

Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

We wonder if God has abandoned us; and when we do we panic. Moses did. In Exodus 33, Moses and God behave the way my wife and I did now and then when our four kids were in four different private schools, she teaching in one of them and I working as a full-time priest. Moses is shepherd of Israel. He launches his invective against God: “‘Look,’ you have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. . . . Just you remember that *this* nation is *your* people!”

We want to trust God. We want to be useful to God. For us as for Moses this can mean that we find ourselves beyond our competence, afraid of what God demands, and feeling abandoned to circumstances for which our own resources are inadequate. In Exodus, Moses panics over this. What calms him is the request he makes to God as he’s decompensating: “Show me your glory,” he says. That is an outrageous request to make of God. We encourage you to make it. Welcome to St Stephen’s.

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

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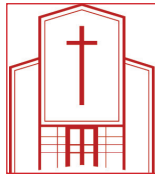
18th October 2020 | The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



The flowers at the altar today are given by
Elizabeth Gravely
to the glory of God & in loving memory of
Lucie Lane Gravely & Frank Thomas Gravely.

Serving at the Altar Today

Scripture Reader	John Busterud [Exodus lesson]
Scripture Reader	Andrew Purvis [1 Thessalonians 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

18th October 2020 | 10:00 AM

Proper 24 | 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

At the Procession

Hymn 544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun*

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

— Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748))

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Exodus 33. 12 – 33

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put

you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

Thomas Attwood (1765 – 1838)

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.*

The Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians I. 1 – 10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

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 22. 15 – 22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 . . .

Musical notation for the beginning of the prayer. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into two parts: 'Leader' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

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
Gwen, Stanley, Kristina, Liana, Tom, and Ann.

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

And, on their Year's Mind, we remember **Lucie Lane Gravely,**
Ralph Joseph Stanwise, and John Townsley Bolton.

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 *Give almes of thy goods* Christopher Tye (1500 – 1572)

Give almes of thy goods, and turn not thy face from any poor man.
And then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

The Doxology *The people stand and sing.* 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 with 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,

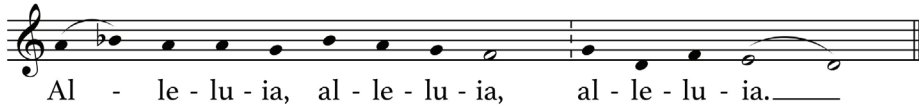
The Lord's Prayer *Together*

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.

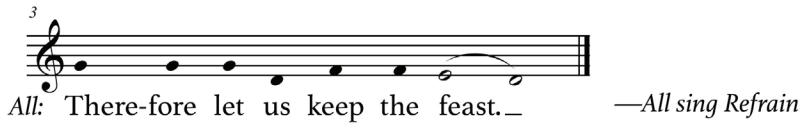
At the Breaking of the Bread

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 684 *O for a closer walk with God*

CAITHNESS

Stanzas 1 – 6

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame,
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew
when first I sought the Lord?
Where is the soul refreshing view
of Jesus and his word?

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne
and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

— William Cowper (1731 – 1800)

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 362, stanzas 1, 3, & 4 *Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
 though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
 only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee,
 perfect in power in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea;
 Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

—Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826)

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 text of “Jesus shall reign” was written by Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748) and was part of his *Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (1719). Like most of the hymns from this book, it is a paraphrase of the second part of Psalm 72, and was originally entitled “Christ’s Kingdom among the Gentiles.” Watts, like many missionary-minded Christians at the time, felt that the psalms were prophetic visions of Christ’s life, and that the “king” of the psalm was Christ, whose kingdom would stretch around the world. Watts is well represented in *Hymnal 1982*, with sixteen different hymns.

The *Wikipedia* entry on Christopher Tye (c. 1505 – c. 1572) is worth reprinting here.

[He was choirmaster of Ely Cathedral from about 1543 and also organist there from 1559. The title page to Tye’s *Actes of the Apostles* describes him as *one of the Gentlemen of his grace’s most honourable chapel*, and he may have been music teacher to King Edward VI, who reportedly quoted his father, Henry VIII, as saying, “England hath one God, one truth, one doctor hath for music’s art, and that is Doctor Tye, admired for skill in music’s harmony.”

Tye remained at Ely under the reign of the Roman Catholic Queen Mary despite his apparent Protestant leanings. In 1560 or 1561 he resigned his post at Ely and took holy orders, becoming Rector of Doddington, Cambridgeshire. He died in 1572 or 1573, apparently still active under Elizabeth, for a contemporary of Tye relates that “Dr Tye was a peevish and humoursome man, especially in his latter dayes, and sometimes playing on ye Organ in ye chap. of qu. Elizab. wh. contained much musick, but little of delight to the ear, she would send ye verger to tell him yt he play’d out of Tune: whereupon he sent word yt her ears were out of Tune.”] —from *wikipedia.org*

— St Stephen's Choir —

In order for the links to be active links, available to click through, they must be all on one line and the actual link.

Back virtually for your enjoyment, 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://bit.ly/3iMkEQy>

— All Saints Remembrance —

St Stephen's will remember in prayer on All Saints Day, the names of those who passed away between 28th October 2019 through 25th October 2020. Most names will already be on the list. Please check the list by clicking on the link below. If the name of someone you lost last year is not on the list, please add it to this live document.

