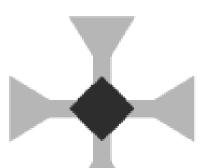
The Order of Mass

# 4th Sunday of Easter

April 20 & 21, 2024 † 5 p.m. Vigil † 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. † 6 p.m.





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 Families**

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over our parish families, so that in the strength of your grace their members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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.



#### Easter Alleluia





- 1. Glo ry to God who does won drous things, Let all the
- 2. See how sal va tion for all has been won, Up from the
- 3. Now in our pres ence the Lord will ap pear, Shine in the 4. Call us, Good Shep herd, we lis ten for you, Want-ing to
- 5. Lord, we are o pen to all that you say, Read y to
- 6. If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will pro-



peo - ple God's prais-es now sing. life has grave our new be - gun, fac - es of all of us here, all that we do. see vou in lis - ten and fol-low your way, tect us from fire and sword.

All of cre - a - tion Life now per - fect - ed Fill us with joy and cast We would the gate of sal -You are the pot - ter and with love and Fill us



splen-dor shall ring: Je - sus, the Son: out all our fear:

out all our fear: va - tion pass through:

we are the clay: peace of his word: Al - le - lu - ia!

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#### Gloria



#### **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 Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *All respond: Thanks be to God.* 

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118



The stone re-ject-ed by the build-ers has be-come the cor-ner-stone.

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

Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Reading II 1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

#### Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

Yet so we are.

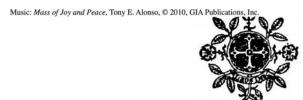
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.
We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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.





**Gospel** John 10:11-18

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.

#### Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

A hired man, who is not a shepherd

and whose sheep are not his own,

sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,

and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,

and I know mine and mine know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;

and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold.

These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice,

and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

This is why the Father loves me,

because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own.

I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

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

## **Universal Prayer**

Response: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

We pray for the needs of the Church, the world, and our community.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### 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**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



Text: Psalm 23; Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt. Tune: ST. COLUMBA, 8 7 8 7; Irish melody

#### Invi-

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**

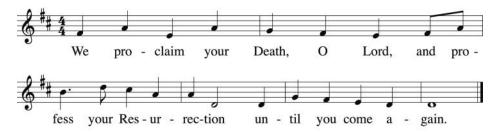


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#### Please Kneel.

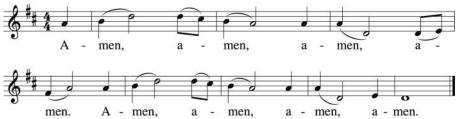
Throughout the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Holy Spirit is called down upon the gifts (The Epiclesis; bells are rung once at this point); the words of Christ at the Last Supper are prayed; Christ's perpetual sacrifice on the cross is remembered; and prayers are made for the Church, the world, 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

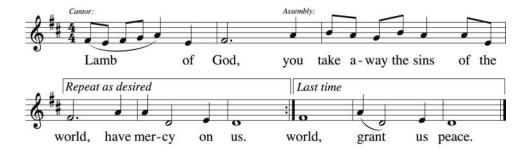
of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.



#### Meditation



Text: Based on Revelation 5:9–14; Ricky Manalo, CSP, b.1965 Tune: Ricky Manalo, CSP, b.1965 © 1997, Ricky Manalo, CSP. Published by OCP.

## **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

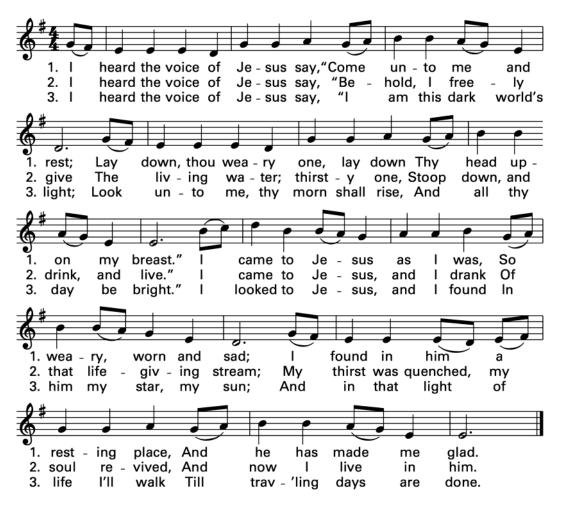
#### Blessing

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt. Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.



# Week of April 21, 2024



## Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



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Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



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