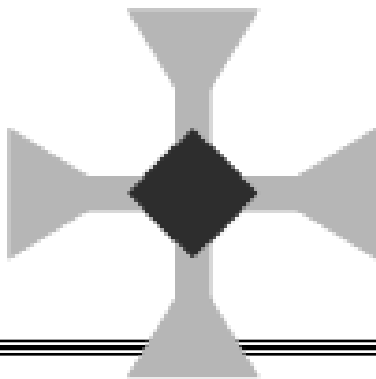


The Order of Mass

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 2 & 3, 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 a Fruitful Lent**

My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent.

I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust.

I offer You my prayers, sacrifices  
and my very life this day.

Do with me, Lord, as You will.

I pray that this Lent will be fruitful.

I know You have much to say to me  
and much to do in my life.

May this Lent be a time through which  
Your mercy is poured in  
abundance into my soul,  
and into the souls of all Your faithful.

Blessed Mother, pray for me and offer me to Your Son,  
that He may take me into His loving embrace.

Lord, Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.

*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

### Merciful God



Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci-ful God,



gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un-sure.



Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci-ful God,



name us and claim us as yours.

#### Verses



1. Sure - ly, you a - lone can save us. You pay our price with  
2. Sure - ly, you a - lone up - hold us. You give us strength for



pre - cious blood. Reach - ing through your great com -  
all our needs. Shield - ing with a fa - ther's



pas - sion, You lift up your peo - ple with love.  
fa - vor, You bless us with par - don and peace.

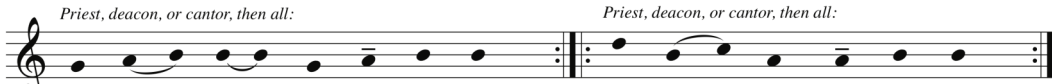
**D.C.**

## 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.

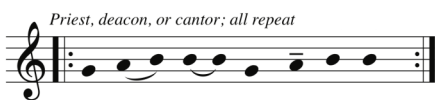
## Kyrie

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*



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

*Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat*



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.*

## 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**

Exodus 20:1-17

*A reading from the Book of Exodus.*

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

***All respond: Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 19

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.



Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

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## Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

*Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

## Reading II

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

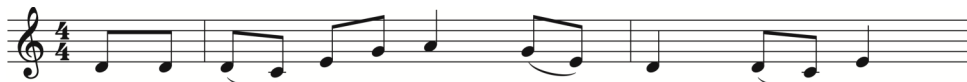
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*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*



Praise and hon - or to you, O Lord, O Lord.



Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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## **Gospel**

John 2:13-25

*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.***

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

### Tree of Life



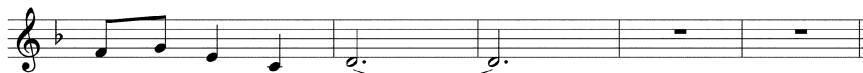
1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, In your  
2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we  
3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed  
4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in -  
5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stum - bling



death we are re - born, Though you die in all of  
see our - selves in you, If we learn to live your  
on through act and word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
flame our hearts a - new, We may all your joy in -  
though our steps may be, One with you in joy and



his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, Still you  
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bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our Lord, Wears the  
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sor - row, We the riv - er, you the sea, We the



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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

### SANCTUS

San - ctus, San - ctus, San-ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba-oth.

Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho-sán - na

in ex - céł - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

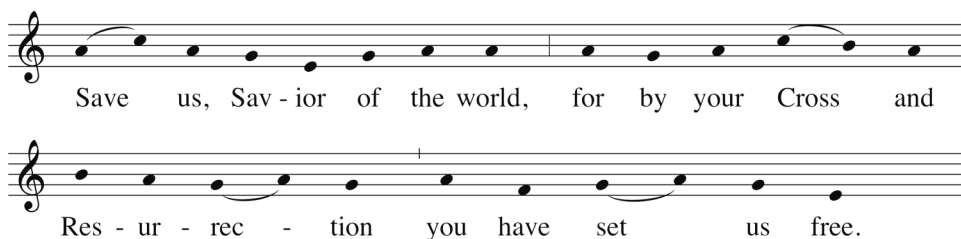
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - céł - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

*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**



## **Amen**

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



*Please Stand.*

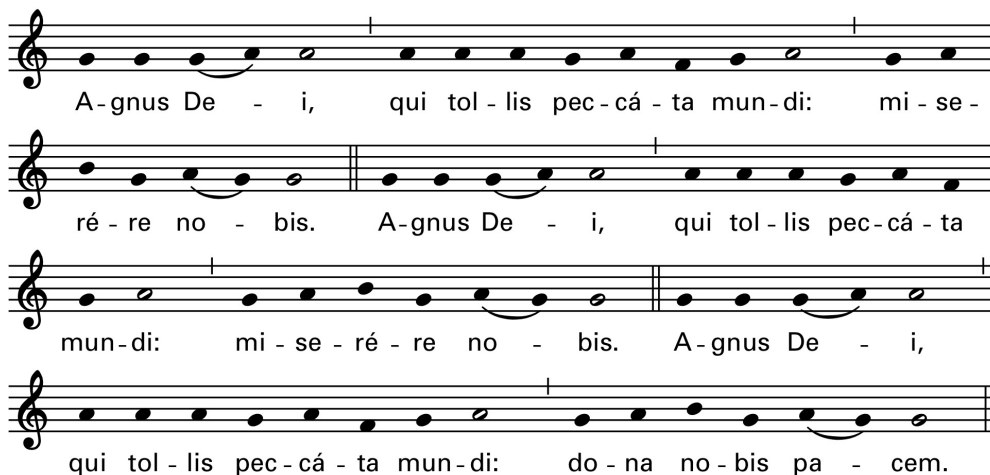
## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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

# 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.

*To Refrain*

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

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## **Meditation**

## **Strength for the Journey**

Chorus: I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey

I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.

Verse 1 There is a road meant for you to travel, narrow and steep is the shepherd's way. And as you say, "Yes," letting me guide you, I will be strength for the journey.

Chorus: I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey

I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.

Verse 2 There is a cross meant for you to carry, there is a cross meant for you alone. And as you bow down in humble surrender I will be strength for the journey.

Chorus: I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey

I will be, I will be, I will be strength for the journey.

Verse 3 How many times have you doubted my word? How many times must I call your name? And as you say, "Yes," letting me love you, I will be strength for the journey.

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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
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## **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

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -  
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and  
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So  
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.

Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.



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