Holy Eucharist Rite I

March 8, 2026 10:30 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY *in* LENT

During this penitential season we do not have a prelude or a voluntary.

You are invited to enter and leave the nave quietly and to use this time for personal reflection and meditation.

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn **Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **Hymnal 686**

The WORD of GOD

Opening Acclamation **BCP 319**

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Presider reads one of the following

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all they heart, and with all they soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Confession of Sin **BCP 320**

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen*.

Absolution — BCP 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Kyrie — S-86

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie Eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe elesion.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie elesion.

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day, Psalm and readings can be found in the insert.

The Collect of the Day

A Reading from the Book of Exodus — Exodus 17:1-7

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (said in unison) — Insert

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans — Romans 5:1-11

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

At the beginning of the Sequence hymn, all children are invited to follow the cross to Children's Chapel.

Sequence Hymn — Jesus, Lover of My Soul — Hymnal 699

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The Gospel — John 4:5-42

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon **Courtney Manrod**

The Nicene Creed **BCP 326**

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 resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen*.

The Prayers Of The People

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Laura, our clergy; Adam, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, and Bill, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Elizabeth's, Farragut.

In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish. We also pray for Trinity, Watertown.

We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

We pray for those in assisted living: Jo Ann Baker, Dianne Davis; Roger Derby; Horia and Shafik Iskander; Allan Reiss; Mary Rhoades.

We pray for our parish members: Adam & Rebecca Cavender, William, Tate & Ellis; Scott & Kathy Chippendale; Tom & Deborah Clary; Jeff & Kelly Cooper, Emily.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Reid Hartman, Robert Manrod, Alex Mol.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Blessings for Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

The Peace

BCP 332

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music — **Creator of the Earth and Skies** — **Lisa Griggs**
By Hughes/Clarke — **Cathy Whitten**

Doxology — **Hymnal 43** *(v. 4)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II — **BCP 340**

The people remain standing. The priest then says,

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then the Presider proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is said

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus — **S-114**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues,

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. ***AMEN.*** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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.*

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem — Agnus Dei — S-159

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access — BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Distribution of Communion

All baptized are welcome to receive communion. All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn — Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless — Hymnal 343

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Post Communion Prayer — BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

Sending forth the Eucharistic Visitor

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **Though we are many, we are one, because we share one bread and one cup.**

The Solemn Collect

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah** **Hymnal 690**

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God

Those Who Serve Today - March 8, 2026

	8:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Crucifer		Teddy Dantzler
Acolytes	Jamey Kennedy	
Lectors	Davyda Hammond	Peggy Volk
Eucharistic Ministers	Jamey Kennedy	Cyril Meredith, Jr., Lou Volk
Ushers	MN Campbell, Cameron Ellis	Ed Johnson, Jerry Hanna
Greeters	Mary Nell Campbell	Barbara Neill, Carol Ann Lane
Counters		Carol Gardner, Roger Johnson
Eucharistic Visitor	Katherine & Gary Grubb	
Altar Guild	Nancy Anderson, Linda Felton, Susan Meredith, Karen Yearwood	
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Announcements - Sunday, March 8, 2026

Please send any bulletin, e-news or calendar announcements by Wednesday, March March 11. Fully edited pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s) should be sent to editor@ststephensor.org. This email goes to both the Parish Office, and Rob Steele III, our E-News editor. Final content is at the discretion of clergy and staff.

Weekly Schedule Highlights - March 9-March 13

Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday, March 9	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	G&M Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 10	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
	2:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer In-person
Wednesday, March 11	8:30 a.m.	Men's Group
	9:00 a.m.	WOW
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Soup Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Study
Thursday, March 12	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Friday, March 13	10:00 a.m.	Wardens' Meeting
		Office Closed

Loose Plate Offering — Today

The loose plate offering for the rest of the month of March will go towards Laundry Blessings - a new Outreach ministry. Please see the e-news for more information.

Coffee and Conversation — Today

Join us for Coffee and Conversation today after both services.

Lectionary Study — Every Sunday

The lectionary study meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Pollard Room to discuss the gospel from the day's insert. Discussion is light but informative. Each class is led by a class member who volunteers. Come experience how enriching this Lectionary class can be to your Bible study and understanding.

Blessing Box in Action! — Items Needed This Week

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of canned pinto, black, northern beans and canned corn, mixed veggies, greens, tomatoes. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex

Mite Boxes

Mite Boxes are available in the Narthex and Hospitality area and will be throughout Lent. Donations will go to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERDF). More information can be found in the eNews.

