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St. Stephen's is a welcoming and affirming Anglican parish which upholds that God's unconditional and inclusive love extends to all members of our human family equally and without reservation.

Yes. Everyone. We Mean It!

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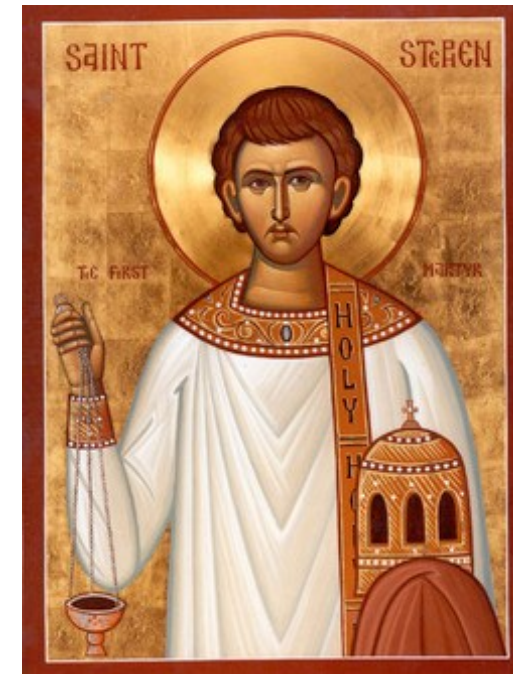
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As an outward expression of the Creator's love and in the spirit of reconciliation, St. Stephen's acknowledges that we gather on traditional Indigenous territory: Treaty 7 Region of Southern Alberta and Métis Nation, Region 3. Through our worship and outreach St. Stephen's moves forward seeking a new, honourable, and respectful relationship with the Original Peoples of this land.



Welcome Back Sunday — 10:30 am service on September 18, 2022

As a caring community and following guidelines, **masks are strongly encouraged** for indoor settings at St. Stephen's. Seating (masked) in the choir loft or chapel is available for those who wish ample distance. Please maintain an appropriate distance between you/your residential cohort and others while in the church building. We ask that all who attend services be fully vaccinated. Please stay home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church

The Rev. Nicole Janelle, Rector • The Rev. Charmaine Evans, Deacon
Music Director, Liz Tremblay

Readings for September 18: Welcome Back & September 25: Pentecost 16 St. Stephen (Transferred)

Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15
Psalm 31:1-7, 16
Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60
Matthew 23:34-39

The Prayers of the People

The Anglican Cycle Of Prayer

In the worldwide community we pray for the Episcopal Church in Brazil. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray for the parish of St. Barnabas, Medicine Hat, the Rev. Dr. Oz Lorentzen, the Rev. Deacon John Willems; and for Diocesan Council. In our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for the parish of Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King, on St. Lucia, the Rev. Eleanor Glasgow.

St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer:

Margery Miller; Neil & Pam Miller; Keith Moe

For Those in Need: Joanne, David, Anne Marie, the Royal Family

For Those Who Have Died: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Prayers of the People: Anne Brown

Reader: Gillian Bowles

Greeters: Robert Walker, Rector's Warden; Lynda Greuel, People's Warden; Cathi Nelson, Deputy Rector's Warden; Brigid Stewart, Deputy People's Warden

St. Stephen's in between Sundays and worn during and after the service to help both our newish rector and one another to learn and remember names!

Children and Youth Formation Sign Ups

We invite all families in the parish with children and youth to sign up for various family formation opportunities this fall. Today speak to Parish Council Member Carly Grimsen-Seligman at the Ministry Fair.

Community Supported Agriculture at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's is a new pick up location for the Community Supported Agriculture program of YYC Growers. Pick ups are on Wednesdays from 4 to 7pm. Boxes of fresh and locally grown vegetables are \$35 with the option of fruit/meat/egg add-ons. You can sign up at yycgrowers.com. YYC Growers volunteer Ester welcomes new CSA members in the Canterbury Room every week and would love to welcome you! Many thanks to YYC Growers for their donation of after church coffee hour produce!

Supporting the Ministry of Flowers

Please consider donating flowers or plants for Sunday worship in memory of a loved one, in celebration of something special in your life, or in thanksgiving and to the glory of God. You may put your name down on the calendar on the board outside the Canterbury Room or contact Suzan Pedersen (administrator@ststephenscalgary.org). Many thanks to a donor who recently provided seed fund for this ministry!

Supporting St. Stephen's Parish

Donations may be left in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to receive a tax receipt please be sure to include your name and address and/or envelope number. We encourage parishioners to use pre-authorized donations or online donations (or PayPal). Direct e-transfers may be sent to deacon@ststephencalgary.org or contact the office for information on pre-authorized payments at administrator@ststephenscalgary.org

Blue envelope offerings support a variety of ministries throughout the year. This month the blue envelope donations will be given to The Calgary Food Bank. This is the first line of emergency food support for families and individuals facing crisis. The Food Bank's mission to deal with food insecurity aligns with our mission to work with our community to fight hunger.

