

Welcome to St Stephen's

BELVEDERE

Francis of Assisi wasn't raised to be religious. He was raised to be a business man and a warrior. After his imprisonment and his sickness and his many failures at trying to recapture his insouciance, eventually he knew what he wanted and that was Christ himself. And he did nothing halfway: he renounced his wealth; he renounced his family; and, taking on holy orders, he started to rebuild churches.

And people abused him for it. They threw sticks at him and rejected him. They thought the fever he got in prison had ruined his mind. But Francis stayed true to what God had called him to do. He responded graciously to those who scorned him. "Let's put another stone up. I just need one more. I need a stone over here." And the same people who threw sticks at him began handing him stones. And the king of the party in his youth, the one whose parents gave him money so he could buy drinks all around, has been buying drinks all around ever since. Welcome to St Stephen's.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

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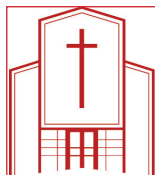
4th October 2020 | The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



**The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God,
by Linda Berg
in loving memory of
Bruce Berg.**

Serving at the Altar Today

Scripture Reader	George Brown [Exodus lesson]
Scripture Reader	Lois Cannady [Philippians lesson]
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Matheus L. Coura
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Director of Parish Music	John Karl Hirten
Stream Team	Oliver Dugan, Alec Marasa, Kelly Perasso, Jack Putney, Phoebe Putney
Preacher	The Rev'd Christine Trainor
Celebrant	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4th October 2020 | 10:00 AM

Proper 22 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Worship is a verb. from the Altar of this sacred space to the altar of your heart in the sacred space of your home. We welcome you to join us in the active worship of God. This service is based on the Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982, printed herein.

For ease of use, this leaflet contains the live stream congregation portions of the liturgy, service music, and hymn lyrics.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Pledge Appeal 2021 Testimonial

Special Entry

At the Procession

Hymn 537, stanzas 1 – 4 *Christ for the world we sing*

MOSCOW

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal:
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer:
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord:
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song:
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

— Samuel Wolcott (1813 – 1886)

The Acclamation

Celebrant The world belongs to God.
People **The earth and all its people.**
Celebrant How good it is, how wonderful
People **To live together in community.**
Celebrant Love and faith come together.
People **Justice and peace hold hands.**
Celebrant Were Christ's disciples to keep silent
People **These stones would shout aloud.**
Celebrant Open our lips, O God,
People **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

Canticle *Holy is God*

Paul Inwood (b. 1951)

Refrain [r]

**Holy is God, holy and strong!
God ever living, alleluia!**

Sing the Lord's praise, every nation, give God all honor and glory.
Strong is God's love for all people, his faithfulness is eternal. — [r]

Praise to the Father almighty; praise to the Son, Christ the Lord;
praise to the life-giving Spirit; both now and forever. Amen. — [r]

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Exodus 20. 1 – 4, 7 – 9, 12 – 20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19. 8, 10, 12 – 14 *Caeli enarrant*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

Antiphon: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is pure, abiding for ever.

The judgements of the Lord are true; they are, all of them, just.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect their own errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant; may it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean me from grave sin.

Antiphon: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The Epistle Reading **Philippians 3. 4b – 14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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People Thanks be to God.

The people stand and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.

At the Sequence *Alleluia*

Michael Vulpius (1570 – 1615)

Sung three times



The Holy Gospel Matthew 21. 33 – 46

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The preacher says a prayer and then bids the people to sit.

The Homily

Christine Trainor

The Prayers of the People

Cantor: We pray . . .

The musical notation is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and is labeled 'Leader'. It contains the melody for 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and is labeled 'All'. It contains the accompaniment for the same text. The lyrics are: Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.

During the Prayers of the People, please join the intercessor in reading aloud the names on the prayer list.

We pray for those needful or desirous of our prayers, including

Tom, and Ann.

We pray for those who have died, including **Carol Treasure, Paul Martori, Richard Landvatter, and Ruth Bader Ginsberg.**

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Bruce Oscar Berg, Carol Sarappa Arnold, Meeta Campbell Cook King, and Thomas Mello.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession *Said by all, kneeling or standing.*

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People The people respond with the **bolded** sentences.

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and change us.

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and renew us.

