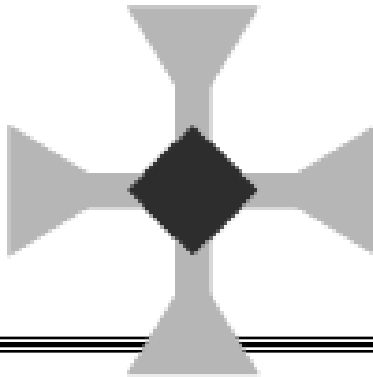


The Order of Mass

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

February 24 & 25, 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

Hosea

Verses



1. Come back to me with all your heart.  
    ζ Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
2. The wil - der - ness will lead you  
    In - teg - ri - ty and jus - tice,
3. ζ You shall sleep se - cure with peace;



Don't let fear keep us a - part.  
    so must we to oth - ers' call. (To refrain)  
    to your heart where I will speak.  
 With ten - der - ness, ζ you shall know. (To refrain)  
    faith - ful - ness will be your joy. (To refrain)

Refrain



Long have I wait-ed for your com - ing home to me and



liv - ing deep - ly our new life.

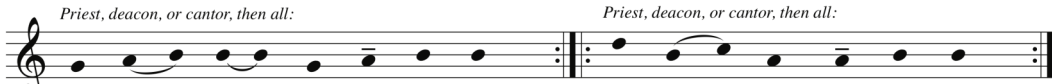
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## Confiteor

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.

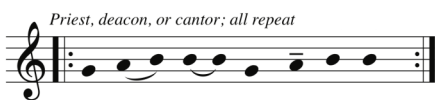
## Kyrie

*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

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

*A reading from the Book of Genesis.*

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

*All respond: Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116



I will walk be- fore the Lord, in the land of the liv - ing.

## Responsorial Psalm (6 p.m.)

Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

*Response: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.*

## Reading II

Romans 8:31b-34

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

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?  
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.

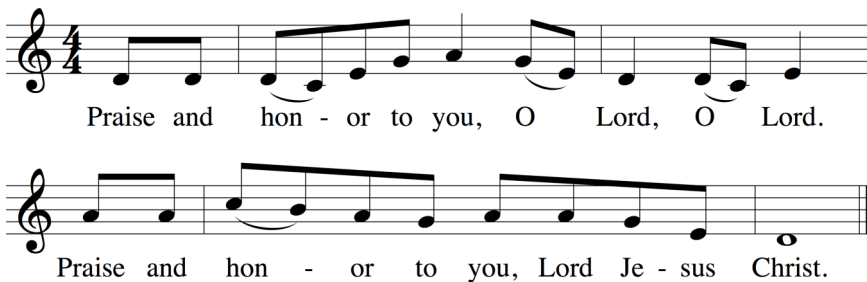
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## Gospel Acclamation

*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.*



## **Gospel**

Mark 9:2-10

*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, James, and John  
and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.  
And he was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white,  
such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.  
Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses,  
and they were conversing with Jesus.  
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,  
"Rabbi, it is good that we are here!  
Let us make three tents:  
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."  
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.  
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them;  
from the cloud came a voice,  
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."  
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone  
but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain,  
he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone,  
except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.  
So they kept the matter to themselves,  
questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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.*

*To support our parish electronically, scan the QR code:*



### Preparation of Gifts

### Return to God

#### Refrain



#### Verses

1. Now the time of grace has come,  
the day of salvation;  
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone  
and place a heart within you,  
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,  
if you set the pris'ner free;  
if you share your bread with the hungry,  
give protection to the lost;  
give a shelter to the homeless,  
clothe the naked in your midst,  
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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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 - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne

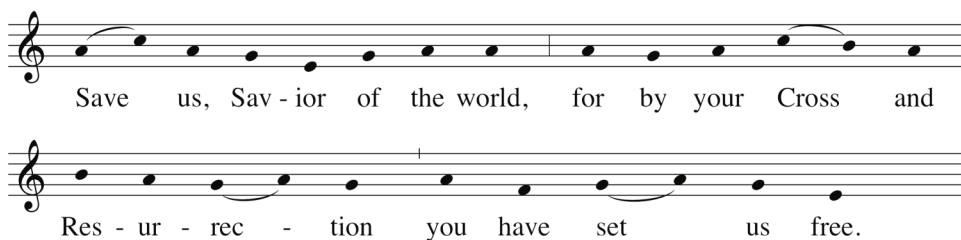
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII

