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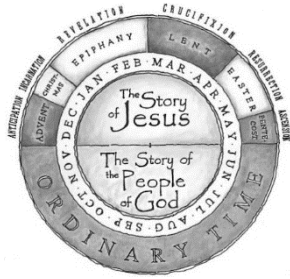
**The Holy Eucharist**  
for the Sundays in Lent



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## Introduction to the Season of Lent



Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha. The season now known as Lent (*from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days*) has a long history. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of 40 days, in imitation of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness. The 40-day fast was important for converts who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Church. In the western church the 40 days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday

through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred *Triduum* of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent is a time during which all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP p265).

– “An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User-Friendly Reference for Episcopalians”, Church Publishing Incorporated

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church welcomes all persons to an open, caring Christian community that seeks to follow the example of Jesus Christ. Wherever you may be on your spiritual path, you are invited to worship, study and work with us. St. Stephen’s is a congregation of families and singles, children and seniors, and a diversity of ethnicities, races, sexual orientations, interests, and backgrounds. We are followers of Jesus, guided by His teaching and example to love God and our neighbor. We welcome all people regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, racial background, mental or physical ability, recovery, political belief, economic condition, and all other expressions of what it means to be human. We invite you to worship with us and walk with us no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

- This booklet contains the order of service and prayers and music that are used every Sunday for a certain period. There is also a smaller insert with this Sunday’s hymns and readings. Hymns are in the blue book in the pew rack: The Hymnal 1982.
- We have two services on Sunday morning: 8am and 10am. At 10am, children can remain with you in the service, or participate in Sunday School classes. Ask the usher for directions.
- After the service you are invited to be seated for the Postlude music or go quietly in peace after the blessing.
- Refreshments are provided in the Parish Hall behind the church after the 10am service.

*Whoever you are, and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
St. Stephen’s welcomes you!*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Processional Hymn

*Hymns are listed on the hymn board and in the weekly bulletin.*

*Most hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

*On Ash Wednesday, there is no Processional Hymn.*

*The service begins with the Collect of the Day on page 4.*

*On Palm Sunday, the service begins on page 21.*

### Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

### The Decalogue

*All kneel.*

*On occasion, the Decalogue may be said or sung by the congregation or the Choir.*

Hear the commandments of God to the people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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*The Priest introduces the Confession with a sentence of scripture and then the invitation.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name.**

**Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,

forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

strengthen you in all goodness,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

**Have mercy upon us.**

*Said three times total.*

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Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

*The priest says the Collect of the Day, and all respond*

**Amen.**

*All sit.*

The Lessons

A Reading from...

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

*A Psalm is said or sung together. The words are found in the weekly bulletin.*

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Sequence Hymn or Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

*We receive a response to the day's readings from the Preacher.*

*On Ash Wednesday, the service continues on page 17.*

*On Maundy Thursday, the service continues on page 24.*

The Nicene Creed

*All standing and facing the altar.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

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**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again 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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The People are invited to pray.*

*In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

With confidence and trust let us pray to God.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishops and clergy *N.* and *N.*;  
for our sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese of El Camino Real, *N.* and *N.*  
for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

**Pray for the Church.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

**Pray for justice and peace.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those who have asked for our prayers,  
especially \_\_\_\_\_, and those whom the congregation now names...  
and for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

**Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

*Silence*

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I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

**Pray that they may find and be found through the Spirit.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all the departed,

for \_\_\_\_\_, and those whom the congregation now names...

and especially those who will die this day and those who will die alone.

**Pray for those who have died.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ .

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Silence*

Praise God for Mary, Christ's mother, St. Stephen,

and those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

**Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.**

*Silence*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask,

help us to ask only what accords with Your will;

and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask,

grant us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to His grace.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

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Welcome, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Announcements

Birthdays

**O God, our times are in your hand:**

**Look with favor, we pray, on Your servant *N.* as she/he/they begins another year.**

**Grant that she/he/they may grow in wisdom and grace,**

**and strengthen his/her/their trust in Your goodness all the days of his/her/their life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anniversaries

**Most gracious God,**

**we praise You for the tender mercy and unfailing care**

**revealed to us in Jesus the Christ**

**and for the great joy and comfort bestowed upon us in the gift of human love.**

**We give You thanks for *N.* and *N.*, and the covenant of faithfulness they have made.**

**Pour out the abundance of Your Holy Spirit upon them.**

**Keep them in Your steadfast love; protect them from all danger;**

**fill them with Your wisdom and peace;**

**lead them in holy service to each other and the world;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

### The Offertory

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

*The Choir sings an anthem as a collection is taken for the work of St Stephen's.  
Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine,  
and money or other gifts, to the altar.*

### The Offering of the Gifts

*The people stand after the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation;  
through Your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation;  
through Your goodness we have this wine to set before You,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become the cup of our salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is Yours.**

**All things come from You, and of Your own do we give You.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Scottish Episcopal Church: Eucharistic Prayer III

*The people remain standing.*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

