, Lord, I pray.

Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 14-15; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen
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Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15

Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Reading II

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters:

What does Scripture say?

*The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart*

—that is, the word of faith that we preach—,
for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified,
and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

For the Scripture says,

No one who believes in him will be put to shame.

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;
the same Lord is Lord of all,
enriching all who call upon him.

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

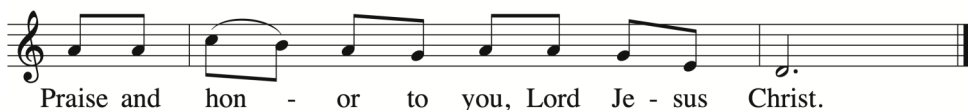
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand.

We welcome and greet the Lord who is about to speak to us in the Gospel. During this time, we stand and face the ambo as a special reverence for the Gospel of Christ. The “Alleluia” is sung in every time of year, except Lent.



Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

This is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word, which is why we stand for the reading, the priest kisses the Book of the Gospels and proclaims the reading, and there is often candles and incense used.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

All respond: Glory to You, O Lord.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."*

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,

and:

*With their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says,

You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily *Please be seated.*

Profession of Faith

The whole people respond to the Word of God proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily, and honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man **(stand upright)**.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

Response: *Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*A collection is taken for our parish during the Preparation of Gifts.
Every second Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's takes a second collection to support
various charitable and advocacy organizations.*

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Preparation of Gifts

Return to God

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

Verse 1

1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal -
va - tion; come and learn now the way of our God. D.C.

Verse 2

2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with -
in you, a heart of com - pas - sion and love. D.C.

Verse 3

3. If you break the chains of op - pres - sion, if you
if you share your bread with the hun - gry, give pro -
give a shel - ter to the home - less, clothe the
set the pris - 'ner free; midst, then your light shall break
tec - tion to the lost;
na - ked in your
forth like the dawn. D.C.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950

Invitation to Prayer

Please Stand.

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All respond: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

*This is the center and high point of the entire Mass. This prayer requires that all listen to
it with reverence and in silence.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All respond: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All respond: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All respond: *It is right and just.*

Preface Acclamation

SANCTUS

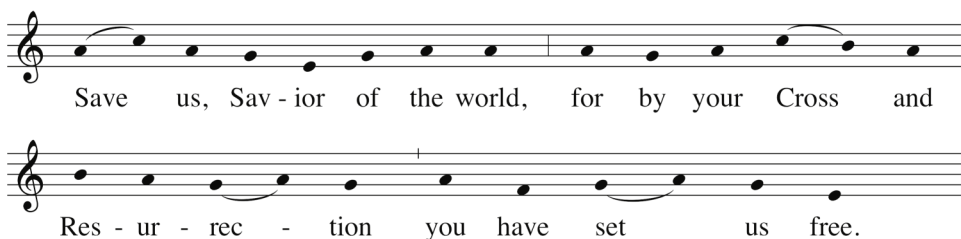
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Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na
in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Please Kneel.

Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, and all the people, living and dead.

Memorial Acclamation



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen

This "Amen" is affirmation, our statement of "I believe", to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.



Assembly:
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Please Stand.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: ...as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All respond: *For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.*

Lamb of God

The priest puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the work of salvation.



A-g-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A-g-nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-g-nus De - i,
qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Please Kneel.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All respond: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion

All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.



Communion Song

Make Us One



To this meal and sac-ri-fice, Lord, you draw us near:



Taste of God's a - bun-dant grace for all gath-ered here.



In your love you sum-mon us; bro-ken now we come. By your



bod-y and your blood, heal us, make us one.

Verse 1



1. May this meal be med-i-cine for the weak,



that we may love as you have loved. At this har-vest of



good-ness, may we feast in u - ni - ty.

Verse 2



2. May this feast bring heal-ing for the poor,



that we may serve as you have served. At this



ta - ble of jus-tice, may we serve in u - ni - ty.

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3. May our hearts be o - pen to your pres - ence,
 4. May this food be wel - come for the "oth - er,"
 5. May our hands bring com - fort to the sick,
 6. May this bread trans - form our hearts for peace,



that we may share as you have shared. At this
 em - brac - ing all hu - man - i - ty. At this
 em - pow'r - ing all who gath - er here. At this
 re - viv - ing hope for all our days. At this



gath - 'ring of na - tions, may we live in u - ni - ty.
 ban - quet of glad - ness, may we work for u - ni - ty.
 al - tar of heal - ing, may we sing for u - ni - ty.
 tem - ple of mer - cy, may we pray for u - ni - ty.

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Meditation

The Cross of Jesus



1. Come, O God, re - new your peo - ple,
 2. Deep with - in cre - ate a new heart;
 3. In the dark - ness that sur - rounds us
 4. Call us forth to walk in jus - tice;



We who long to see your face.
 Melt a - way the win - ter chill.
 We have lost you from our sight.
 Res - cue us from sin and grave.



Strength - en hearts that have grown fee - ble;
 Help us now to make a new start;
 E - ven though your love has found us,
 Through the pow - er of your Spir - it,

Fill our lives with truth and grace.
 Help us now to know your will.
 We embrace the powers of night.
 Breathe in us the breath that saves.

On - ly you can win our free - dom;
 Washed in wa - ters of for - give - ness,
 Scat - ter now our deep - est dark - ness;
 Strength - en us in our com - mun - ion,

On - ly you can bring us peace.
 Cleansed in wa - ters of new birth,
 Guide our hearts in - to the light.
 One in Word and cup and bread.

On - ly in the cross of Je - sus
 Lead us to the cross of Je - sus,
 Join us to the cross of Je - sus.
 Here with - in the cross of Je - sus

Will the cap - tives find re - lease.
 Bring - ing life to all the earth.
 Help us set our liv - ing right.
 All who hun - ger will be fed.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958
 Tune: TREMONT, 8 7 8 7 D; Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958
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Closing song

Again We Keep This Solemn Fast

1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,
 2. The law and proph - ets from of old
 3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make
 4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way
 5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,

A gift of faith from a - ges past,
 In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,
 The words we speak, the food we take,
 That lures the care - less mind a - stray;
 Our God while end - less a - ges run,



This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly
Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,
Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;
By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free
That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



To faith and hope and char - i - ty.
In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
From schem - ing of the En - e - my.
May bring us growth and give you praise.



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