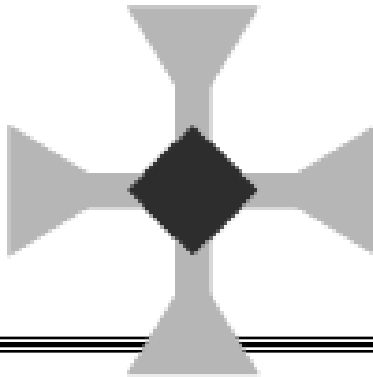


The Order of Mass

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 13 & 14, 2024 † 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 Families**

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our parish families, so that in the strength of your grace their members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

# Gloria

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,

glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to

peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-

dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the

sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the

sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

## 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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4



### Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

*Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.*

## Reading II

1 John 2:1-5a

*A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.*

My children, I am writing this to you  
so that you may not commit sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous one.  
He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.  
The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep  
his commandments.  
Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments  
are liars, and the truth is not in them.  
But whoever keeps his word,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

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.*



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## Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

*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.***

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

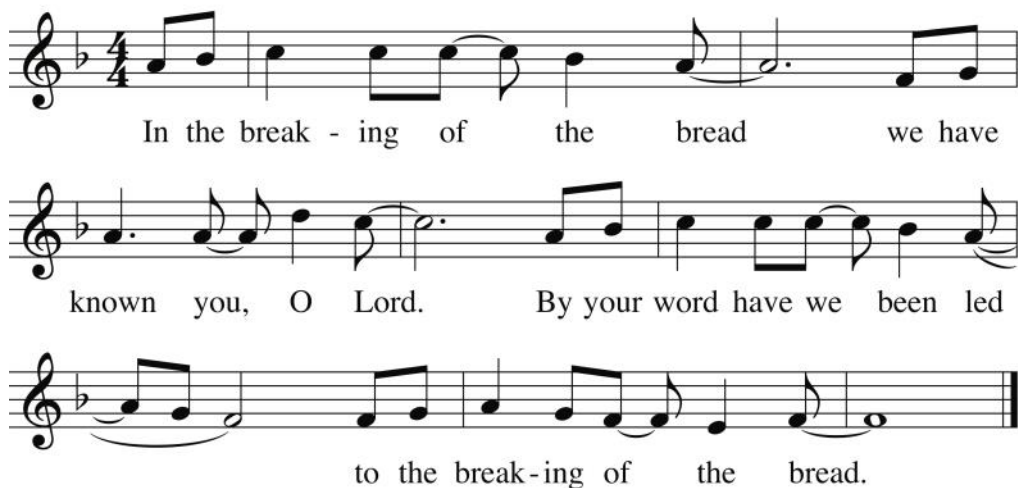
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### Preparation of Gifts

Emmaus



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### 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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

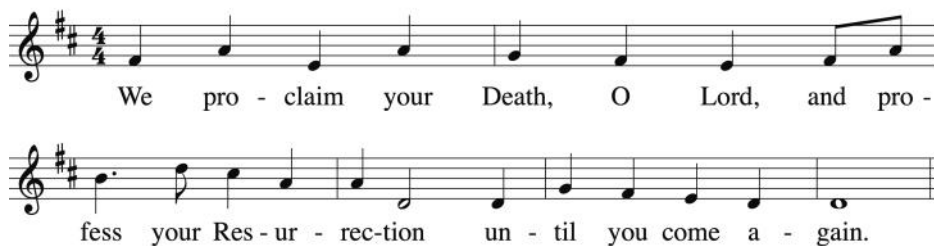
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Please Kneel.*

*Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiiclesis; 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



## Amen

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



*Please Stand.*

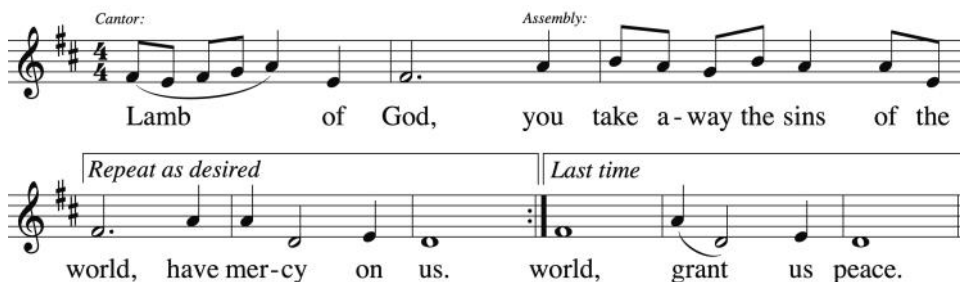
## The Lord's Prayer

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.*



*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.