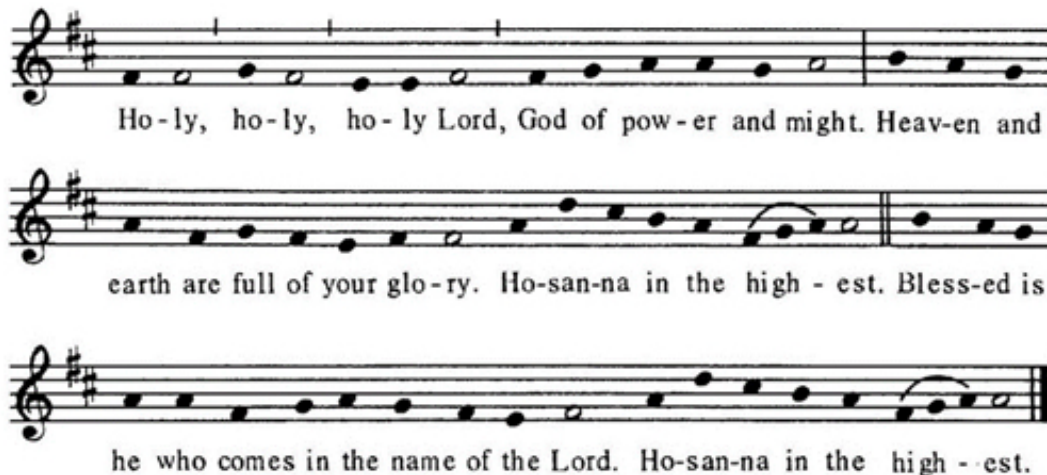
Worship and praise belong to You, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home. In Christ Your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome. Your Spirit frees us to live as sons and daughters in God's house. We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of His obedience, now offer You our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of Heaven, singing the hymn of Your unending glory:

*Priest and People say at 8am and sing at 10am (music on next page):*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and". The second staff contains: "earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is". The third staff contains: "he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Glory and thanksgiving be to You, most loving God, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the Cross, His suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle, death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign. Before He was given up to suffering and death, recalling the night of Israel's release, the night in which the sons of Egypt died, Your Chosen One, Himself the First-Born, freely offered His life.

At supper with His disciples, He took bread and offered You thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, He took the cup, He offered You thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant. It is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey Your Son's command. We recall His blessed passion and death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and we look for the coming of His Kingdom. Made one with Him, we offer You these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Hear us, most merciful God, and send Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by His life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of Your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of Your love and renewed for the service of Your Kingdom. Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body, to live and work to Your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in Your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of St. Mary, St. Stephen, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, God of all ages, world without end.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*As at the Day of Pentecost, use any form or language with which you most feel comfortable.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name,**

**Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in Heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*Then the following is said at 8am and sung at 10am (music on the next page).*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

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Sua bassa 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: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, \_\_\_  
\_\_\_ you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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### The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*At St. Stephen's, all are welcome to come to the altar. If you would like to receive Communion / the Sacrament, please place your hands, palms upward, to receive the bread, and then receive the wine from the chalice. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing from the Priest.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given with these words*

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]*

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

*During the ministration of Communion, hymns or anthems may be sung.*

### Communion Hymn

*Hymns are listed on the hymn board and in the weekly bulletin.*

*Most hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

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Post-Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Priest says*

Let us pray.

**Compassionate and loving God, through Your Son Jesus Christ  
You have fed us, and reconciled Your people to Yourself.  
May we who have shared in this holy meal know Your forgiveness in our lives,  
bring Your reconciliation to others,  
and be a sign of Your wholeness in this broken world.  
Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer,  
may we obey You with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen.**

*On Palm Sunday, there is no Blessing, Final Hymn or Dismissal.*

*The Priest reads the Dismissal Gospel after which the People leave in silence.*

The Sending forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

**N. In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts  
that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.  
We who are many are One body because we share One bread, One cup.  
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God  
strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity.

**Amen.**

Final Hymn

*Hymns are listed on the hymn board and in the weekly bulletin.*

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Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Ash Wednesday

*After the Sermon, the service continues here.*

### Invitation to a Holy Lent

*The Priest invites the people to a Holy Lent.*

*Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.*

*The Priest then says the following prayer.*

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth:  
Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

### Imposition of Ashes

*The ashes are imposed with the following words*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

*The following Psalm may be said after, or sung during, The Imposition of Ashes.*

### Psalm 51 *Miserere mei, Deus*

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; \**

*in Your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

*Wash me through and through from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions, \* and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against You only have I sinned \* and done what is evil in Your sight.*

*And so You are justified when You speak \* and upright in Your judgment.*

*Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \* a sinner from my mother's womb.*

*For behold, You look for truth deep within me, \**

*and will make me understand wisdom secretly.*

*Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.*

*Make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the body You have broken may rejoice.*

*Hide Your face from my sins \* and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Your presence \* and take not Your holy Spirit from me.*

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*Give me the joy of Your saving help again \* and sustain me with Your bountiful Spirit.*

*I shall teach Your ways to the wicked, \* and sinners shall return to You.*

*Deliver me from death, O God, \**

*and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.*

*Open my lips, O Lord, \* and my mouth shall proclaim Your praise.*

*Had You desired it, I would have offered sacrifice; \**

*but You take no delight in burnt-offerings.*

*The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \**

*a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.*

## Litany of Penitence

*The Priest and People together, all kneeling*

**Most holy and merciful God:**

**We confess to You and to one another,**

**and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,**

**that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;**

**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved You with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We have been deaf to Your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved Your Holy Spirit.