Pakistan Relief through PWRDF: On Tuesday, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the Government of Canada will match donations to the Humanitarian Coalition, in response to the devastating flooding in Pakistan. Donations made by individuals between August 1, 2022 and September 28, 2022 will be matched up to \$3 million. Through its membership in the Foodgrains Bank, PWRDF is able to participate in Humanitarian Coalition appeals. You can donate online by going to pwrdf.org/give-today and click on Flooding in Pakistan. For more information: <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-supporting-food-assistance-in-flood-ravaged-pakistan/>

The Announcements

Today After Church:

- *Welcome Sunday*— Ministry Fair and Lunch!
- *Social Justice Committee*—1:00 p.m. (Hybrid meeting Meet in the Rector's Office)
- *Sharing and Storytelling Circle Honouring the Queen*—7:30pm on Zoom (link in the eNewsletter sent Friday)

Welcome Sunday—Today we gather again in community after a summer of excursions and travel. There will be opportunities to sign up for ministry offerings at St. Stephen's and we'll get to hear a short update on the Open Doors II project. It's going to be a wonderful day. All are welcome including your friends, family members and neighbours. A light lunch will be served following the service

Sharing and Storytelling Circle Honouring the Queen—We'll gather virtually this evening to remember the late Queen through our stories. What does Queen Elizabeth's presence mean to you? Following this time of sharing we will close with a short service of Evening Prayer and visual Prayers of the People honouring Queen Elizabeth's life. Conversation will be facilitated by Rev. Nicole and the Rev. Valerie Bailey, church historian and chaplain of Williams College. All are welcome to attend. Zoom link is in the eNewsletter sent on Friday.

Coming Up:

- *Finance Committee Meeting*— Tuesday, September 20th, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)
- *Meditation*— Tuesday, September 20th, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom—link in e-Newsletter)
- *Bible Study*—Thursday, September 22nd, 10:00 a.m. (Zoom—link in e-Newsletter)
- *Parish Council Meeting*— Sunday, September 25, 1:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- *Truth & Reconciliation Sunday*— Sunday, October 2nd

There will be a **Diocesan Memorial Service** for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer on Wednesday, September 21st at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

New Hymnal

You will see some new hymns appearing from the recently published *Sing A New Creation*. This hymn book has been designed to supplement *Common Praise*, the current hymn book of the Anglican Church of Canada. It offers us the opportunity to experience music that will respond to particular needs of the community, to include text and tunes written by Canadian Anglicans, and to include a range of material from diverse cultures and language groups.

Nametag Design as a part of the Ministry of Welcome at St. Stephen's

As a part of creating a welcoming atmosphere at St. Stephen's where all are called by name, we invite you to design your own nametag this morning in the narthex. First names only in BIG, BOLD LETTERS and with pronouns please! Get as creative as you would like with design. Nametags should be kept at

Holy Eucharist for Welcome Back Sunday & St. Stephen

Prelude: A Theme of Consecration (*R. Thygeron*)

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Opening Hymn: Let Us Build A House (CP#10 vs. 1-2)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak
And words are strong and true
Where all God's children dare to seek
To dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

Presider: The grace of Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect:

Almighty God,
grant us grace that, like Stephen,
we may learn to love all those who you love,

especially the lost and the lonely,
the needy and the marginalized,
and those searching for their heart's true home;
through the one who came not to be served, but to serve,
Jesus Christ our, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Moment

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the Synagogue of the Free (as it was called)—Cy-rēn-i-ans, Alexandrians, and others of those from Ci-ĭ-ci-a and Asia—stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.

Then they secretly procured some false witnesses to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God." They stirred up the people, and the elders and scribes as well. Then they confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. Again they brought forward false witnesses who said, "This man is forever speaking things against this holy place and against the law; for we have heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." All who sat in the council glared at Stephen, but they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "You are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

The Opening Prayer identifies a theme or themes heard in today's service.

The first reading and the Psalm are taken from the Hebrew Bible (known as the Old Testament in the Christian tradition).

*Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Having been fed by Word
and Sacrament we are sent
out into the world to be
witnesses to God's love.*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world to love and serve our God.
Thanks be to God!