O God, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word, enable us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

The Absolution The Celebrant pronounces an absolution.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Please remember to support the church financially through your pledge or contribution, which you can send by mail to St Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920 or donate online by way of St Stephen's Paypal account button at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

At the Offertory *Teach me, O Lord*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your sta - tutes,
and I shall keep it — to the end.

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Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *

and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *

I shall keep it with all my heart. — Refrain [r]

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *

for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *

and not to unjust gain. [r]

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *

give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *

which you make to those who fear you. [r]

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *

because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *

in your righteousness preserve my life. [r]

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Musical notation for the hymn 'Old Hundredth'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'

The Great Thanksgiving

— *From the Eucharistic Liturgy of the
Scottish Episcopal Church, 1982*

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also in 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

Worship and praise belong to you, maker of light and darkness. Your wisdom draws beauty from chaos, brings a harvest out of sorrow, and leads the exiles home. In Christ your Son, enemies are reconciled, debts forgiven and strangers made welcome.

The Celebrant proceeds.

We who by Christ's power follow the way of the Cross, sharing the joy of his obedience, now offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we sing the hymn of your unending glory:

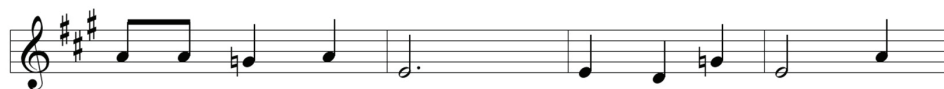
Sanctus *Norfolk Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

The people remain standing and sing.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,



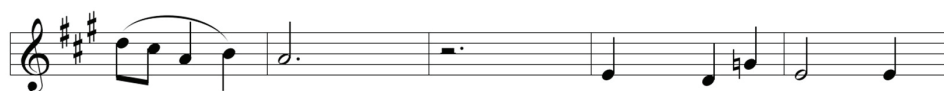
God of power and might, Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-



san - na in the high-est, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the



high - est. Blessed is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-



san - na, ho-san - na in the high-est, ho-san - na, ho-



san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for Christ in whom the world is reconciled. Lifted on the cross, his suffering and forgiveness spanned the gulf our sins had made. Through that dark struggle, death was swallowed up in victory, that life and light might reign.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, and at supper with his disciples, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of your Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for service.

Help us, who are gathered into the community of Christ's body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *Together*

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.

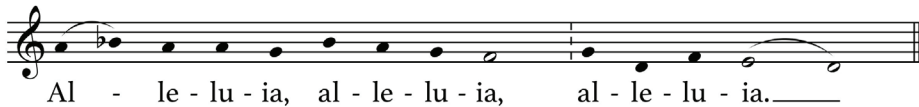
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

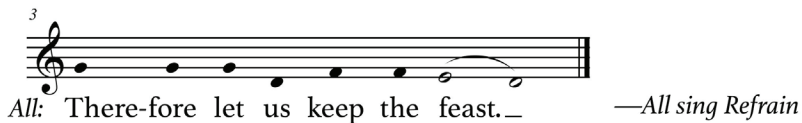
At the Breaking of the Bread

Peregrine Tone

Repeat refrain after the cantor the first time.



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Peace

Invitation

At the Communion

How will I receive the Sacrament if not by mouth? By faith. The Church has been through pestilence and passed its wisdom down to us in the Book of Common Prayer. Here's the rubric [instruction] from the 1689 Prayer Book translated into contemporary Californian: "But if a person, either by reason of extremity of sickness or . . . by any other just impediment, cannot receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood: the Clergy shall instruct them that if they repent of their sins, and believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for them, and shed his Blood for their redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits they have received thereby . . . they eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Christ profitably to their soul's health, although they do not receive the Sacrament with their mouth."

Via live stream you will receive what Tradition calls Spiritual Communion. Inclining your hearts, you will eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.

Communion Music *The people sit.*

Communion Hymn 474 *When I survey the wondrous cross* ROCKINGHAM

When I survey the wondrous cross
 where the Prince of Glory died,
 my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 save in the death of Christ my God:
 all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
 sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

— Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

The Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving *The people stand.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Said by all.

