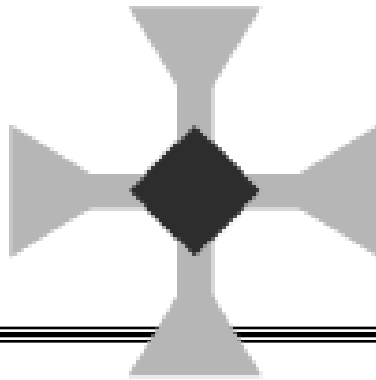


The Order of Mass

Feast of The Presentation of the Lord

February 1 & 2, 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

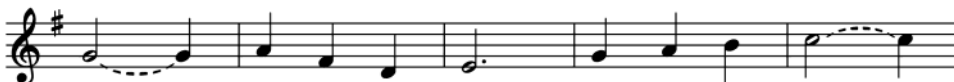
The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Entrance Song

Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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*



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

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD GOD:

Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye.

He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old as in years gone by.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24



Who is this king of glo - ry? It is the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 24

Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Reading II

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the first Letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus like-wise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear and death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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 2:22-40

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.***

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a *pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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

Now Let Your Servant Go



1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace;
2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare
3. Child, you are cho - sen as a sign
4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise,



Let praise and bless - ing here in - crease;
Your way of life which all may share.
To test the hu - man heart and mind;
And tell God's good - ness all our days.



For in our midst your word is done And
Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known; A -
For se - crets hid - den in the night Shall
While breath is ours, let praise be heard For



you have sent your Prom - ised One.
mong the na - tions love is shown.
be re - vealed in pierc - ing light.
God's own faith - ful, sav - ing word.

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.*

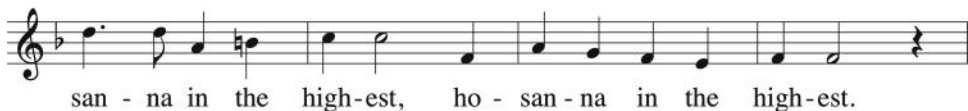
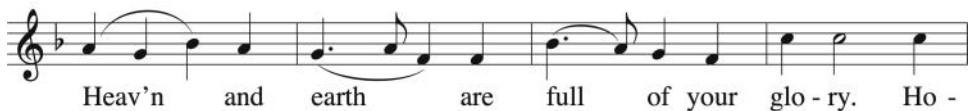
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

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



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Please Kneel.

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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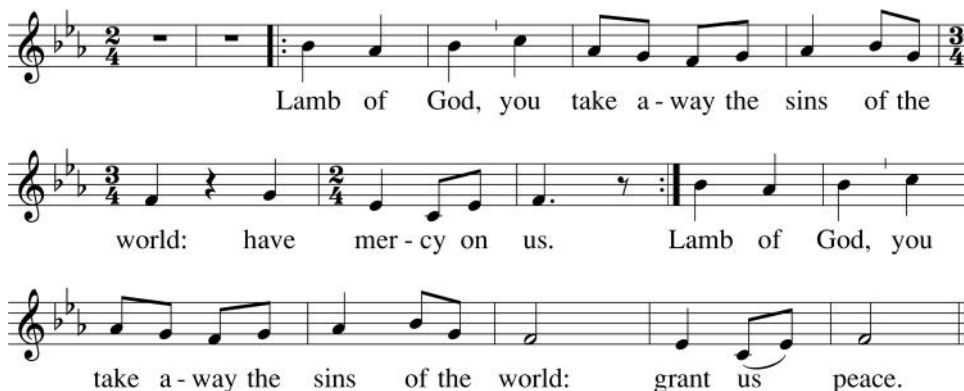
The Lord's Prayer

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.

