

Welcome to St Stephen's BELVEDERE

The Western Church recognizes this Sunday as Trinity Sunday. A principal feast of the church, we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity — One God in Three Persons. That God manifests in three distinct persons in one unity reveals that God, in God's constituent Self is, and is in, relational, loving community.

Confusing, and abstract, intellectual explanations of the Trinity rarely make things much clearer! I love the joke about the man quoting the Athanasian Creed which describes the Trinity as: "The Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible." To which the man said, "The whole darn thing incomprehensible!"

The best way I have found to plumb the mystery of the Trinity is to pray to, and with, each of the separate persons, attentive to the quality of my prayer, and how my prayer takes shape.

Welcome to St Stephen's, a community seeking to be formed by God revealed in loving community!

To our visitors, newcomers, and seekers:

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- Donations and Contributions can be made online at <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html>.
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- All currently available Livestream links, Christian Education forums, and classes can be accessed on the church website St Stephen's Central page.
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7th JUNE 2020 | TRINITY SUNDAY



**The flowers at the altar today were given to the glory of God
by Marie & Gabriel Cavanagh
in honor and in loving memory of Marie's mother's birthday,
Linda Cavanagh,
and in support of the livestream service.**

Serving at the Altar Today

Alto	Karen Clark
Soprano	Natalie Mitchell
Tenor	Douglas Mandell
Bass	Wilford Kelly
Director of Parish Music	John Karl Hirten
Preacher	The Rev'd Phillip C. Ellsworth, Jr.
Celebrant	The Rev'd Christine Tully Trainor



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

BELVEDERE

TRINITY SUNDAY

7th June 2020 | 10:00 AM

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: Rite II, Eucharistic Prayer A, in the Book of Common Prayer, page 361.

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

At the Procession

Hymn 433 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

ST DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, pure Father of Light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render, O help us to see:
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

— Walter Chalmers Smith (1824 – 1908)

The Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Collect for Purity *Said by all.*

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 the First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading Genesis 1. 1 – 2, 4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the

seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 8. 1 – 10 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Plainsong

Antiphon (*Verse 1*) O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

Antiphon (*Verse 10*) O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

The Holy Gospel Matthew 28. 16 – 20

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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 Sermon

Phil Ellsworth

After the sermon, 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 image shows musical notation for a prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff is labeled 'Leader' and contains the melody for the first part of the prayer: 'Lord, in your mer - cy'. The bass staff is labeled 'All' and contains the melody for the second part: 'Hear our prayer.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Bob, Nomi, David, Chris, Denise, Haleh, Lachysha, and Carol.

We pray for those who have died, including

**Salma and Javed Iftekhar, Elaine Boorstein, Richard Behrman,
Michael Olenak, Ray Cesaretti, and Steve Albrecht.**

And on their Year's Mind, we remember and pray for

Aubrey Allen Brown, Mimi Pierce, and Marjory Burns Ranken.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 *Bless the Lord, O my soul* Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859 – 1935)

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Blessed art thou, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within bless his holy Name.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

who crowneth thee with loving kindness.

He will not always chide, neither will he keep his anger forever.

—From Psalm 103

The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
5 God, all crea tures here be - low; praise God a-bove, ye
9 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord 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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Trinity Sunday Preface

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Celebrant proceeds.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. 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

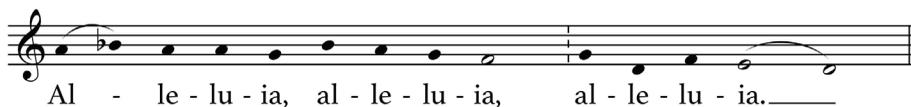
and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

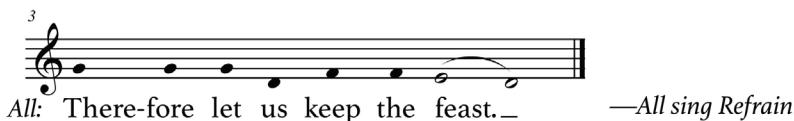
At the Breaking of the Bread

Peregrine Tone

Repeat refrain after cantor the first time.



Choir: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



The Peace

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

Hymn 295 *Sing praise to our Creator* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Sing praise to our Creator,
O you of Adam's race —
God's children by adoption,
baptized into his grace.

To Jesus Christ give glory,
God's co-eternal Son;
as members of his Body
we live in him as one.

And praise the Holy Spirit
poured forth upon the earth;
who sanctifies and guides us,
made strong in our rebirth.

— Mark Evans (1916 – 1997)

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The Post-Communion Prayer *The people stand.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Celebrant

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and ever more. **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 Trinity Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

– Music Notes –

The first Sunday after Pentecost is known as “Trinity” Sunday, and is celebrated as such by Christians worldwide, including Anglicans, Lutherans, Roman Catholics and others. It is one of the central doctrines of our faith, yet it is often promulgated solely as a description of the nature of God, without taking into consideration the fact that all human beings are linked together with God, each other, their environment, and the spirits of their ancestors. One can look at God as “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” truly. One can also look at God as “Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier” and can connect this with our Mother Earth, Humanity, and the Common Spirit which we share with all who came before and all who will follow. A “trinitarian” view of the universe, then, can also be a “holistic” view of the universe.