Almighty Creator of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit enlightens, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *The people remain standing and respond Amen at the conclusion.*

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those you love this day and always. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner-stone
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness, hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

— 7th C. Latin, *tr.* by John Mason Neale (1818 – 1866) *alt.*

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace, caring for creation, serving Christ,
and sharing the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Postlude

– Music Notes –

Amongst David Hurd's numerous works for congregation and choir, "Teach me, O Lord" never fails to make a positive impression. This setting of Psalm 119 was written in 1979 for the closing Eucharist of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Association of Anglican Musicians. The entire piece is set over an eight-measure ostinato accompaniment for the organ in E major. The refrain, which hovers around the dominant, feels modal and is sung first in unison and then in four parts by the choir with the congregation singing the melody. By contrast, the first two choral verses project a spare two-part texture, increasing in complexity for each verse. After the final refrain, out of nowhere, each singer in the choir is given a series of notes to be sung in random fashion. The overall effect, according to the composer, is "a gently undulating cluster of pitches of the E-major scale." The choir keeps singing this way over several repetitions of the ground and the piece ends quietly. This piece clearly does not follow the traditional format of a congregational song, and it benefits from that approach.

The text "Christ for the world we sing" was written by Samuel Wolcott (1813 – 1886) while he was pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, Cleveland. In 1869, he was a delegate to the 25th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association (many people don't realize that the YMCA was founded as a group that aimed to put Christian principals into people's daily practice, and having a healthy body was only one aspect of that). Wolcott served as a missionary in Syria and was deeply impressed by the motto for the convention, "Christ for the world, and the world for Christ." He would develop that into the hymn we know today.

The tune MOSCOW was originally paired with the text "Come thou, almighty King" (Hymn 365), and both are examples of an alternate definition of the word "parody." Today we understand the word as "creating a composition based on a previous one which imitates the original in an intentionally mocking way," but it can also be defined as "making use of a preexisting composition to create a new one." Both the original text and the tune were parodies of "God save the King," and the idea was to create an anthem that would be sung by the church that put the reign of God in the proper perspective vis-à-vis the reign of a earthly ruler. The later text became popular in the early 20th C. The tune name reflects the place of the death of the composer, Felice de Gardini.

If you miss hearing the St Stephen's Choir, please visit this link to a Zoom recording of them singing, *Ave Verum Corpus*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756 – 1791):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f3iycb3umin7wkk/AAD3NVe6FMmmvgUkmdqkUtwa?dl=0>

— Liturgical Notes —

The 6th of October is the Feast of William Tyndale (1494 – 1536). We can't let this day go by without thanking old Will. Here is a sample of language that we'd be without but for him:

And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. With God all things are possible. In him we live and move and have our being. Be not weary in well doing. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. Am I my brother's keeper? Ye are the salt of the earth. The signs of the times. The patience of Job. The powers that be. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

Ask yourself what it would be like to write sentences that people are still using 500 years later. It is hard to imagine a time more completely presentist than our own, more tethered to the immediate. Just so, it's good to belong to a community that keeps company with those who no longer happen to be walking around.

— Blessing of the Animals —

The Feast of St Francis of Assisi [patron saint of animals], 4th October, falls on this Sunday this year. Phil and Christine blessed animals in the Courtyard **last Saturday and Sunday**. Every blessing was recorded in a short video clip. The Stream Team stitched each clip together to create a video that is integrated into our livestream broadcasting today. Look for a surprise near the beginning of the service. It could be ruff.

—PCE+

– Announcements –

Eventbrite Link for 11th October, 8:00 am service.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/courtyard-service-registration-123524660585>

Registration for 18 people, 10 on the wait list. Goes live this Saturday, 3rd October and closes on 8th October at Noon.

For all St Stephen's live streams and virtual offerings, please go to the **ST STEPHEN'S CENTRAL** page on our website at

<http://ststephenschurch.org/>.

Visit *Together Apart*, the almost daily clergy blog, at

<https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

Stay Connected with Bible Studies and discussions that continue online via Zoom. Go to St Stephen's Central at ststephenschurch.org for all links. Today at 9a is a class on the Resurrection as part of the Slow Religion series. More information follows on the next set of pages.

Film Society with Donald Sung, 7th October 2020, 8:00 pm. Zoom links on St Stephen's Central.: <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-11%20Worship/styled-4%20St%20Stephens%20Central/index.html>

Live Stream | We seek your feedback on your experience with the quality of the livestream. Are you having technical difficulties with livestream sound? Video? Glitches? Please email Elizabeth Gravelly to let us know.