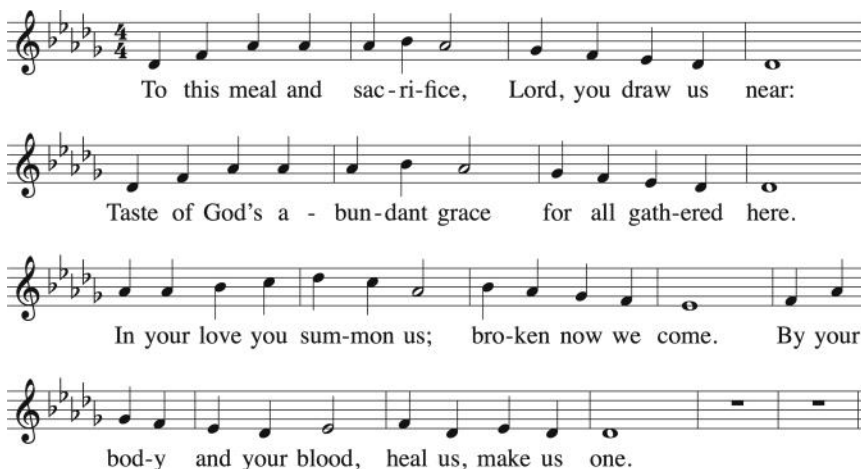
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Communion

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.

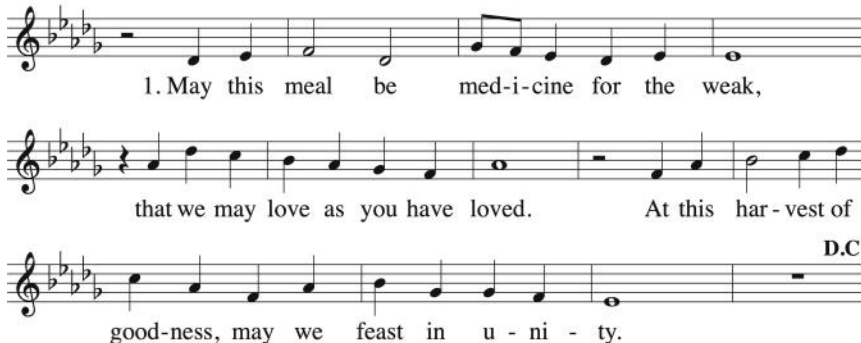
Communion Song

Make Us One



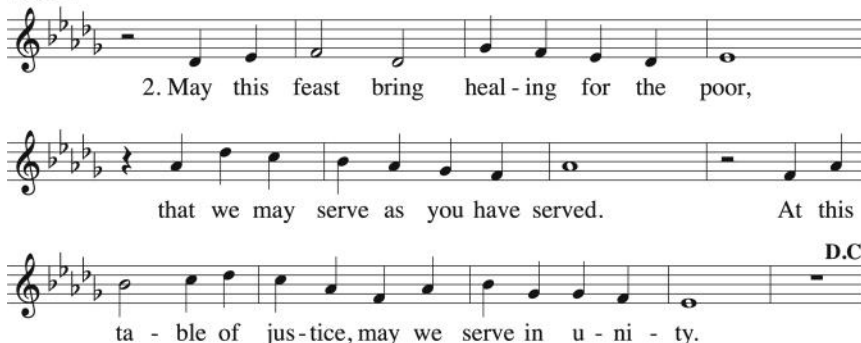
To this meal and sac-ri-fice, Lord, you draw us near:
Taste of God's a - bun-dant grace for all gath-ered here.
In your love you sum-mon us; bro-ken now we come. By your
bod-y and your blood, heal us, make us one.

Verse 1



1. May this meal be med-i-cine for the weak,
that we may love as you have loved. At this har-vest of
good-ness, may we feast in u - ni - ty. **D.C.**

Verse 2



2. May this feast bring heal-ing for the poor,
that we may serve as you have served. At this
ta - ble of jus-tice, may we serve in u - ni - ty. **D.C.**

Verses 3-6



3. May our hearts be o - pen to your pres - ence,
 4. May this food be wel - come for the "oth - er,"
 5. May our hands bring com - fort to the sick,
 6. May this bread trans - form our hearts for peace,



that we may share as you have shared. At this
 em - brac - ing all hu - man - i - ty. At this
 em - pow'ring all who gath - er here. At this
 re - viv - ing hope for all our days. At this



gath - 'ring of na - tions, may we live in u - ni - ty.
 ban - quet of glad - ness, may we work for u - ni - ty.
 al - tar of heal - ing, may we sing for u - ni - ty.
 tem - ple of mer - cy, may we pray for u - ni - ty.

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Meditation

Set Your Heart



Set your heart on the high - er gifts, on the



things that come from your Mak - er in heav - en.



These three gifts are all that re - main: faith, hope and love,



and the great - est is love.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Steven C. Warner, b.1954
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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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: 87 87 D; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887.



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8:30 a.m. Sunday

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