*The Children and Youth of the Parish are invited to
gather in the narthex to ring the church bell!*

Postlude: Tocatta in C (J. S. Bach)

*Donations to support the ministry and witness of St. Stephen's
Anglican Church may be left in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.
Electronic donations are accepted via our website.*

*Gather for the Ministry Fair and Lunch!
Please visit the Vision and Values Stations
and add your thoughts.*

*A reminder to return your name tag to the table in the narthex
before leaving the building this morning.*

*There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.*

Prayer after Communion

**God of power, we are nourished by the riches of your grace.
Raise us to new life in your Son Jesus Christ
and fit us for service both in this world, and in the next.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of God, the peace of God, the wildness and warmth
of God, be among us and between us, now and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Open Doors II Update

An alert to our Fall Stewardship Campaign

Closing Hymn: Let Us Build A House (NC#10 vs 3-5)

*Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat
A banquet hall on holy ground
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place*

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Chosen One standing at God's right hand!"

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "O God, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 31:1-7, 16

In you, O God, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**Save me through your loving kindness;
listen to my plea: do not delay, but save me.**

Be my strong rock,
a fortress to keep me safe;
**hide me within the depths
of your stronghold.**

For your name's sake,
show me the way forward.
**Rescue me from the net
others have set secretly for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you are my Saviour, my God of truth.
**I turn from those who cling to worthless idols,
and I put my trust in you, O God.**

I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy;
for you have seen my affliction
and you know my distress.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant:
in your compassion save me.**

Gradual Hymn: Magnificat / Sing Out My Soul (Taize)

*Magnificat. Magnificat. Magnificat animam meam Dominum.
Magnificat. Magnificat. Magnificat animam meam!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:34-39

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said:

I send you prophets, sages, and scribes,
some of whom you will kill and crucify,
and some you will flog in your synagogues
and pursue from town to town;
so that upon you may fall
all the righteous blood shed on earth,
from the blood of righteous Abel
to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah,
whom you murdered
between the sanctuary and the altar.

Truly I tell you,
all this will come upon this generation.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the city that kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to it!

How often have I desired to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
but you were not willing!

See, your house is left to you, desolate.

*We stand for the Gos-
pel Reading in special
reverence for the ac-
counts of the life and
teaching of Jesus.*

Breaking of the Bread/The Fraction (NC#228 vs 1 & 3)

*Here is the bread that is broken for you.
Take it and eat, take it and eat.
Here is the bread that is broken for you;
If you eat you will hunger no more.*

*This is the task I am giving to you:
Be full of love, be full of love.
This is the task I am giving to you:
Love each other as I have loved you.*

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion

Communion Hymn: As We Gather At Your Table (CP#61)

*As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Hagar, Rebekeh, Leah and Rachel. God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, O God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as Jesus taught us, let us pray and sing,

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your
 name; your king-dom come, your will be done on
 earth, as in heav'n. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread; for -
 give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against
 us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-li-ver us from
 e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are
 yours; now and for-ev-er. A-men.

The "Lord's Prayer" is so called because the Gospels record Jesus teaching this prayer to his disciples.

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For I tell you,
 you will not see me again until you say,
 'Blessed is the one
 who comes in the name of our God'.

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Gradual Hymn: Magnificat / Sing Out My Soul (Taize)

*Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.
 Sing out and glorify the Lord who sets us free.
 Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul.
 Sing out and glorify the Lord God.*

Sermon

Interlude: My Jesus I Love You (C. Tornquist)

The Prayers of the People

Anne Brown

The Prayers of the People place the concerns of our hearts before God: for the world, for the Church, and for those in need.

The Peace

The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace in a socially distanced way.

The Passing of the Peace reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Anthem: Jesus Christ Is Waiting (NP#128 vs 1-2, 4-5)

*Jesus Christ is waiting, Waiting in the streets;
 No one is his neighbour, All alone he eats.
 Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
 Make me, friend or stranger, Fit to wait on you*

*Jesus Christ is raging, Raging in the streets,
 Where injustice spirals And real hope retreats.
 Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
 In the Kingdom's causes Let me rage with you.*

The "Eucharist" comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving. This prayer is also known as the Great Thanksgiving.

*Jesus Christ is dancing, Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard Let me dance with you.*

*Jesus Christ is calling, Calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, Let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer over the Gifts

**Gracious God,
we give you thanks
for the witness of your servant Stephen.
Accept our offering this day
that through us consolation may come to those who suffer
and hope to those who wait.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our crucified Saviour. Amen.**

*This prayer offers
thanksgiving for God's
revelation to us in Je-
sus Christ, God's
"Word made flesh".*

The Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you.
And also in you.
Come to the table with thankful hearts.
We open our hearts to God and to one another.

At your command, O God, all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us
the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed
your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

*Today's Eucharistic
Prayer is adapted from
the Book of Common
Prayer (Episcopal
Church, US), Eucharis-
tic Prayer C.*

*Throughout the liturgi-
cal year, St. Stephen's
prays Eucharistic texts
from around the global
Anglican Communion.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets
and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the
fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to
fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly
chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all
those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to
proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

And so, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and
made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before
you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the
Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the
blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and
said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do
this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and
said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new
Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the
remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**