
Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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WESTBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS

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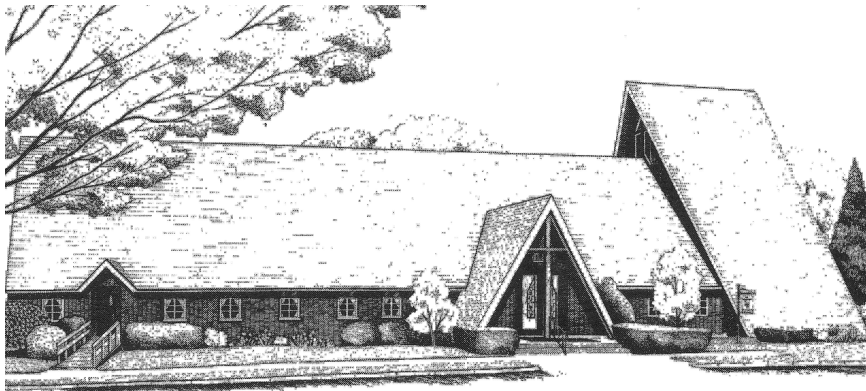
The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

"To walk with Christ and share the journey."



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WELCOME TO VISITORS

We welcome all visitors here today. Both services follow the same order of service, but we have music only at the 9:30 service. The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pews. We use several hymnals, as marked in the order of service below. If you have any questions, please let an usher know. We are glad to have you with us this morning and want to help in any way we can to make you feel at home. (Gluten-free wafers are available for Communion for those who cannot tolerate wheat. Please see an usher to learn more.)

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude *Nun bitten wir* D. Buxtehude

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Processional Hymn..... *Father We Praise Thee*..... blue Hymnal, 1

Opening Acclamation (*remain standing*)..... red Book of Common Prayer, 355

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

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

Collect for Purity..... red Book of Common Prayer, 355

The Celebrant continues

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.*

Glory to God blue Hymnal, S-280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

The Celebrant continues

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.

Please sit for the readings.

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A Reading from Deuteronomy:

Moses said, The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak-- that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm111

1 Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, * in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.	6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! * they are studied by all who delight in them.	7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *all his commandments are sure.
3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *and his righteousness endures for ever.	8 They stand fast for ever and ever, * because they are done in truth and equity.
4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; * the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.	9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
5 He gives food to those who fear him; * he is ever mindful of his covenant.	10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-- as in fact there are many gods and many lords-- yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gospel hymn and gospel reading.

The Gospel Hymn .O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing blue,Hymnal, 493

The Gospel Mark 1:21-28

Reader The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus

rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon.

The Sermon.....*The Rev. Jesse W. Abell*

Please stand.

Nicene Creed*Book of Common Prayer, 358*

Prayers of the People: Form IV

The Intercessor leads the prayers:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Gordon, our Bishop, Fr. Jesse, our Rector. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church School.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide Barack, our President, Deval, our Governor, the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Jennifer Reilly, Linda Johnson, Jillian Degan, Robert Williams, Nancy DeWolfe, Luke Boyer, and Anthony Thayer who are celebrating birthdays this week, and Brian and Lisa Boyer who are celebrating an anniversary this week. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Alan, Chris, Diana, Elizabeth, John, Liam, Mark, Marla, Mary, Michelle, Richard, Sherry, Ruth, Tom, Catherine, Gail, and Virginia; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We also pray for Anthony, Barbara, Berniece, Jean, Vivian, and Meg, and for all who are homebound or living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with St. Stephen and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

You may kneel or stand for the Confession.

Confession of Sin.....*Book of Common Prayer, 360*

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We invite you to greet those near you in the name of the Lord. You may then be seated.

Announcements

In order to keep the announcements brief, please speak to the Rector before the service begins if an announcement needs to be made.

Offertory and Presentation*The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation*..... Davis Haas

Please stand.

Doxology.....*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*.....*blue Hymnal, 380, v.3*

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B*Book of Common Prayer, 367*

The Holy..... *blue Hymnal, S-130*

You may kneel or stand for Prayer of Consecration.

Prayer of Consecration.....*Book of Common Prayer, 368*

The Lord's Prayer – contemporary form (*sung*)*Book of Common Prayer*, 364

The Breaking of Bread*Book of Common Prayer*, 364

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem*Lamb of God* blue *Hymnal*, S-164

Holy Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion.

Communion Hymn..... *Lord, You Are So Precious To Me* Maranatha

Lord, You are so precious to me, Lord You are so precious to me.

And I love You, yes, I love You, because You first loved me.

Lord, You are so gracious to me, Lord, You are so gracious to me.

And I love You, yes I love You, because You first loved me.

..... *Emmunael* Maranatha

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God is with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

..... *Great Are You Lord* Maranatha

Holy Lord, Most Holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise.

O Holy Lord, Most Holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing:

Great are You, Lord. Worthy of praise:

Holy and true, Great are You, Lord, Most Holy Lord.

Sending Out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Communion today will be taken to Meg Gilvar by Phyl Endicott & Jean McPherson.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer*Book of Common Prayer*, 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, 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 Celebrant blesses the people, saying

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the
world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Please stand for the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn *Spread O Spread Thy Mighty Word* blue *Hymnal*, 530

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Voluntary Maurice Green

We invite you to join us for coffee hour in Fay Hall immediately following the service.

Participants in Today's Services

Altar Guild Sharyn Philcox ,Ann Bartee, Gretchen Pruden

8:00 AM

Acolyte and Lay Eucharistic Minister Rhonda Russian

Reader Bill Panas

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Jesse W. Abell, *Rector*

Vestry Person of the Day Helen Panas

9:30 AM

Acolytes Emma Meek, Jon Gross

Crucifer Sharyn Philcox

Intercessor Marq Davis

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sharyn Philcox, Gail McKenzie

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Jesse W. Abell, *Rector*

Readers..... Gretchen Pruden, Mike Cassata

Ushers and Greeters Heather & Tom Plasterer

Vestry Person of the Day Kristen Butt

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