- St Stephen's has moved the livestream channel to YouTube. All upcoming livestreams, as well as those from 8.16.20, and forward, are available on this channel. If you subscribe with your Google account, you can always doublecheck for the most recent version of the current livestream, as well as view those archived since the changeover. Go to what is now St Stephen's unique url for this channel: <https://www.youtube.com/ststephensbelvedere>
Save this in your browser favorites.

Pledge Appeal 2021: Pledge appeal packages were mailed on the 17th of September. If you have not received yours, pledge cards can be downloaded from Ststephenschurch.org, or contact the office. Look for the pledge link on the bottom right side of the home page. You can fill out, scan, and email it to [office\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office[at]ststephenschurch.org) or send by mail. By submitting your pledge card

by 27th October, you partner with your Parish in planning St Stephen's future.

Please know that whatever amount you pledge is sincerely appreciated. By simply making a pledge of any amount, you cast your heart and thoughtful support for St Stephen's and the church community you want it to be.

Stewardship Ingathering on Sunday, 18th October

To help the vestry plan for the next calendar year, you are encouraged to get your 2021 pledge into the office by 27th October.

To celebrate your generosity and faithful support of the mission and ministry of this parish, we will hold a joyful **Ingathering** at the 10 am service on 18th October with a special blessing at the Offertory of all pledges received into the office by **Wednesday, 14th October**.

Virtual Prayer Corner | To light a candle in the virtual prayer corner, please see the instructions on the *St Stephen's Central* webpage of the website <http://ststephenschurch.org/> under **Pastoral Care** or download the pdf link in your Saturday morning *Tidings* (*St Stephen's Church News*).

Floral Donations | In order to protect the health of St Stephen's Altar Guild members, the floral display will remain a phalaenopsis orchid plant until the church can resume physical services, and it is once again safe to create changing floral arrangements. Your continued floral donations help support the livestream services.

Clergy Pastoral Care | The clergy may be contacted at the office number: 415-435-4501 by leaving a voicemail. After hours, if you have a pastoral emergency, call or text the Clergy On Call number, 415-328-8812.

Please make sure that St Stephen's has your correct email and that you are currently receiving the weekly email and eNews from us. If you have updates to your contact information, please email Elizabeth Gravely, Rector's Executive Assistant, as soon as possible: elizabeth[at]ststephenschurch. Don't miss the Live stream Sunday Services, Zoom Bible Studies, and teleconference events that are available to you. If you do not receive *St Stephen's Tidings* on Saturday at 6:00a, look in your junk mail first. Please add dee[at]ststephenschurch.org into your address book to prevent this issue.

— Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums —

This Sunday 4th October, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit | Resurrection

Building on the Jewish and Greek/Roman traditions, this week's class starts a discussion of the Resurrection and the development of the Christian faith and prayer life.

Life, ministry, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the increasing prominence of the Holy Spirit as witnessed in the Gospels. Comparative views of the evolution of the creed and prayer life from 1st century Judaism to Jesus. Sources include Gospels and Roman texts. We will reflect on how do we discern God's presence and command and how do we respond when God becomes active in our lives? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

Sunday 11th, October 11, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century
Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit

Please read above content from 4th October. The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

Sunday, 18th October, 9:00 — 1:00 am Zoom

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century
The Early Church (40 — 400 CE)

How the early Christian community experienced the Holy Spirit, expanded its communal prayer life, built the foundation of the Church and creeds (confession and profession of faith) and differentiated and defended itself from the influences of Judaism and Greek philosophy. We will reflect on how do we connect with the Holy Spirit in our lives, experience God's love and acceptance, and find the strength to love and serve God in the world around us? The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

Sunday 25th October, 9:00 — 1:00 am Zoom TBA

Religion as romanticism. Led by Karl Belgum

Sunday 1 November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century

The Early Church (40 — 400 CE)

Please read the description above from 18th October. The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

Sunday 15th November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance. Led by Karl Belgum.

