

Welcome to St Stephen's

BELVEDERE

I've never felt myself a natural at saying prayers, therefore I pray by any means at hand. One such means is the Rosary. The Rosary puts in my mouth fifteen of the Gospel events (the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and so on) each of which focuses my prayers, helps me to locate myself *in conspectu Dei*.

Prayer, like baseball pitching, is mostly about location. I slow down my scattered mind enough to find a place before God and then I stay there for a while. The Hail Mary is a way of repeating Gabriel's salutation to this woman whose life and devotion we celebrate. We put ourselves in line with the many generations who want to call her Blessed. Mary is the one of us who was taken most deeply and intimately into the drama of redemption. The prophets and apostles bore witness to the Word: Mary bore the Word.

Welcome to St Stephen's.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

- If you're new via the livestream, please email [office\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:office@ststephenschurch.org) to let us know who you are, to ask questions, or to make comments.
- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.
- If you are ready to inquire about membership, want us to pray for you or someone you name, or you'd like a call from one of our priests, please email office@ststephenschurch.org.
- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Central page.
- Visit *Together Apart*, the daily clergy blog, at <https://ststephensbelvedere.squarespace.com/>

16th AUGUST 2020 | THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN



**Today's flowers are given in thanksgiving
for the first responders, hospital workers, and scientists
who are working tirelessly to alleviate the impact of the
COVID-19 pandemic,
and also in unity and support for those protesting
for racial equality and social justice.
With love to this community and everyone everywhere,
Chris Simpson Brent and Bruce Brent.**

Floral donations support the livestream service.

Serving at the Altar Today

Readers	Janice Dalzell-Piper, Lance Dalzell-Piper
Soprano	Judith Ward Hall
Alto	Matheus L. Coura
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Director of Parish Music	John Karl Hirten
Livestream Production Crew	Oliver Dugan, Alec Marasa, Jack Putney
Preacher	The Rev'd Christine Tully Trainor
Celebrant	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN

16th August 2020 | 10:00 AM

Proper 15 transferred | 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.

At the Procession

Hymn 232 *By all your saints still striving*

NYLAND

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

We sing with joy of Mary whose heart with awe was stirred
when, youthful and unready, she heard the angel's word;
yet she her voice upraises, God's glory to proclaim,
at once for our salvation your mother she became.

Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne,
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.

— Horatio Bolton Nelson (1823 – 1913)

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 13 *Benedictus es, Domine*

THE IMPERIAL TUNE (c. 1630)

Glory to you, Lord God of our ancestors;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for Saint Mary the Virgin

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

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Isaiah 61. 10 – 11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 34. 1 – 6 *Gustate et videte | Benedicam Dominum* Stephen Dean (b. 1948)

Refrain [r]

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good. The Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips.

The Lord shall be the glory of my soul.

The humble shall hear and be glad. — [r]

Glorify the Lord with me, together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord, he answered me;

he set me free from all my fear. — [r]

Look upon the Lord and be radiant;

Hide not your face from the Lord.

He heard the cry of the poor;

he rescued them from all their woes — [r]

The Holy Gospel Luke 1. 46 – 55

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

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

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

After the homily, the people stand to say the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed *Standing*

We 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 \times resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Cantor: We pray . . .

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Leader' and contains the melody for 'Lord, in your mer - cy'; the second part is labeled 'All' and contains the melody for 'Hear our prayer.' The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and provides a harmonic accompaniment for the 'All' part.

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

Deirdre, Lynn, Dan, Robert, Martha, and Carol.

We pray for those who have died, including **Bobby Hall, Sean McGee,**
and **Alexander Knepper.**

And on their Year's Mind, we remember and pray for **Dottie Hayes,** and
Preston James Hirten.

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 *Ave Maria*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548 — 1611)

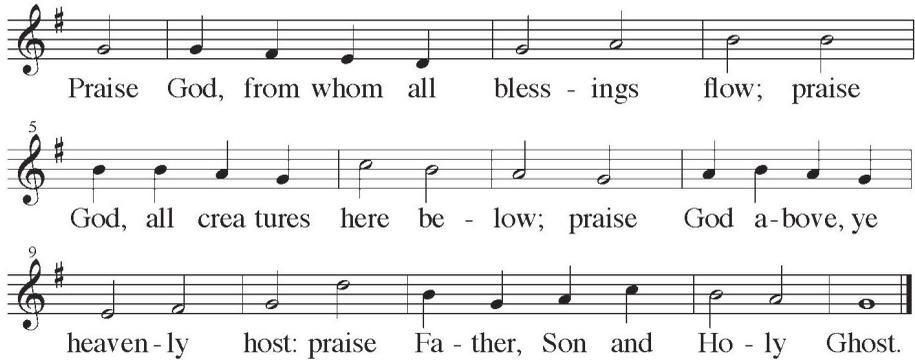
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly 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 *Rose Hill Mass*