**Have mercy on us, Lord.**

We confess to You, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:

The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

**We confess to You, Lord.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

**We confess to You, Lord.**

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**We confess to You, Lord.**

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Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,  
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

**We confess to You, Lord.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

**We confess to You, Lord.**

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:

for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of Your creation,  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let Your anger depart from us;

**Favorably hear us, for Your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of Your salvation,

**That we may show forth Your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of Your Son our Lord,

**Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.**

*The Priest, stands and, facing the people, pronounces absolution.*

*The service continues on page 8 with The Peace.*

## Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms

*At 8am, the congregation receives palm crosses as they enter.*

*At 10am, the congregation gathers in Ramsden Hall, so that all may go into the church in procession.*

**Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with Your help, O Lord God of our salvation,  
that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts,  
whereby You have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Gospel Reading for the Liturgy of the Palms

*Here a Priest, Deacon or other person appointed reads the Gospel appointed.*

*The Priest then says the following blessing over the palm crosses.*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise You, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which You have redeemed us through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day He entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palms along His way. Let these branches be for us signs of His victory, and grant that we who bear them in His name may ever hail Him as our King, and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**Amen. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Processional Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29, BCP p760 (at 8am)

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; \* His mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, \* "His mercy endures for ever."**

**19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \***

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.**

**20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \* he who is righteous may enter."**

**21 I will give thanks to You, for You answered me \* and have become my salvation.**

**22 The same stone which the builders rejected \* has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**24 On this day the Lord has acted; \* we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \* Lord, send us now success.**

**26 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; \***

**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

**27 God is the Lord who has shined upon us; \***

**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

**28 “You are my God, and I will thank You; \* You are my God, and I will exalt You.”**

**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; \* His mercy endures for ever.**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before He was crucified:  
Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The service continues with The Collect of the Day on page 4.*

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The Procession (at 10am)

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and sing this or another hymn:*

<i>Refrain:</i> All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King! to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.	1 Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son, who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessèd One. <i>Refrain</i>
2 The company of angels is praising thee on high; and we with all creation in chorus make reply. <i>Refrain</i>	3 The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. <i>Refrain</i>
4 To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise; to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. <i>Refrain</i>	5 Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. <i>Refrain</i>

*Thou art the King of Israel, #154 from The Hymnal 1982*

*When the Priest reaches the doors of the church, and v4 has been sung,  
the following Collect is said*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before He was crucified:  
Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*The service continues with The Collect of the Day on page 4.*

## Maundy Thursday Washing of the Feet

*The Priest introduces the ceremony of foot-washing by a brief address, ending with: "a servant is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."*

### *Before the footwashing*

The Lord Jesus, after He had supped with His disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

*During the ceremony, the following or other suitable anthems may be sung or said.*

### *After the footwashing*

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;  
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

**I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.**

Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you;  
peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.

**By this shall the world know that you are my disciples:**

**That you have love for one another.**

*The service continues with the Prayers of the People on page 6.*

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#### Holy Eucharist for the Sundays in Lent

The Episcopal Church is related to the Church of England and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are part of the Diocese of El Camino Real, which is a grouping churches from San Luis Obispo County to Santa Clara County.

St. Stephen's was founded in 1867 as the first organized Protestant church in San Luis Obispo County. The original church building, locally known as a "carpenter gothic" gem, was built of Monterey Pine beams from Cambria, CA and covered with redwood on this site, which cost \$10. The rich hues of our memorial stained-glass windows reflect both a pioneer heritage and a radiant future. The building today still retains the lines and flavor of the original structure.

Sunday Morning Services:

8am Quiet, contemplative Holy Eucharist

10am Holy Eucharist with music and Sunday School

Please check the weekly bulletin or our website for other services and activities.

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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional territory and homelands of the yak tit'yu tit'yu yak ti'hini (ytt) Northern Chumash people, the first peoples of San Luis Obispo, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of the Chumash Tribe. Acknowledging the land is a transformative act that works to undo the intentional erasure of indigenous peoples.

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## Mission Statement

Our mission as a parish is to open our hearts to God and to share Christ's unconditional love with the world. We do this by following three pathways:

Welcoming

*We invite all to join us at every stage on their spiritual journeys.*

Worshiping

*We cultivate a living tradition of liturgy and a life made holy by the sacraments.*

Working

*We share our abundance, we strive for justice, and we accept our calling to protect God's creation.*

