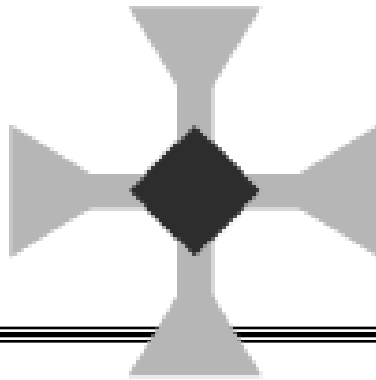


The Order of Mass

# 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 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 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

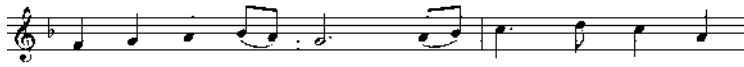
*The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

### Entrance Song

### All Are Welcome



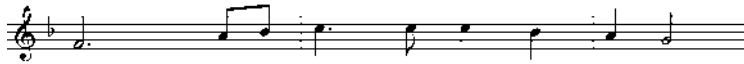
1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named. Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace: Here the  
 And as sym - bol of God's grace: Here as  
 Is re - vealed in time and space: As we  
 Bear the im - age of God's face: Let us  
 Prayers of faith and songs of grace. Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



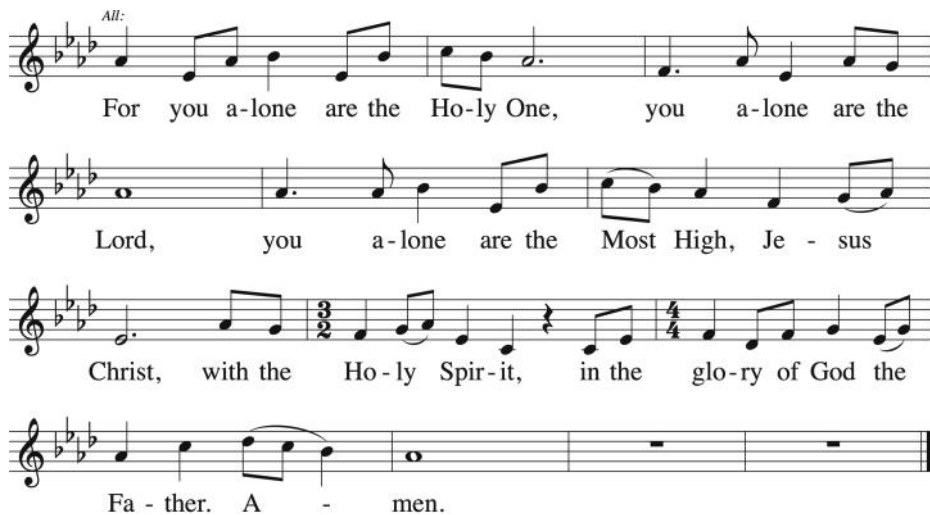
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

# 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.

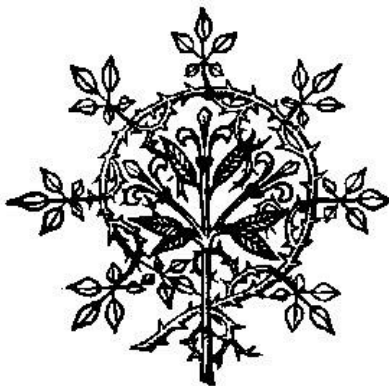
*Choir (Cong. ad lib.):*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of  
God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;  
you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - 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

Jeremiah 17:5-8

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.*

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings,  
who seeks his strength in flesh,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

He is like a barren bush in the desert  
that enjoys no change of season,  
but stands in a lava waste,  
a salt and empty earth.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD.

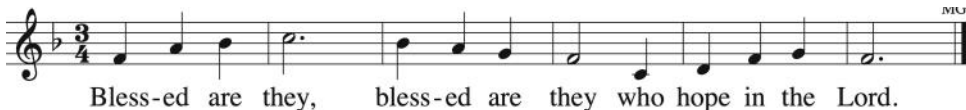
He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream:  
it fears not the heat when it comes;  
its leaves stay green;  
in the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1



**Responsorial Psalm** (6 p.m.)

Psalm 1:1-2,3,4 &6

*Response: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.*

**Reading II**

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

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

Brothers and sisters:

If Christ is preached as raised from the dead,  
how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead?  
If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain;  
you are still in your sins.  
Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.  
If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,  
we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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 6:17,20-26

*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 came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are filled now,  
for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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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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**

**Be Not Afraid**

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you  
shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in  
safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall  
speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-  
stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

♩ Refrain

Be not a - fraid. I go be - fore you al - ways.  
Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag - ing wa - ters in the  
sea, you shall not drown. If you walk a - mid the burn - ing flames,  
you shall not be harmed. If you stand be - fore the  
pow'r of hell and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all. **D.S.**

### 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.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves are connected by a slur. The fourth and fifth staves are also connected by a slur. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

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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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

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## Amen

AMEN

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.