Benedictus es, Domine is found as Canticles 2 (Rite 1) and 13 (Rite 2) in Hymnal 1982. It's also known as the “Song of the three children” (or “three young men”) from a passage that appears in the Book of Daniel in Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox (but not Protestant) Bibles. Although the Church of England listed it as non-canonical, it is used as part of our liturgy. The three men in question are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (aka “Azariah”). They were thrown into a fiery furnace by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar when they refused to bow down to the king’s image. The three are not burned, but are seen walking in the flames, accompanied by an angelic being.

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (*Blagoslovi dushe moya Gospoda*) is from Mikhail Mikhailovich Ippolitov-Ivanov’s beautiful setting of the *Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*. Far and away the most often performed piece of Russian choral music in this country (largely because it does not require the usual forces of large divided sopranos altos and basses with requisites for low notes) it is a succinct evocation of a whispered prayer, opening tenderly and continuing in long delicate lines. Ippolitov-Ivanov studied with Rimsky-Korsakov and held conducting posts in Moscow and Tbilisi, Georgia.

— St Stephen's Church Covid Response Fund for those in Need —

Many congregants have been wondering what they can do to make a positive difference in this time of crisis. With many of the food ministries closed during sheltering-in-place, the Rev'd Richard Schaper proposed contributing to help fill the need for food for impacted families.

In the immediate term, Senior Warden Bobby Moore invited and convened the committee of dedicated and receptive members — Pam Martori, Kathy Perasso, and Sarah Sung — to serve as a structure to evaluate current and pressing needs of local charities impacted by the Coronavirus crisis. After careful due diligence and conversations with agency heads, the committee overwhelmingly and unanimously identified ExtraFood of Marin as the focused contributions recipient.

ExtraFood Marin [<https://extrafood.org/>] addresses critical issues of hunger, wasted food, and the climate crisis by collecting excess fresh food from businesses and immediately dispersing it to Marin's most vulnerable children, adults, and families via pantries and distribution locations.

ExtraFood is directing deliveries through St Stephen's to help make 75 meal bags per week for distribution at St Vincent's and Open Door Ministries.

St Stephen's Church has started a fund and welcomes your contribution. Leadership has dedicated an initial grant of \$4100 to support this effort and welcomes your donations to collect a sizeable and generous donation. 100% of your contributions will go to extending the mission and ministry of ExtraFood.

To give: Click the link below, <http://ststephenschurch.org/styled-23%20Contribute/index.html> to donate with a credit card via Paypal. Please indicate that your donation is for *COVID Response 2020*. Or you can give by check to St Stephen's, PO Box 97, Belvedere, CA 94920, with *COVID Response 2020* in the memo line. If you would like to donate stock or securities, please contact the office for brokerage instructions: [elizabeth\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:elizabeth@ststephenschurch.org) or [betsy\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:betsy[at]ststephenschurch.org). All contributions are deductible to the full extent of the law.

– Announcements –

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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.

Sundays at 9:00 am, Tuesdays, Thursdays, at 4:00p, Joe Jennings leads *Slow Religion* classes. **This Sunday**, 7th June, join him for the continued *Slow Religion* discussions of the Holy Spirit. See your *Stephen's Church News* for the complete description.

Donald Sung leads a *film discussion* on **Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm**. Next one is on 6.10, *The Priest as Protagonist*.

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 help with the Earth & Altar Garden Awakening | It is important, during this increasingly stressful time, to awaken the garden to help feed the homeless, as the church did in seasons past, and requires volunteers who are willing to help (at a socially acceptable distance). Karen Foss is overseeing the garden planting plan, and has begun soil preparation and more.

Please contact Elizabeth@stephenschurch.org, as soon as possible, to participate with this special project and help those in need.

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 | Please note that 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. When contacted please let [dee\[at\]ststephenschurch.org](mailto:dee[at]ststephenschurch.org) know for whom you would like to dedicate flowers, and whether you would like your name listed. 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.

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– Regathering information –

The clergy and Senior Warden of St Stephen's Church met with Bishop Marc and the diocesan leadership team recently to discuss plans for regathering for in-person worship. Specific directives were not issued at this point, but the diocesan planning group plans to release guidelines and models this week.

Each parish in the diocese is expected to convene a Regathering Committee and formulate a detailed plan for regathering in person. St Stephen's committee has been formed. Currently the bishop anticipates that the earliest date our doors might reopen would be June 28, but in all likelihood, it will be (much) later.

Although his thinking may change as the situation evolves, Bishop Marc plans for the entire diocese to open at the same time; for now he anticipates waiting until all parishes are ready to go with viable plans before the diocese opens in unison.

It is important to note that the diocese will be thoughtful, cautious, and unrushed in reopening church buildings. With many pastoral, justice, health, and logistical elements to consider, a reopening of church campuses for in person worship will be a highly intentional, reasoned, and well-considered process.

– Christian Education News –

The St Stephen's Church community has been so wonderfully blessed by the leadership ministries of Genevieve and Aaron Ellsworth! With great love and dedication, they have worked with the Middle and High School members of the congregation, hosting gatherings, parties, classes, studies, and small groups, all aimed at deepening relationships, discipleship, and formation in the Christian life and faith.

We say Godspeed and Farewell for their move back East. Genevieve and Aaron extend their deepest gratitude to all of those who gave so generously for their departing gift, and especially to Alex Norris who organized it.

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