John Karl Hirten (b. 1956)

The people remain standing and sing.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r 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. Blest 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

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

Communion Hymn 656 *Blest are the pure in heart* FRANCONIA

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;

who to the lowly soul will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

— John Keble (1792 –1866) & William John Hall (1793 – 1861), *alt.*

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

Gracious God, in this great sacrament, we have come into the presence of Jesus Christ, your Son. Born of the Virgin Mary and crucified for our salvation. May we who eat and drink from this holy food, declare our faith in this fountain of love and mercy, sharing in Christ's everlasting life.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and ever more. **Amen.**

At the Retiring Procession

Hymn 620 *Jerusalem, my happy home*

LAND OF REST

Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?
Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

There David stands with harp in hand
as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blessed
who might this music hear.

Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

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 –

The *Ave Maria* text is the Latin version of the “Hail Mary” prayer. In the Western Catholic tradition, it forms the basis of the *Rosary* and the *Angelus*, two prayer cycles often said daily by monks and laypersons, but not found in the Mass. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox churches, on the other hand, do incorporate the prayer into their formal worship. The first part of the text is a conflation of two greetings for Mary as found in the Gospel of Luke while the second part, which was added during the Council of Trent in 1566, is a petition to Mary as the Mother of God to intercede for us who are sinners. For Roman Catholics throughout the world, it is often the first prayer they are taught as children.

Tomás Luis de Victoria is considered by many to be on the same artistic plane as Palestrina and Byrd, even as his body of work is considerably smaller and/or as yet undiscovered. He started as a choirboy at the cathedral in Ávila and would later go to Rome, where he studied at the Jesuit German College as a seminarian and singer. At a young age, he attained several important musical posts and would publish his first book of motets at age 24. Most of his output dates from the time he was in Rome, from 1565 until 1587, when he had resettled in Spain.

Several different sources have been found for the anonymous text “Jerusalem, my happy home,” but it is thought to be by Francis Baker, a Roman Catholic priest, who based it on a meditation by Augustine on the hoped-for peace of Jerusalem (not so much the Jerusalem of Palestine, but the heavenly city, where all will be peace and joy). Part of its popularity lies in its association with the early American folk tune, *Land of Rest*.

– Announcements –

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.

Donald Sung leads a *film discussion* on **Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm**. Please check the website for exact summer dates. Next one is 19th August.

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 Gravely to let us know.

- *A tip from Rod Hall:* If you are having audio problems, try not watching the stream live but clicking on the url later — perhaps at 11:15 — and downloading the video.
- **If you log on to the Livestream prior to 10:00 am**, and then have trouble with viewing at the 10:00 hour, refresh your browser and the livestream should reset to stream.

Please see this week's *St Stephen's Church News* for an update on regathering in the month of September.

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 Church News* on Saturday at 6:00a, look in your junk mail first. It helps to add dee[at]ststephenschurch.org into your address book.

– Sacred Ground –

***Sacred Ground* Dialogue Circles On Race Forming at St Stephen's Church
August 15, 2020 update**

A number of people at St Stephen's Church participated in the organizational survey to form a Dialogue Circle in our parish, as we join thousands of participants across the Episcopal Church meeting to undertake the Sacred Ground program together in community. Each group can have up to 14 members. We have 5 spots available in this pilot group. If you are interested in participating and have not had the chance to sign up, please take the survey to express your interest. Our first organizational meeting will be Tuesday, August 25th at 7 pm.

Sacred Ground is a:

10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. The curriculum is not intended as a comprehensive summary, but rather a starting point for discussion as participants connect historical narratives with their own life experiences. "*Sacred Ground* is a time and opportunity to hear the story of our past with regard to race, to hear our stories of our pasts," Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in a video statement released with the curriculum's February 2019 launch. "From the travail and the reality of all those stories may emerge hope for a new day."

If you would be interested in participating in a Dialogue Circle at St Stephen's Church, [please click here to take an organizational survey](#).

If you would like to read more about the *Sacred Ground* program, [please click here](#).

To read about *Sacred Ground's* current impact through Dialogue Circles across the Episcopal Church, please go to the [Episcopal News Service article here](#).

We are grateful for your continued interest in growth and discipleship.

Peace,
Christine +

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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