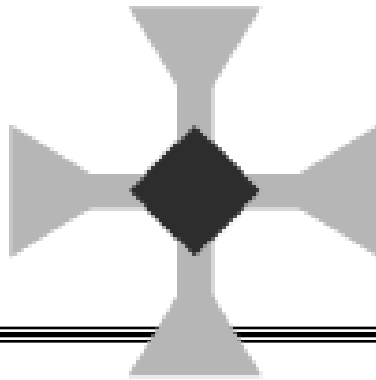


The Order of Mass

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22 & 23, 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 Redeemer 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

Table of Plenty

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; † come to
 3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
 4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
 2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
 3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
 4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

to Refrain

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 - might - y 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

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him.

Abishai whispered to David:

"God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!"

But David said to Abishai, “Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD’s anointed and remain unpunished?” So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul’s head, and they got away without anyone’s seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber.

Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: “Here is the king’s spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD’s anointed.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful; the Lord is kind and
mer - ci - ful. Slow to an - ger, rich in
kind-ness, the Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the text. The second staff contains the second line, with a 'Slow' marking above the notes. The third staff contains the third line. The music is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being,*
the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

But the spiritual was not first;
rather the natural and then the spiritual.

The first man was from the earth, earthly;
the second man, from heaven.

As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly,
and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly.

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

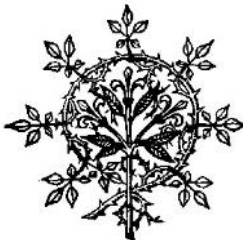
All respond: *Thanks be to God.*

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 6:27-38

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.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Stop judging and you will not be judged.

Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.

Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” .

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

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



1. Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; Come to me with
2. Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; Do not fear, my
3. Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; Take my yoke and
4. Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; Rest in me and



your dis - tress; Come to me, you heav - y bur - dened;
bur - den's light; Do not fear the path be - fore you;
come with me. Take my yoke, I am be - side you;
do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle;



Come to me and find your rest.
Do not run from me in fright.
Take and learn hu - mil - i - ty.
Rest and cast a - way your care.

Text: Matthew 11:28-30; Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: DUNSTAN, 8 7 8 7; Bob Moore, b.1962, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

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'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.

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



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, 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.

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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: grant us peace.

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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

Bread of the World

REFRAIN

Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
And in whose death our sins are dead. Look on the heart by
sor - row bro - ken, Look on the tears by sin - ners shed;
And be your feast to us the to - ken
That by your grace our souls are fed.

VERSES



1.-7. We do not live on bread a-lone, but on ev-'ry word that comes from God.



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|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Let us wor-ship | the Lord, our God. | God a-lone will save. |
| 2. Let us fol-low | the Lord, our God. | God a-lone will lead. |
| 3. Let us wait for | the Lord, our God. | God a-lone will reign. |
| 4. Let us hon-or | the Lord, our God. | God a-lone is grace. |
| 5. Let us trust in | the Lord, our God. | God a-lone is love. |
| 6. Let us nev-er | be put to shame. | God a-lone for-gives. |
| 7. Let us live in | the light of truth. | God a-lone is truth. |

Ref.: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
Vss.: Paul A. Tate

Paul A. Tate
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Meditation

Take O Take Me As I Am



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall



be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b.1949
Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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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

How Can I Keep From Singing



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. What, though my joys and com-fort die, The
 4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes
 Lord, my sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing. All things are mine since



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul; How can I keep from sing-ing?
 gath - er 'round? Songs in the night it giv - eth.
 I am his; How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



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