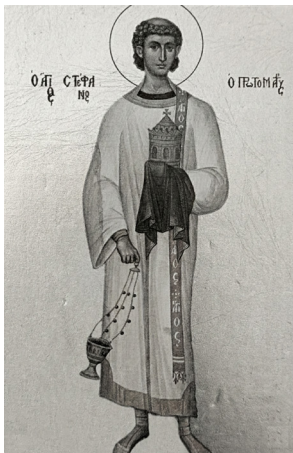




GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S

✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

SEPTUAGESIMA

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | 10:30AM

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. At Grace and St. Stephen's, we believe that you will experience the beauty of God's grace and the love of Jesus. Grace and St. Stephen's welcomes you and your family.

THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: *O Gott, du frommer Gott, Partita 8*

J. S. Bach

The people stand, as able.

HYMN 568: FATHER ALL LOVING, WHO RULETH IN MAJESTY

Was lebet

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

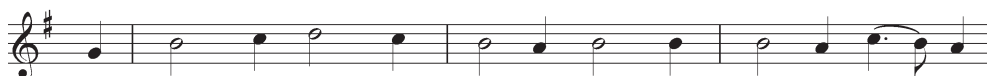
COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY **GOD**, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA HYMN 421

Allein Gott in der Höh



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al-might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg-ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

[Micah 6:1-8]

Please see insert for text.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 15 (*Sung by the Choir.*)

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 599

THE EPISTLE

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. [1:18-31]

Please see insert for text.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand, as able.

HYMN 656: BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

Franconia

THE GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. [5:1-12]

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Please see insert for text.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Robert Black

See insert for sermon questions. A period of silence is observed between the sermon and the Creed.

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

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 kneel, as able.)*

Form 4, BCP 388

After each petition, the people respond: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. (PSALM 50:14)

Give here:



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Blest are the pure in heart*

Henry Walford Davies

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart, and for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

PRESENTATION HYMN (HYMN 137, V.5)

Wareham



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

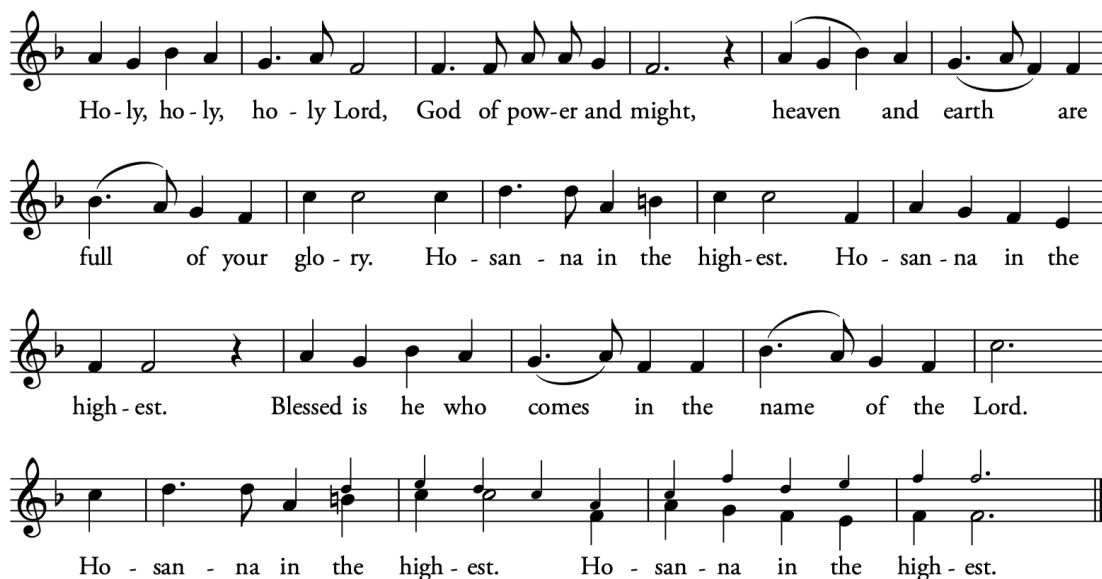
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Richard Proulx (S125)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father...

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Please remain standing or kneeling, the Celebrant continues...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

David Hurd (SI 54)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.*

If you would like to pray with someone about anything on your heart or mind, a prayer team member will be in the Chapel or at the Tower entrance to pray with you after receiving Communion. 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM: *If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter. That he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.

HYMN 440: BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

Liebster Jesu

HYMN 309: O FOOD TO PILGRIMS GIVEN

O Welt ich muss dich lassen

The people stand or kneel.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

E**T****E****R****N****A****L** **G****O****D**, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

(The people stand.)

HYMN 569: GOD THE OMNIPOTENT!

Russia

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

VOLUNTARY: *O Gott, du frommer Gott, Partita 9*

J. S. Bach

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