



All Saints' Day

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist

November 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We welcome and include all people without exception and invite you to participate fully in worship. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Visitor guides are available at entrances. When you want to be known here, place a Welcome card (in all pews, or submit online) in the basket by the baptismal font. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

To prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, please observe silence inside the church and remember to silence all devices.

Prelude Shall we gather at the river? American folk hymn, arr. Ben Logan
Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening from "Meditation XVII" John Donne

All mankind is of one author, and is one volume;
when one dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book,
but translated into a better language;
and every chapter must be so translated...
As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon,
calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come:
so this bell calls us all...
No man is an island, entire of itself...
any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.

Silence is held after the reading.

Hymn For all the saints Sung by all, standing. *Sine nomine*

1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fort - ress and their might; thou, Lord, their
3. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! We feeb - ly

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O Je - sus
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; thou, in the dark - ness
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine yet all are one in

be for - e - ver blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
drear, the one true Light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
thee, for all are thine. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

A Prayer

Come now, Loving God,
Live in us.
Let us stay in you,
Since if we be all in you,
We cannot be far from one another,
Though some may be in heaven,
And some upon earth. **Amen.**

The Reading Luke 6:20-31 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Silence is held for one minute of reflection.

Reflection The Rev. Judy Davis

Silence is held for two minutes of reflection.

Music for Meditation *Land of Rest*

arr. Michael Simpson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Leader Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer;

People **Grant to them eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We thank you for all the goodness and courage that have passed from their lives into the lives of others;

People **Leaving the world richer for their presence.**

Leader We celebrate lives of good humor, gracious affection, and kindly generosity that continue to inspire us today;

People **For sadness met without surrender, and weakness endured without defeat.**

Leader Help us to see our grief for those who have died as a sign of our love for them, and to remember that love never ends;

People **Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life.**

Leader Help us, Lord, to remain in you, since if we are all in you, we cannot be far from one another;

People **Though some may be in heaven and some upon earth.**

Leader May we know the ongoing encouragement and support of the Communion of Saints;

People **Remembering that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who continue to love us throughout our journey on earth.**

Leader As we continue our earthly pilgrimage, may we do so with an awareness of the sacredness of all life, the preciousness of each day, and the presence of Christ in every human being;

People **May we pause often to care for each other, as you care for us.**

Leader Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth, and you remind us that our highest calling in this life is to love one another, as you love us: Grant that in quiet confidence, and supported by the Communion of Saints, we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please be seated.*

At this time, we invite families or individuals to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved one. Please come down the side aisles toward the front of the church, where you will receive a lighted candle. We will then direct you to the altar, where you may either place the candle on the altar or hand it to an assisting priest who will place it on the altar for you. There is also a microphone at the front of the church, and we invite you to say the name of your loved one, if you wish. Your presence, your audible voice and the candle's light are signs of your loved one's presence among us, and serve as a reminder of the communion of all the saints.

The Grace Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Romans 8:35, 37-39

The Peace May Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "peace."

The Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

At the Offertory

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Sung by all, seated.

St. Helena

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness
 2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than
 up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -

lib - er - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
 judg - ment giv'n. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
 ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his

good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 shed; there is joy for all the members in the sor - rows of the Head.
 word; and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Celebrant

The Lord is here.

People

God's spirit is with us.

Celebrant

God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so with thanks we praise you, singing:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Michael Simpson

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

- Celebrant** We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them, and said:
- All** **“This is my own body. Do this, and know that I am with you.”**
- Celebrant** Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said:
- All** **“This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am with you.”**
- Celebrant** And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you, and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him and proclaim the mystery of faith:
- All** **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**
- Celebrant** Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people. Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land, we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.
- All** **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is held.

Sung by all.

Christopher Walker

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

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

At the Communion of the People

All who seek God's presence through Communion or God's blessing are welcome to come forward. Extend your hands, one upon another, to receive a bread wafer (request gluten-free) or, to receive God's blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest in an "X". Wine for sipping is offered next to the bread or dip the edge of your wafer in the small cup by the pillars.

Music for Communion

Weep you no more, sad fountains
Remembrance

Roger Quilter
Kavin Hoo

After Communion

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

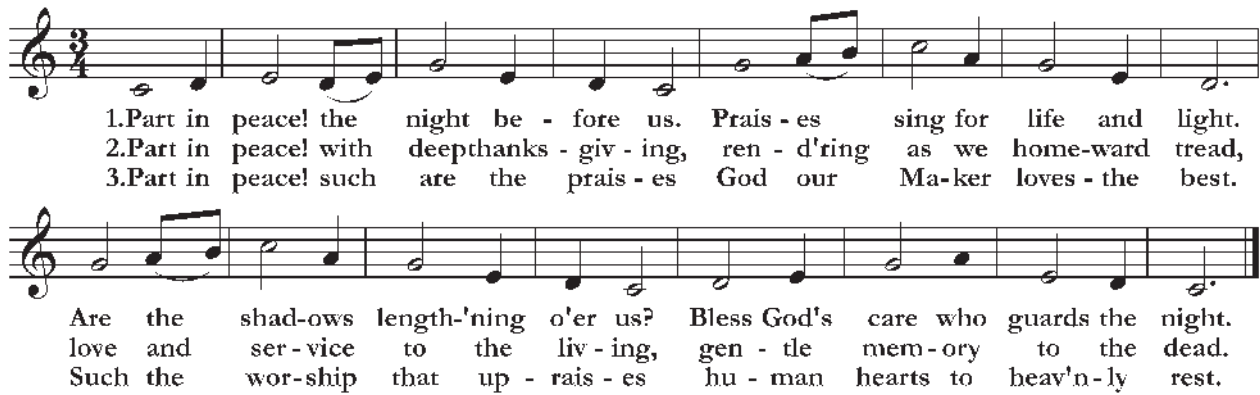
Celebrant May God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn

Part in peace!

Sung by all, standing.

Charlestown



1. Part in peace! the night be - fore us. Prais - es sing for life and light.
2. Part in peace! with deep thanks - giv - ing, ren - d'ring as we home-ward tread,
3. Part in peace! such are the prais - es God our Ma-ker loves - the best.

Are the shad-ows length-'ning o'er us? Bless God's care who guards the night.
love and ser-vice to the liv - ing, gen - tle mem - ory to the dead.
Such the wor-ship that up - rais - es hu - man hearts to heav'n - ly rest.

Dismissal

Deacon Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation The Parting Glass

trad. Scottish, arr. Kim Robertson

Postlude Parting Hymn

Keith Tan

Please feel free to depart during or after the Postlude, holding silence. As you depart we have a flower for you as a remembrance of your loved one. These will be at the entrance to each door.



Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. John Rohrs; **Deacon:** The Rev. Will Stanley; **Reflector:** The Rev. Judy Davis; **Subdeacon:** Iffet Araniti-Davis; **Reader/Intercessor:** Angela DeVaun; **Assisting Priest:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **Chalice Bearers:** Mary Ball, Clarice Dibble, Guy Frank, Anne Townsend; **Musicians:** Matt Hassmer, *cantor*; Susan DeJesus, *flute*; Diana Chou, *piano*

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Anne Satchell Boggs
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Stephanie Ewalt Coleman
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