Adult Education This Sunday — Today

In addition to Lectionary Study, Fr. Bailey will be leading a series through the rest of March titled "Slowing Down to See Hope." It is a course designed by Bailey, inspired by 20 years of pastoral conversations and by some of our recent conversations about our new mission statement at St. Stephen's, on how we can realize God's big hopes for our own lives - and those of our future generations - in the midst of the insane schedules we keep. While the class is for all generations of adults, it will have some emphasis for those who are still navigating the world of raising kids. The format will have a short presentation that will introduce a topic for conversation for the rest of the class. For example, one of the topics will be how we can build meaningful friendships beyond our family that help nourish our deep need for authentic fellowship which gets squelched by all the things we always need to do. The class will be held at 9:30 each Sunday and run through the whole month of March.

Lenten Soup Suppers — March 11

This Wednesday's free Lenten Simple Soup Supper will be serving Vegetarian Chili and Chili with meat - and all the fixings, and Clam Chowder. Supper is from 5:30-6:30 and also includes bread and crackers, spreads and fruit. If you would be willing to provide a pot of soup--with or without meat-- on March 25th or April 1st, please let Leah Bailey know (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org)

Vestry Representative — Today

Craig Brent, a member of our Vestry, will be attending both services today and will be in the Parish Hall after services to talk with parishioners about any questions or concerns.

Celtic Service — March 8

St. Stephen's will host this month's Celtic service today at 5 p.m. Please join us in the nave for this service of beautiful contemplative music, Scripture, reflection, prayers and eucharist as well as intervals of reflective silence.

Bunco — March 8

Ladies! Come join us in the Parish Hall for a fun afternoon playing Bunco on March 8th from 2:00-4:00. Co-sponsored by the Daughters of the King and Parish Life, Bunco is an easy-to-learn game of chance! There is a $5 buy-in for the game, with proceeds going to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. So that we will know how many tables to set up, please sign up on the website, or by clicking this link Bunco Sign Up! – Fill out form.

Alternately, you can call the St. Stephen's office or email Leah Bailey at leah.bailey@ststephensor.org

Monthly Parish Potlucks — March 15

Next Sunday, March 15th, our Monthly Parish Potluck following the 10:30 service will be a St. Patrick's Day theme! Parish Life will be providing Shepherd's Pie, which is a casserole composed of ground meat and vegetables topped with mashed potatoes for the entrée. Begin thinking about dishes that you can bring to share from the Emerald Isle and planning your green outfit!

Living Well Through Lent

This Lenten season, we're gathering for *Living Well Through Lent*, a program from Living Compass that invites us to tend to the deeper dimensions of our faith as we move toward Easter. There's space for everyone here—whether you're new to Lenten practices or a longtime traveler of this path. And choir members, you'll have time to leave for practice. This is the kind of gathering that reminds us that formation happens not in isolation, but in community. Together, we're making space for what matters most. These Lenten devotional booklets will be available in the narthex and in the hallway outside of the nave.

Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Facilitators: Davyda Hammond & Emily Doane

Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Reconciliation of a Penitent, or Penance, is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest, and receive the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution." This practice, known as Confession in other traditions, recognizes that sometimes we need to hear someone tell us how much God loves us after we have done something terrible to others or to ourselves.

You are invited as part of your Lenten journey to consider making an appointment with Fr. Bailey for Reconciliation. Unlike Confession where the priest and penitent enter booths, you would simply sit with Fr. Bailey in the chapel or Nave, have some conversation, and then participate in the liturgy together (found on p. 447 in the Prayer Book). The rite usually takes around 15-20 minutes.To be clear, anything spoken within the service of Reconciliation is strictly confidential. Please e-mail Fr. Bailey or call the office to set up a time if you are interested.

Ecumenical Centering Prayer Group — Tuesdays

All are invited to an ecumenical Centering Prayer group every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel. We will begin with a brief time of introduction and checking in followed by a period of sitting silence for 20 minutes. For more information, contact Carol Gardner, 865-304-2093 or gardnerwc73@gmail.com

Coming in April

Following the Easter Vigil on Easter morning, a breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall.

Our Easter Brunch on April 5th will be from 10:00-11:15 in the Parish Hall. Parish Life will provide the Easter ham and beverages. The Easter Egg Hunt will be on the front lawn beginning at 10:30. Please bring a brunch dish to share with your St. Stephen's family.

Ulster Project

The Ulster Project is currently recruiting teens age 15, to host a teen from Northern Ireland in their home for 3 weeks this summer. The program is free to attend and includes service projects, shared worship services, leadership building, whitewater rafting, Dollywood, and more! Dates are June 26 - July 17, 2026.

Contact: ulstereasttenn@gmail.com for additional information. More information and applications can be found at: www.ulsterprojecteasttennessee.org.

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