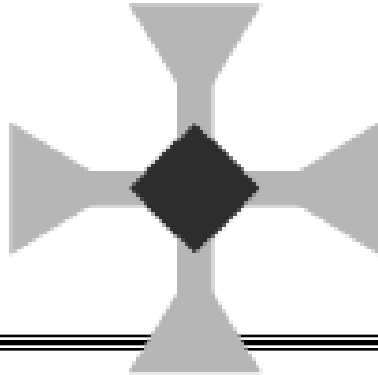


The Order of Mass

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14 & 15, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 & 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!*

Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations

O God, we earnestly ask you to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole strength and gladly spend their entire lives to serve your Church and to make You known and loved. Bless our families, bless our children. Choose from our homes those needed for your work. Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us, pray for our priests, religious, and deacons.

Obtain for us many more.

Amen.

The Mass is made up of two parts:

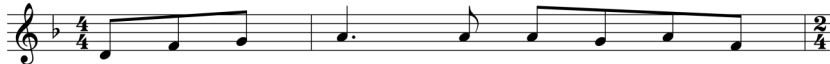
The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There are also certain rites that open and conclude the celebration.

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

My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness



waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses



1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the



glo - ry, your ra - diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in - us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim - age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun - tains and the



you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us



shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.

D.C.

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

Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son.
Chri - ste e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste e - lé - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - lé - i - son. Ky - 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

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!
Sing joyfully, O Israel!
Be glad and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The LORD has removed the judgement against you
he has turned away your enemies;
the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
On that day, it shall be said Jerusalem;
Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged!
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm



Cry out with joy and glad-ness, for the Lord is in your midst,
the ho - ly one of Is-ra-el, cry out, cry out with joy.

Responsorial Psalm (6 pm)

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Reading II

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

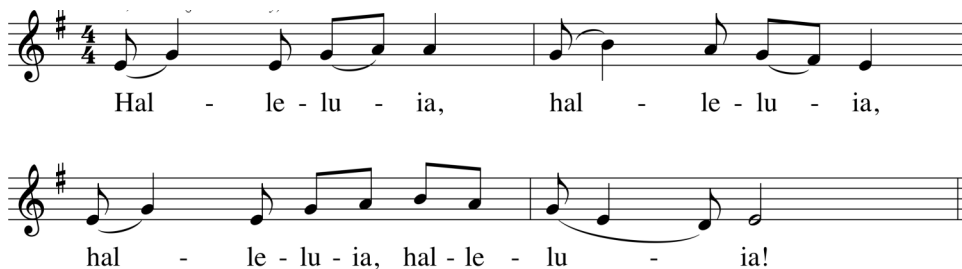
Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: Rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please Stand.



Hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia,
hal - le - lu - ia, hal - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

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 crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse any one, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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

Comfort My People



1. Com - fort, my peo - ple, and calm all your
2. Si - lence the thun - der, si - lence sounds of
(3.) light in the dark - ness; be truth for our



fear; the day of sal - va - tion is
war. 7 End all de - struc - tion and
lives. Be strength for the help - less, the



quick-ly draw - ing near. The One you long to
com - fort those who mourn. Your dream draws
poor and lost who cry. O sav - ing



see will soon set you free.
near; your vi - sion is here.
voice, O liv - ing choice,



O come, Lord Je - sus, come.



O come, Lord Je - sus, come.



1., 2. D.C. 3.

3. Be

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.*

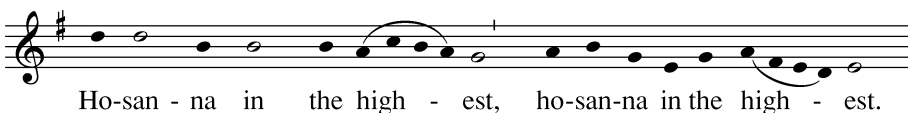
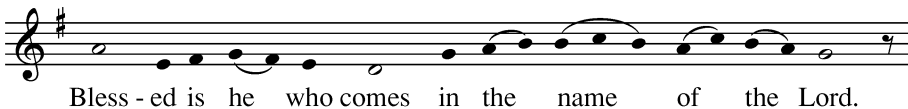
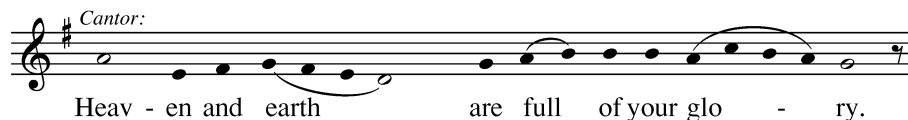
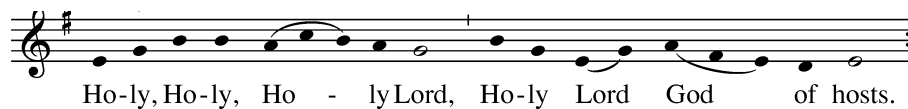
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

