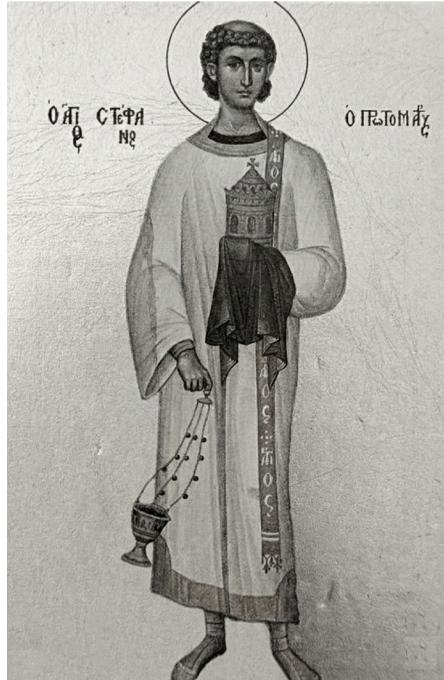




GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S  
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦



**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 15, 2026 | 10:30AM**

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

Welcome to Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are pleased that you have chosen to spend this Lenten season with us. You will find that, in this time of preparation, our worship is more penitential in nature; our self-examination more intentional. We invite you to share in Christ's Passion so that you might experience more fully the joy of His Easter resurrection.

# THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: *Recit de Cornet*

Francois Couperin

*The people stand, as able.*

HYMN 144: LORD JESUS, SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (*Hymnal*)

*Cornhill*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Penitential Order I

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The people kneel, as able.*

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan (S91)

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

*The Celebrant says the Absolution, the people respond with Amen.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUS FATHER, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Reader* A Reading from the first Book of Samuel. [16:1-13]

Please see insert for text.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (*Sung by Cantor*) Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 612

## THE EPISTLE

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians. [5:8-14]

Please see insert for text.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand, as able.*

HYMN 671: AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND (*Hymnal*) *New Britain*

## THE GOSPEL

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. [9:1-41]

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

Please see insert for text.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Kris Lewis

*A period of silence is observed between the sermon and the Creed.*

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

**W**E 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

BCP, p. 329

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

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

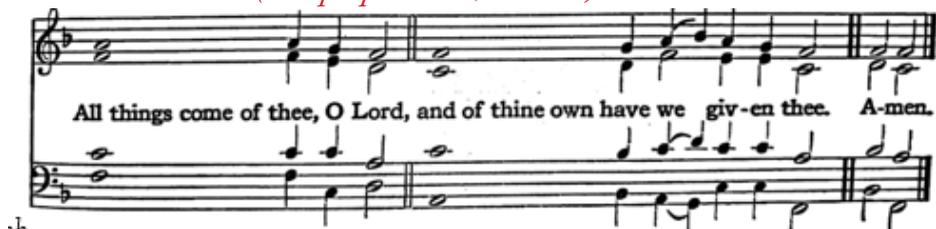
*Give here:*



**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:** *I wonder what they're doing there now* arr. John Herman

*I wonder what they're doing in heaven today, sin and sorrow all gone away. Peace abounds like a river, they say, I wonder what they're doing there now. I had loved ones gone on before, they labored in toil in this world below. They've gone to heaven where I want to go, I wonder what they're doing there now. One of these days I'm going home, never no more on this earth to roam; then I'll lay all my burdens down, trade them in for a beautiful crown.*

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



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv-en thee. A-men.

**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.**

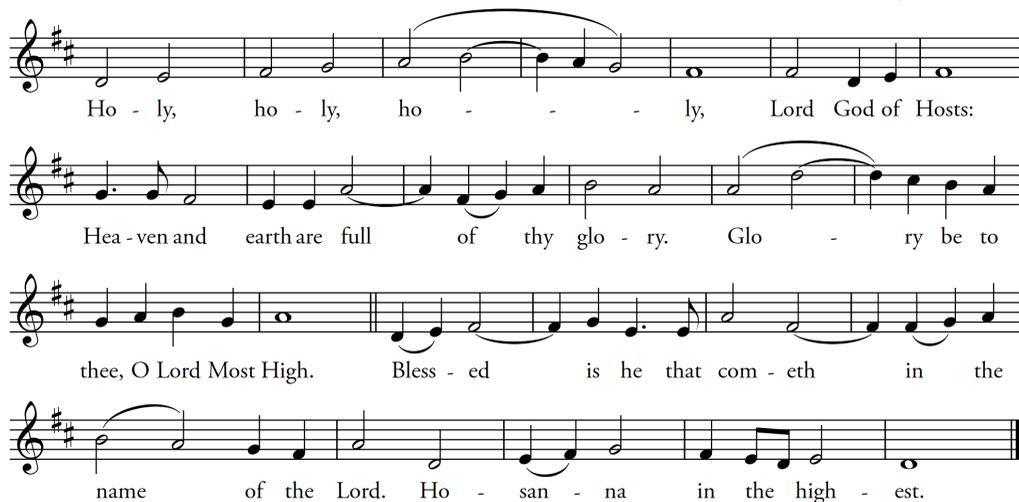
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty...evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

Healey Willan (S114)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to  
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel, as able. The Celebrant continues...*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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

#### AGNUS DEI

Healey Willan (SI 58)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**W**E DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## *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:** *Psalm 23*

Howard Goodall

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil. For you are with me, You will comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

**HYMN 645: THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS** *(Hymnal)*

*St. Columba*

**HYMN 663: THE LORD MY GOD MY SHEPHERD IS** *(Hymnal)*

*Crimond*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(The people stand or kneel, as able.)*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY 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 PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*The people stand, as able.*

HYMN 145: NOW QUIT YOUR CARE (*Hymnal*)

*Quittez, Pasteurs*

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

VOLUNTARY: *Domine Deus, Rex coelestis*

Francois Couperin

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