<https://bit.ly/36KWsvr>

— Floral Donations for 2021 —

The 2021 Flower Chart is virtual this year. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The regular donation for flowers is \$150. You will be contacted the week prior to your Sunday week for your floral dedication which appears in the online pdf of the leaflet, in *Tidings*, and on Facebook. You may send your check with Altar Flowers written in the memo line, and your dedication to the office in advance, or the week of your dedication, or email the office with permission to charge your credit card. If you have any questions, please email Barbara Garcia-Romero at [barbara.c.garciaromero \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:barbara.c.garciaromero@gmail.com) or Barbara Berling at [berling1\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:berling1[at]gmail.com). Although, until services safely begin again, the arrangement will be an orchid plant, your donation will also go to the Livestream. St Stephen's 2021 Altar Flower Chart Live Document:

<https://bit.ly/3iFUSgH>

– 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/>.

Eventbrite Link for 25th October, 8:00 am courtyard service.

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

Registration for 20 people, 10 on the wait list. Goes live this Saturday, 18th October and closes on 22nd October at Noon. If it is raining, the service will be cancelled.

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. Please see the next set of pages for all St Stephen's Bible Studies and Forum offerings. The Next Film Society will meet on **21st October, 4:30 pm**.

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.

- 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.

25th October Stewardship Ingathering | Pledges for 2021 received by next Wednesday, 21st October will be blessed during the Offertory next Sunday, to mark the end of the formal phase of the Pledge Appeal campaign. We will continue to accept pledges through to 28th December. Thanks to all who have sent in their pledges.

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

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. Please see the link on the previous page to sign up for 2021.

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](mailto: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. It helps to add [dee\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:dee[at]ststephenschurch.org) into your address book.

— Fall Adult Bible Studies and Sunday Forums —

Sunday, 18th October, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

Slow Religion: The Foundations of Christian Faith in the 21st Century
Resurrection the Parable/Metaphor View

Resurrection is the starting point of the Christian faith. Controversial from the start, it beckons us across 2,000 years as both mystery and history. This week's class will look at the Resurrection through the Parable/Metaphor View. From this view's perspective the issue in the Resurrection stories is not "Did they happen or not?", but rather "What do they mean?".

Please see the pdf in this week's *Tidings* and the listed readings for this Sunday. The series is led by Joe Jennings and the Rev'd Zoila Schoenbrun.

Sunday 25th October, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom TBA

Religion as romanticism. William Blake, as a Christian. We will want to spend a little time with *The Chimney Sweepers, London, Little Lamb, Tyger*, and of course *Jerusalem*. I hope someone in our group was a literature major or art history major and will step forward to add to the conversation! Led by Karl Belgum.
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Sunday 1st November, 9:00 — 10:00 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 15th November, 9:00 — 10:00 am Zoom

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



This Sunday's Video Link: The Ark and the Flood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6u6E4yEZhUE>

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, each week we 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=JPTWqrAsCao>

The Holy Bible: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bPxFp91qMb4>

The Holy Family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arZJPdXrEV4>

Creation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBZSfu9TyrY>

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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— 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, 18th 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! Christine Simpson Brent 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.]

— St Stephen's Church Addresses Food Insecurity —

"I was hungry and you fed me..." (Matthew 25:35)

Nearly one in eight American households does not have enough to eat today. Numbers of households facing food insecurity in Marin County continue to grow. The economic strain of the coronavirus pandemic has more of our neighbors turning to food banks and outreach locations for help feeding their families.

St Stephen's Lunch Wagon

St Stephen's Church volunteers work with other volunteers in the surrounding community to make 85-135 meal bags per week for distribution at St Vincent's and Open Door Ministries. Meal bags typically include a hearty sandwich, fruit, a sweet (donated by Sweet Things), chips, a napkin — and lots of love.

Pre-pandemic, St Vincent's Free Dining Room on B Street in San Rafael fed a hot meal twice a day to hungry guests. The present alternative allows for guests to receive a nutritious meal in a bag. Each week, these meals are prepared by devoted volunteers and distributed to grateful neighbors, many of whom are marginally housed or not at all.

How you can help

Kind notes, prayers, and drawings to insert in meal bags. All ages are invited to make kind notes, prayers, and drawings at home to be inserted into the meal bags. A box/ basket will be located outside the door into the lobby from the courtyard for you to deposit your kind messages. The best size is 6.5" x 8.5" (half of an 8.5" x 11" paper). The office staff will collect notes on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Underwriting expenses to buy food and supplies. Because of food donations, we are able to assemble our bag meals for under \$1.22 each. Additional funding has allowed the production of more than 100 meals a week. Your donations help to alleviate food insecurity in our local community. *[continued]*

Click below to Donate:

<http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>

and indicate that your gift is for *Feeding Ministry*. Donations are tax-deductible as per IRS guidelines.

While we cannot accommodate more food prep volunteers at this time, we may be adding more food prep teams and transport teams in the future. Assembly of food bags can usually be done in people's homes.

Please let the Rev'd Christine Trainor [christine[at]ststephenschurch.org] know that you are interested in volunteering for this ministry in the future. We especially need team coordinators.

Thank you to all the current team members who make this ministry possible: Pam Martori, Richard Schaper, Anita Ostrom, Judy Berg, Dianne Maxon, Marisa Jennings, Diane Green, Rayna Bernard, Ginny Doyle, Mike Knepper, Sunny Lyrek, Elizabeth Gravely.



—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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