*Please Kneel.*

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

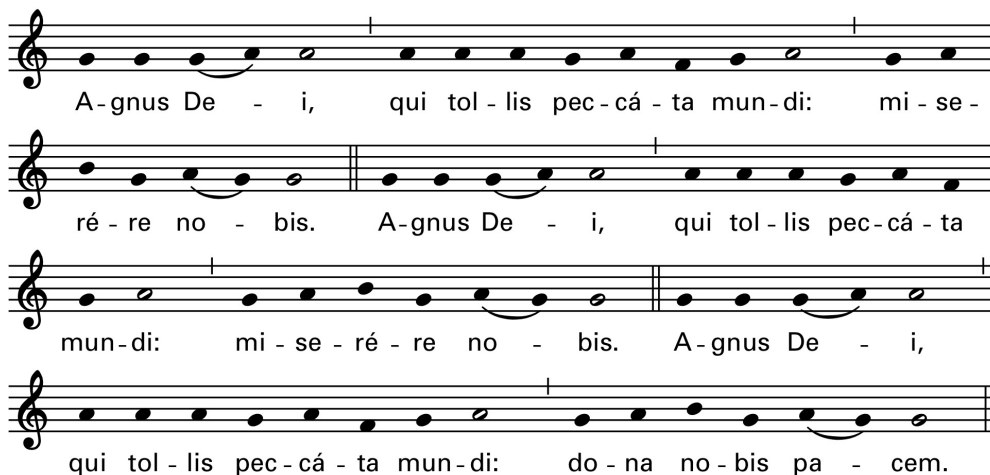
## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.*

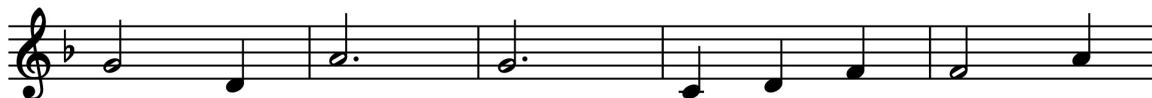
# Communion Song

Many and Great

## Verses



1. Man - y and great are bear - ers of the Word: the Christ
2. Man - y and great are seeds up - on the field: the hand
3. Man - y and great are voic - es of de - spair: the rain
4. Man - y and great are peb - bles in the sand: the sun



1. speaks; the heart seeks. Gath - ered as one, we
2. sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the
3. falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the
4. glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the



1. lis - ten to the Word and share the meal of new birth.
2. cov - e - nant ful - filled, the bread of prom - ise and life.
3. wine of hope and care; our cup of bless - ing we share.
4. Word to ev - 'ry land, the Word of good - ness and hope.

## Refrain



The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine flows; in



Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

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## Meditation

## Here I Am

Refrain

Here I am, stand-ing right be-side you. Here I am;  
do not be a - fraid. Here I am, wait-ing like a lov - er.  
I am here; here I am. am. I am here; here I am.



## 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

### Again We Keep This Solemn Fast



1. A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast,  
2. The law and proph - ets from of old  
3. More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make  
4. Let us a - void each harm - ful way  
5. We pray, O bless - ed Three in One,



A gift of faith from a - ges past,  
In fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told,  
The words we speak, the food we take,  
That lures the care - less mind a - stray;  
Our God while end - less a - ges run,



This Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly  
Which Christ, all a - ges' Lord and Guide,  
Our sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - 'ry sense;  
By watch - ful prayer our spir - its free  
That this, our Lent of for - ty days,



To faith and hope and char - i - ty.  
In these last days has sanc - ti - fied.  
Learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.  
From schem - ing of the En - e - my.  
May bring us growth and give you praise.

Text: *Ex more docti mystico*; ascr. to Gregory the Great, c.540–604; tr. by Peter J. Scagnelli, b.1949, ©  
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