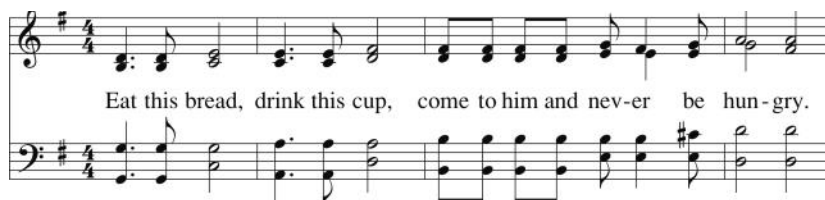
*All respond: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Communion

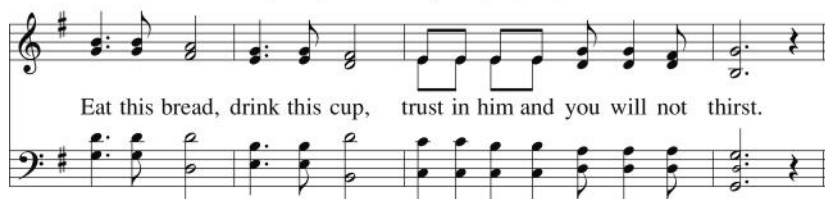
*All Catholics who have prepared themselves to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward. Our brothers and sisters of other faiths are invited to approach with arms crossed over the chest to signal the desire to receive a blessing.*

## Communion Song

## Eat This Bread

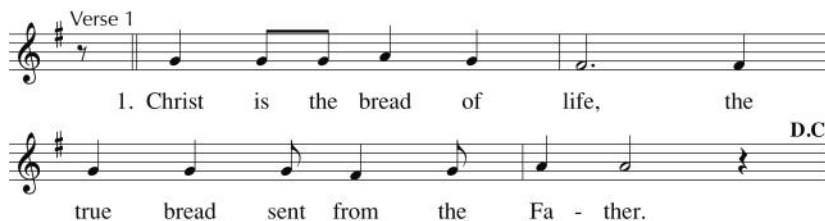


Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

Verse 1



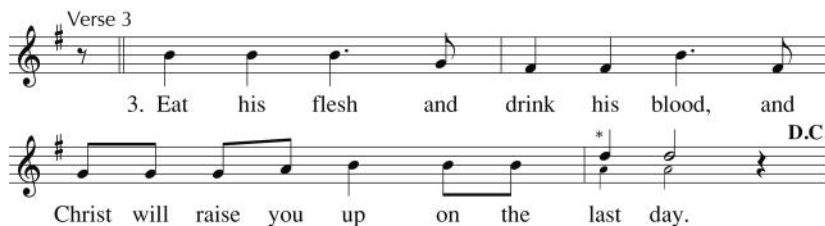
1. Christ is the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Fa - ther. D.C.

Verse 2



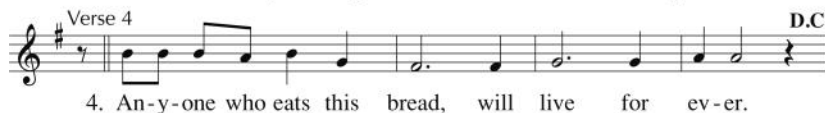
2. Our an - ces - tors ate man - na in the des - ert, but this is the bread come down from heav - en. D.C.

Verse 3



3. Eat his flesh and drink his blood, and Christ will raise you up on the last day. D.C.

Verse 4



4. An-y-one who eats this bread, will live for ev-er. D.C.

Verse 5

5. If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter-nal life.

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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

### They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will  
 4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from

one in the Lord, We are one in the  
 walk hand in hand, We will walk with each  
 work side by side, We will work with each  
 whom all things come, And all praise to Christ

Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -  
 oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll  
 Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's  
 praise to the Spir - it, who makes us

stored:  
land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our  
pride:  
one:

love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are

Chris - tians by our love.

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