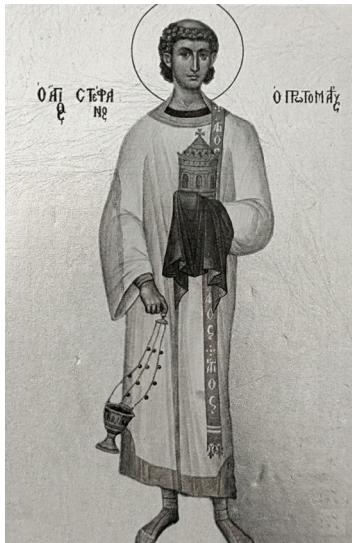




GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S
+ EPISCOPAL CHURCH +



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I EPIPHANYTIDE BULLETIN

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE ONE GOD: FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

Welcome to Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, a vibrant community of faith committed to beautiful worship and spiritual depth. As you know, Christmas season is now over; Lent is yet to begin; and we find ourselves currently in Epiphanytide – a season in the Church in which we celebrate the transmission of the Good News of Jesus throughout the world. An enduring symbol of the season is the star that led the Magi on their journey to the Christ child; the star that helped them find Jesus.

In this season, we pray for new vision - that God will continue to open our eyes to the presence of Christ in our own time. And so we gather here: to find Jesus in bread and wine; to find Jesus in the Gospel stories; to find Jesus in each other. We invite you to join us on this holy journey.

Grace and St. Stephen's welcomes you and your family!

Please return bulletin at the end of the service. As good stewards of the earth, we'll reuse this bulletin throughout Epiphanytide to reduce paper consumption. Thank you!

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, at the entrance of the clergy and servers.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *The Celebrant says the Collect, the people respond with Amen.*

GLORIA *(Said by all.)*

BCP, 324

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

See insert

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect, the people respond with Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

See insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*

See insert

THE EPISTLE

See insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL *(Please stand, as able.)*

See insert

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

See insert

A period of silence is observed before the Creed.

THE NICENE CREED (*The people stand, as able. Said by all.*)

BCP, 326

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 stand or kneel, as able.*)

BCP, 329

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. Amen.

CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION OF SiN (*The people kneel, as able. Said by all.*)

BCP, 331

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE PEACE (*The people stand, as able.*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE DOXOLOGY (*The people stand, as able.*)

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP, 333

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Prayed by all.*)

BCP, 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

All are welcome and invited to come forward to participate in the grace and peace of Communion. There are a few ways that you can do this:

- *Receive both the bread and wine: Place one palm on top of the other and you will be given a piece of bread, which you consume. When the chalice comes to you, please assist by guiding the chalice to your lips.*
- *Have the clergy intinct (dip) the bread into the wine for you: Place one palm on top of the other with your palms face down. Then turn your palms over to receive.*
- *Gluten-free wafer: Please let the clergy person distributing bread know.*
- *Receive a prayer of blessing: If you prefer not to receive Communion, or are not Baptized, cross your arms across your chest before receiving the bread. All Baptized Christians (in any tradition or denomination) are welcome to receive. If you are not Baptized and desire to be a part of and receive the Body of Christ, please speak with our clergy.*

As you wait to go forward to receive Communion, or afterward, you might find prayers 66 & 67 on page 834 of the Prayer Book to be helpful.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER (*Prayed by all.*)

BCP, 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL (*Please stand, as able, at the procession of the clergy and servers.*)

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond: Thanks be to God.