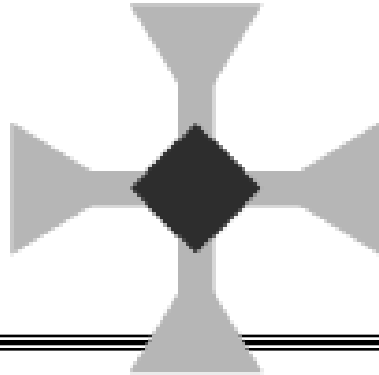


The Order of Mass

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 15 & 16, 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

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, then all:

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

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” “O Lord GOD,” he asked, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He answered him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light, my light and my sal - va - tion. The
Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

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Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 27:1,7-8,8-9,13-14

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II

Philippians 3:17-4:1

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

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

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.

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

Luke 9:28b-36

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 Mark.

All respond: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus took Peter, John, and James
and went up the mountain to pray.
While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white.
And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah,
who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus
that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.
Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep,
but becoming fully awake,
they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.
As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus,
“Master, it is good that we are here;
let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
But he did not know what he was saying.
While he was still speaking,
a cloud came and cast a shadow over them,
and they became frightened when they entered the cloud.
Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”
After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.
They fell silent and did not at that time
tell anyone what they had seen.

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

Christ in Me Arise

Refrain



Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness.



Christ in me a - rise with your pow - er and your strength.



Christ in me pour out your bless - ing and heal - ing.



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you.



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

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

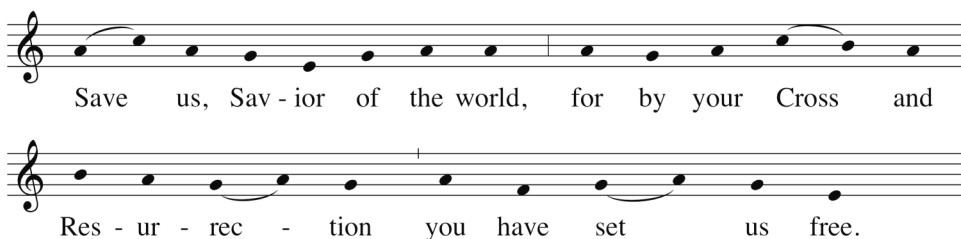
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

Please Kneel.

Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiiclesis; 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



Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

Amen

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



Assembly:
A - men, a - men, a - men.

Please Stand.

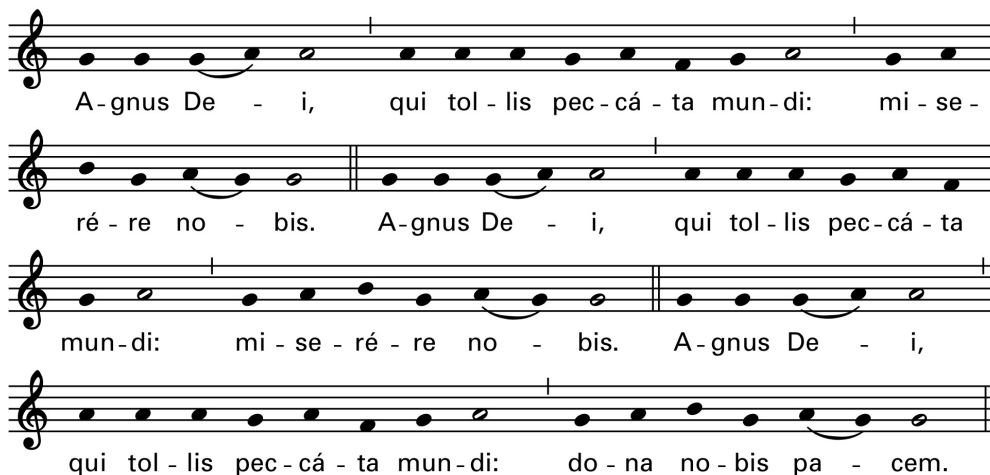
The Lord's Prayer

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.



A musical score for the Agnus Dei prayer, consisting of four staves of music. The lyrics are: A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis. A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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

As We Gather at Your Table

Refrain



As we gath-er at your ta-ble earth and heav-en now em-brace;

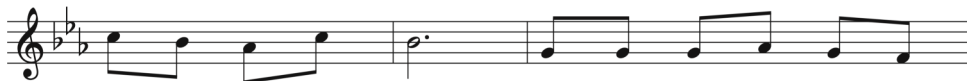


souls, u-nit-ed as one bod - y, be-come your dwell-ing place.

Verses



1. Life and death now joined to - geth - er, saints and
2. Bound to - geth - er in this ban - quet, formed to
3. Through our joy and through our sor - row, through our
4. Je - sus Christ, the Bread of heav - en, Blood poured
5. Nour - ish us so we may see you in the
6. Lead us on - ward from this ta - ble, eyes on



an - gels gath - ered 'round; in this feast you join cre -
live for love a - lone, sim - ple lives re - veal your
laugh-ter and our tears, you draw near to feed your
out - so we might live: Teach us wis - dom and com -
weak and in the poor, in the pris - 'ner and the
heav - en, fixed on grace. Let us be your bod - y



a - tion to show where love is found.
glo - ry and make your good - ness known.
peo - ple and calm our ev - 'ry fear.
pas - sion to love and to for - give.
out - cast, the stran - ger at our door.
bro - ken, re - flec - tions of your face.

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Meditation

Mercy, O God

Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your
mer-cy to set us free. Mer-cy, O God, have mer-cy on us.
Send down your mer-cy to set us free.

Verses

1. Gath - er the peo - ple, the chil - dren, the eld - ers;
2. Now is the hour, the day of sal - va - tion;
3. Long is the jour - ney and steep are the moun - tains,
4. Wash us a - new in your life - giv - ing wa - ter;
5. Once lost in dark-ness you did not for - sake us, but
6. Wake, O sleep - er, a - wake from your slum - ber;

come now and gath - er be - fore the Lord.
now is the time to re - turn to God.
come now and guide us, O gra - cious God.
come quench the thirst of our year - ing hearts.
called us your chil - dren and gave us light.
rise from the chains of the dark, cold tomb.

O - pen your hearts to com - pas - sion and mer - cy;
O - pen your lives to for - give - ness and mer - cy;
Show us your face, give us hope for the jour - ney;
Break through the si - lence, the fear and the long - ing; em -
O - pen our eyes, come re - move all our blind - ness.
Walk in the light of com - pas - sion and mer - cy;

O - pen your hearts to the Lord.
O - pen your lives to the Lord.
Lead us to walk in your love.
brace us with un - end - ing love.
O - pen our eyes to your love.
walk in the light of the Lord.

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

Jerusalem, My Destiny

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let no one walk a -
lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

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Verses



1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed me with lies.
2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land calls to me.
3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters of your life.
4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen to my view.
5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I thought was gone.



Here a - mong you I have found a truth which bids me rise.
Here a - mong you now I find a glimpse of what might be.
Here a - mong you I have met the sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.
Here a - mong you I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
Here a - mong you I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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