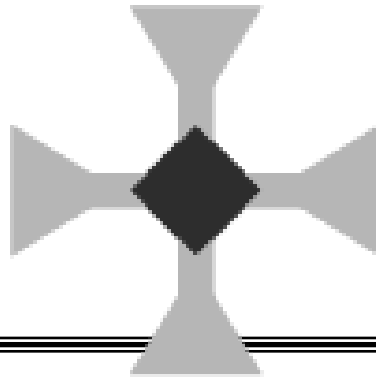


The Order of Mass

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11 & 12, 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!*

The Jubilee Prayer

**Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your
son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy
Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the
coming of your Kingdom.**

**May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the
seeds of the Gospel.**

**May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will
shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.**

**May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Re-
deemer throughout the earth.**

**To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.**

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

Baptized in Water



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for-
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and 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 - mighty Fa - ther.

Choir (Cong. ad lib.):
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.

All:

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.

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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

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Prophet of Isaiah.

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

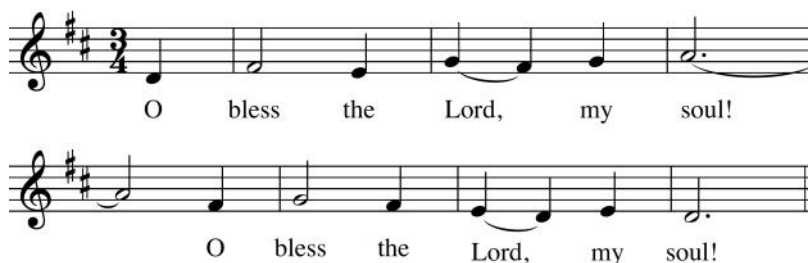
Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104



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Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.) Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Response: O, bless the Lord, my soul.

Reading II

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

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.



Music: Chant Mode VI

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 John.

All respond: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

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.”

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”

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

A Voice Cries Out

1. Con - sole my peo - ple, the ones dear to me; speak to the
1. heart of Je - ru - sa - lem: the time of your mourn - ing is
1. end - ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain
A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: "Pre - pare a
way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wil - der -
ness: "Make straight a high - way for God!"

Verses 2, 4
2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry moun - tain is
4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your voice, O Je -
2. lev - eled; the glo - ry of God shall then be re -
4. ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of God's own

to Refrain
2. vealed, and the na - tions will sing in praise.
4. land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

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

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.

Preface Acclamation



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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Please Kneel.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical notation is in G major, common time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a fermata over the word 'pro-'.

Amen

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

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

The musical notation is in G major, 4/4 time. It features a simple, repetitive melody with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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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.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical notation is in G major, 2/4 time. It features a simple, repetitive melody with lyrics written below the notes. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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*

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

Refrain



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. home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final

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



1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and



to Refrain
1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

Verse 3



3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-dened, and



to Refrain
3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

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Meditation

10,000 Reasons

(refrain) Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes **(refrain)**

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find **(refrain)**



THE CONCLUDING RITES

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."

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

The King of Glory



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's Son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;
4. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion,
5. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en,



1. He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
2. He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
3. In all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.
4. He took up - on him - self the sins of the na - tion.
5. And he will share with us his heav - en - ly vi - sion.

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