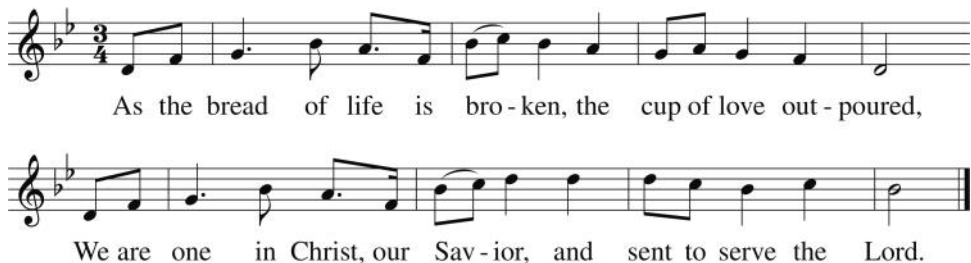
*All respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## 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.*

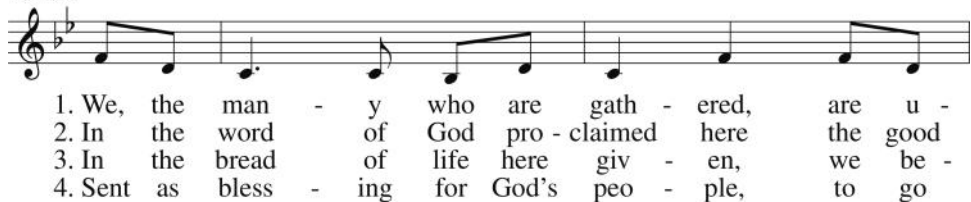
## Communion Song

As the Bread of Life is Broken

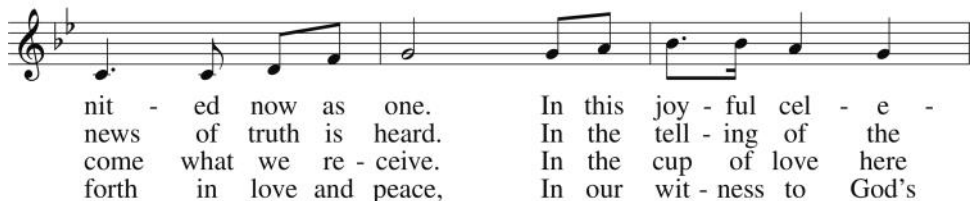


As the bread of life is bro - ken, the cup of love out - poured,  
We are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

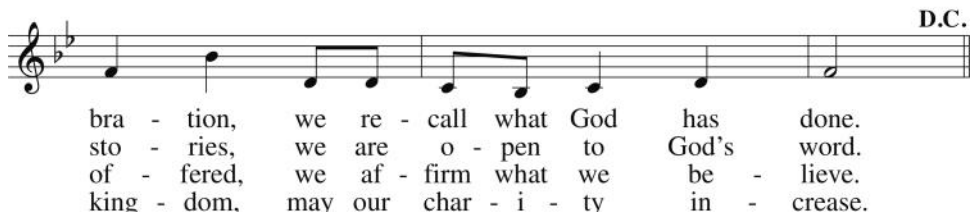
Verses



1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u -  
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here the good  
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be -  
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go



nit - ed now as one. In this joy - ful cel - e -  
news of truth is heard. In the tell - ing of the  
come what we re - ceive. In the cup of love here  
forth in love and peace, In our wit - ness to God's



bra - tion, we re - call what God has done.  
sto - ries, we are o - pen to God's word.  
of - fered, we af - firm what we be - lieve.  
king - dom, may our char - i - ty in - crease.

D.C.

## Meditation

## Open My Eyes



1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
 4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see. (To verse 2)  
 O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear. (To verse 3)  
 O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love. (To bridge)  
 I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

Bridge



And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened,



and we'll hear like nev-er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways,



and we'll see God's face in plac-es we've nev-er known.

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## Prayer after Communion

*Concluding the prayer of the People of God and the whole Communion Rite, the Priest says the Prayer after Communion, in which he prays for the fruits of the mystery just celebrated, The people make this prayer their own when they acclaim "amen."*

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### Blessing

*Transformed by the power of the Liturgy, we are sent out to seek, love, and serve Jesus Christ through those we meet outside of Mass.*

### Dismissal

### Closing song

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,	Al - le -
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious king,	Al - le -
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,	Al - le -
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,	Al - le -



lu - ia! All on earth with an - gels say:	
lu - ia! Where, O death, is now your sting?	
lu - ia! Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,	
lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head,	



Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and	
Al - le - lu - ia! Once he died our	
Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for -	
Al - le - lu - ia! Made like him, like	



tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!	
souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!	
bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!	
him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!	



Sing, O heav'ns; and, earth, re - ply:	
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?	
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.	
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.	



Al -	le - lu - ia!
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