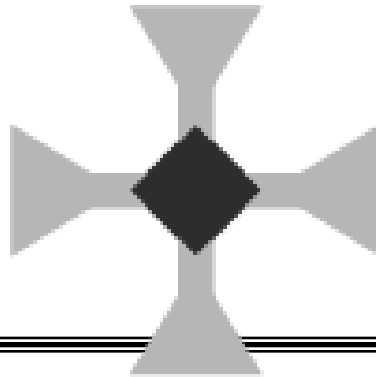


The Order of Mass

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21 & 22, 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

Take Comfort, My People



4. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, take heed, Je - ru - sa -
5. Take com - fort, my peo - ple, and climb the moun - tain



4. lem! Your time of debt is o - ver and your
5. high, A - wake from sleep, make loud your voice the



4. serv - ice at an end. Bring a word of
5. bride - groom time is nigh! Bring a word of



4. light re - kin - dled, let our joy in - crease; Take
5. light re - mem - bered, let our trust in - crease; Take



4. com - fort, my peo - ple, and sing a song of peace.
5. com - fort, my peo - ple, and sing a song of peace.

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



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

Responsorial Psalm (6 pm)

Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16,18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you: let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.

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

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

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.*

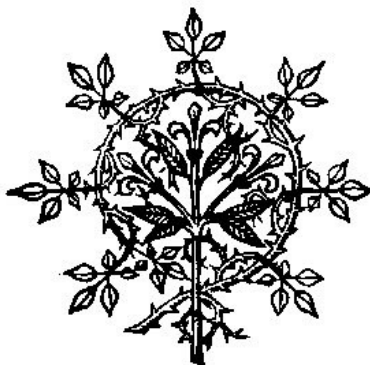
Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy



1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

Text: CM; Greek; tr. by John Brownlie, 1859–1925, alt.
Music: *Sixteen Tune Settings*, Philadelphia, 1812; *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816.

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.*

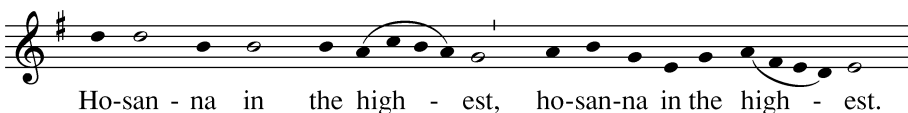
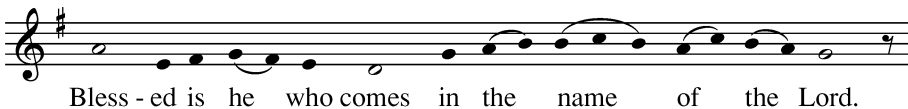
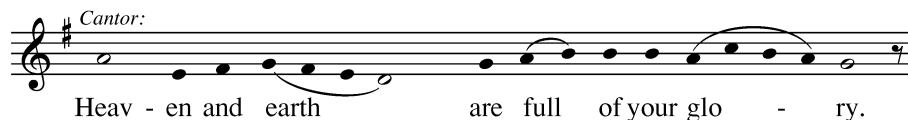
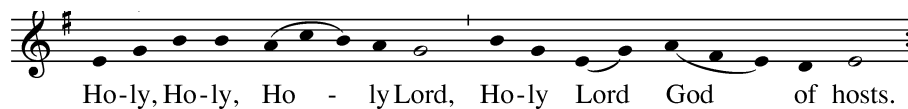
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

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



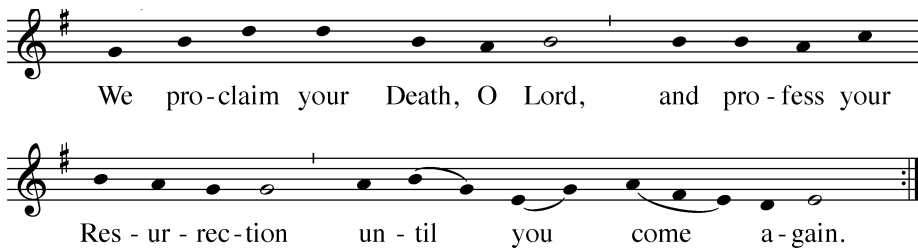
Please Kneel.

“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



Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "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 single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is a simple, repetitive phrase. The lyrics are: "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.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:
world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Cantor:
Lamb of God, Lamb of God: you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly:
world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Jesus, Hope of the World

REFRAIN

Je - sus, hope of the world, Je - sus,
light in our dark - ness, here we a - wait you, O
Mas - ter Di - vine. Here we re - ceive you in bread and in
wine: Je - sus, hope of the world.

VERSES

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|----------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. Come to us, | O Son of God! | Come to us, | O Son of |
| 2. Come to us, | O Prom - ised King! | Come to us, | O Prom - ised |
| 3. Come to us, | O Ris - ing Sun! | Come to us, | O End - less |
| 4. Come to us, | O Heart's De - sire! | Come to us, | O Sav - ing |

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!

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| 1. Man! | Come, Son of God! | Come, Son of Man! |
| 2. Peace! | Come, Prom - ised King! | Come, Prom - ised Peace! |
| 3. Light! | Come, Ris - ing Sun! | Come, End - less Light! |
| 4. Love! | Come, Heart's De - sire! | Come, Sav - ing Love! |

1.-4. Come, Lord Je - sus!

1. Shep - herd your peo - ple in love!
2. Come and be Lord of our hearts!
3. Shat - ter the dark - ness of death!
4. Ban - ish our doubt and our fear!

2 To Refrain

Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate
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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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high, Who or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem, From ev - 'ry foe de -
 5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 might - i - ly; To us the path of knowl - edge
 Si - nai's height In an - cient times once gave the
 liv - er them That trust your might - y pow'r to
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on



here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 law, In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re -
 save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el Shall



come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

3 pm Mass

5 pm Mass

7 pm Misa en Español

10 pm Candlelit Mass

Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

12:30 pm Misa en Español

NO 6 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY





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8:00 a.m. Daily Mass (Monday-Friday)

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:30 a.m. Sunday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

12:30 p.m. Sunday (En Español)

6:00 p.m. Sunday

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