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



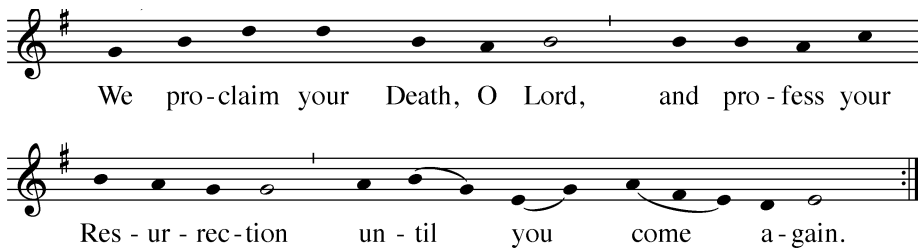
Please Kneel.

“When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel.”

-St. Maximilian Kolbe

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.

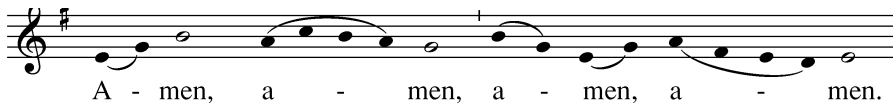
Memorial Acclamation



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

Amen

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



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Please Stand.

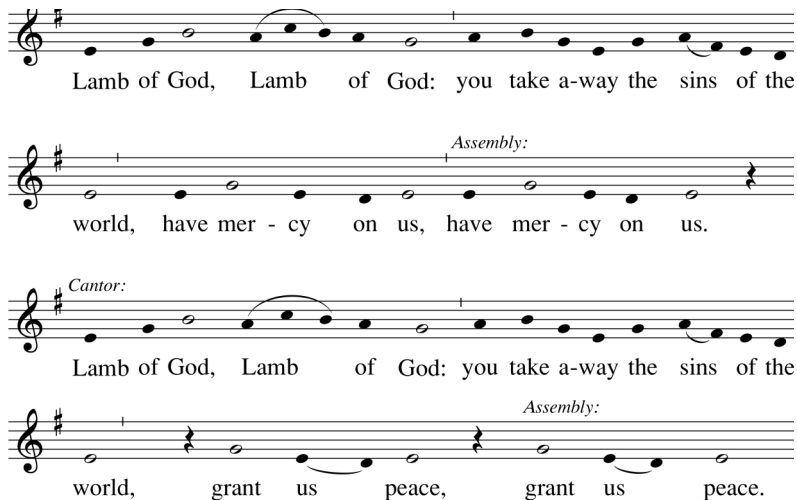
The Lord’s Prayer

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.



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the". The second staff is for the Assembly, with lyrics: "world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us." The third staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the". The fourth staff is for the Assembly, with lyrics: "world, grant us peace, grant us peace." The music features a simple melody with some phrasing slurs and rests.

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

Like a Shepherd

Like a shep - herd he feeds his flock and gath - ers the
lambs in his arms, hold - ing them care - ful - ly
close to his heart, lead - ing them home.

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the
2. I my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have
way of the Lord. Go to the moun - tain top,
led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and
lift your voice; Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

(Continued on next page)

Verse 3

3. Come un - to me if you are
 heav - i - ly bur - dened, and take my yoke up -
 on your shoul - ders, I will give you rest. D.C.

Text: Isaiah 40:9ff, Ezekiel 34:11, Matthew 11:28ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
 Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915–1992, alt.
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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

Come, O Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, O long ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your
2. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and



peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a king! Born to reign in us for ev - er,



Free us from cap - tiv - i - ty. Is - rael's strength and
Now your gra - cious king - dom bring. By your own e -



con - so - la - tion, You, the hope of all the earth,
ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
By your all suf - fi - cient mer - it



Come, and save us by your birth.
Raise us to your glo - rious throne.



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