— St Stephen's Kids | Godly Play Stories at Home —



This Sunday's Video Link for 4th October is *The Holy Family*:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arZJPdXrEV4>

Normally during the school year we teach Godly Play classes to students, but since we are separated by County Health and Bishop Marc's directives, we will send you videos you can watch on demand. We understand that many children are dealing with more screen time than usual, but we're not willing to cede that space entirely to schools. It is important to find spiritual help for your children from your church. I recommend that you watch each Godly Play story as a family, at a set time convenient each week if possible. You are raising a child in the knowledge and love of the Lord, to love God and neighbor. That is a huge responsibility. And it is at the same time a great privilege, a gift.

Prior Video Links:

Introduction for parents: <https://youtu.be/wJAYfWzmHPg>

The Church Year: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPTWqtAsCao>

Please feel free to contact directly Victoria Ellsworth if you have any questions or need any advice on how to share your faith lovingly with children.

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– Pledge Appeal 2021 –

Pledge and Participate in St Stephen's Growing Ministry Today

Meg & Steve Abbott

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Timothy Curtin

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Helen Sandeman

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Anita Ostrom & Richard Schaper

Phyllis Garrick

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Jennie Taylor

Jo Ann Haseltine

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Zebiya Rigby

John Karl Hirten

Karen Young & J. Morrow Otis

Pledges received as of 1st October 2020.

Thanks to your support of St Stephen's.

Attributed traditionally to St Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226)
Whose Feast Day this year is today.

The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

Although he came from a wealthy family, St Francis developed a burning desire as a young man to emulate Our Lord in his love of charity and voluntary poverty. He went so far at one point as to sell his horse, and cloth from his father's store, to help pay for the rebuilding of a church!

— Pledging Process —

Pray. Begin in prayer by asking God to guide you.

Give proportionally. Proportional giving is offering to God a portion of what God has given us. A traditional guideline for tithing is 10 percent of one's income, given in gratitude for God's blessings and to further God's work in the world. Giving a percentage of our income — increasing each year toward or beyond the tithe — is a way of deepening our awareness of the abundance of God's love.

Decide how you want to make your pledge. There are several options:

1. Make a one-time gift. Place a check in the mail it to us at St Stephen's Church, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920.
2. Make a pledge of a weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Email Elizabeth Gravely [elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org] or Betsy Menzel [betsy@ststephenschurch.org], or leave a voicemail for either one of them at 415-435-4501. Elizabeth will receive your voicemail on the main number, and Betsy can be reached at ex. 15.
3. Give online. Click the contributions link on our website to: <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html> then click the donate button to go directly to St Stephen's PayPal Account. If you don't have or wish to use a PayPal Account and prefer to use your credit card, scroll to the bottom of the PayPal page where it reads "Don't have a PayPal account?" and click the continue button to open the credit card page.
4. Gifts of Stock. Donating your securities to St Stephen's Church provides you a tax deduction based upon current market values and saves you paying capital gains taxes on your donated investment. Please contact the office to execute this transaction.
5. Join our Legacy Society. Make a legacy gift in your estate planning. Contact the Rev'd Richard Schaper [rlschaper@gmail.com].

— St Stephen's Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour —



Join In This Sunday, 4th October 2020, For A Zoom Coffee Hour

Grab a cup of coffee after the livestream worship service this Sunday and join in for a social hour! Father Schaper and Donald Sung will co-host a casual conversation. Join in when you can following the service. The gathering will run from 11:00 am until 11:45 am.

Get the Zoom link from your *Tidings* or St Stephen's Central webpage:

<http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-11%20Worship/styled-4%20St%20Stephens%20Central/index.html>

Meeting ID: 822 8734 2504

Passcode: 229564

Participants will be muted on the Zoom call upon entry. [Zoom directions and etiquette as pdfs on St Stephen's Central.]

—Disaster Relief—

Hurricane Laura

As the Episcopal Relief Development acts quickly to assist those impacted by #Hurricane Laura and other devastating storms, we urgently ask for your support. Make a donation to our hurricane relief fund and help us assist Episcopal dioceses in the Gulf Coast, who have extensive experience responding to disasters — not to mention powerful communications networks.

Please give today: <http://bit.ly/HurricaneLaura20FB>

California Wildfires

Neighboring relief providers have asked that instead of items, monetary donations be directed to the North Coast Opportunities/Mendo Lake Credit Union Lake County Wildfire Relief Fund:

<https://www.ncoinc.org/disaster-recovery/>

with a memo for “Valley Fire.” The Red Cross suggests visiting:

www.redcross.org

to contribute financial aid or texting the word “REDCROSS” to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

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