

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

**ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

September 13, 2026

Easter 1943, St. Stephen's Longview

WELCOME

While we call it "Welcome Back" Sunday, that is just one of many names assigned to this particular Sunday depending on your tradition and/or your local culture. From Homecoming Sunday, a special celebration and invitation that invites those who are far flung to return home, to Kick Off, alluding to the reality that fall football has also just started, to Back to Church Sunday, a national evangelical effort to call members of a community back to church, the Welcome Back Sunday is a special day on our church calendar that, while not an official feast day, is still very important in the life of our community.

Welcome Back Sunday is an acknowledgement of several things: that throughout the summer many of us have gone on vacations, have physically been away from the church building due to other commitments, that our school-aged children and youth (and the many teachers in our congregation) are starting their school year anew, that our church programmatic year which roughly follows the school year calendar is also starting anew.

We also welcome back all those in our community who have been part of our community but haven't been in the pews on a Sunday for a week, a month, or longer!

In that welcome "back" we also welcome in those who are new to our community, we welcome newcomers who are checking us out for the second or third time, we welcome newcomers who are sitting in the pew for the first time on this day, welcoming them back to church, back to faith, back to community, back to whatever it is in their life they are missing that has called them to join us on this day in particular.

And this year in particular I look forward to the wonderful work that we will engage in together this upcoming year. We have become a church that engages deeply in the spiritual labor of formation through Bible and book studies, through engaging with one another in fellowship activities, through being committed to worship attendance, being present with one another and growing in faith and community with each other. It is an exciting time to be at St. Stephen's and, in many ways, this feels like we're just at the beginning of a great period of life and vitality for this parish. Welcome back to a church that is growing, evolving, and living into its missional call!

BACK!

Worship Leaders September 13, 2026

Presider The Rev. Nic Mather

Musician. Riki Davis

Acolyte

Altar Guild Becky Edmiston, Brittany Forbes

Reader. Bev Finlay, John Edmiston

Greeter. Janice Stixrud

Chalice Bearer. Karen Miller, Dee Taylor

Usher. Greg Moore

Verger. John Edmiston

Vestry Presence. Greg Moore, Bill Reade

Coffee Hour Welcome Back Potluck and Pie Contest

We as people of faith who are called to care for this creation want to respectfully **acknowledge the Cowlitz and Chinook People**, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations. We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been buried by honoring the truth. We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Cowlitz and Chinook People. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths.



St. Stephen's is a reconciling, affirming, and inclusive Christian community striving through worship, love and service to **welcome all people just as God created you**. No matter where you are on your journey of faith, and whether you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered, our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, economic condition, physical or mental ability. We believe that God delights in the diversity of creation and so do we!



Connect with St. Stephen's!

Please leave your name and email/phone number and Fr. Nic will connect with you this week with an invitation to enjoy a cup of coffee on us!

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

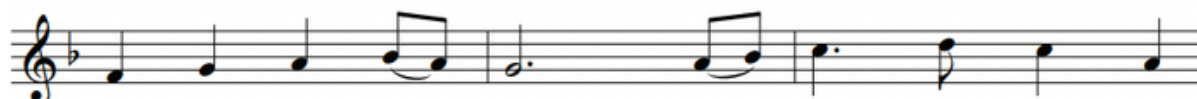
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All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



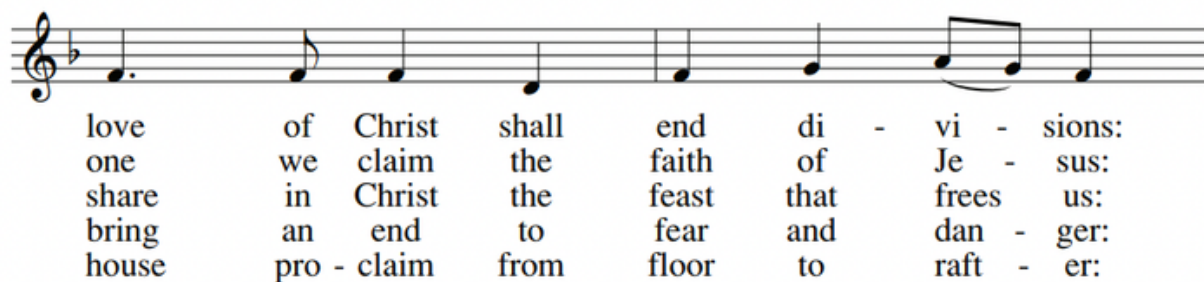
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this



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Tune: TWO OAKS, 9 6 8 6 8 7 10 with refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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Liturgy of the Word

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.**

Song of Praise & Children's Procession

Children are invited to follow the procession of the cross from the Church to the Parish Hall for Sunday School. While the program is geared for children 10 & under, ALL children are welcome to attend. Parents are also welcome to attend. Children will return to the church in time for Eucharist (typically returning after the passing of the peace).



*Let the little children
come to me, and do
not hinder them, for
the kingdom of
heaven belongs to
such as these*

Alleluia

We Are Marching / Siyahamba

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God. hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
2. march-ing in the light of, the hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen, kha - God. khos'.

We are march - ing, Si - ya - ham - ba,
light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march-ing, Si - ya - ham - ba,
march-ing, we are ham - ba, si - ya -

march-ing, ham - ba, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
ham - ba, ham-ba, si-ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

The Collect

God be with you.

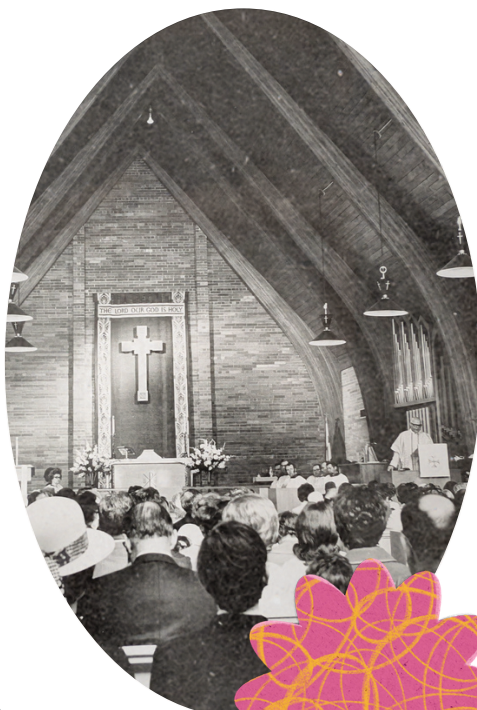
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated for readings from Holy Scripture



Rejoice

*Rejoice always, pray
without ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances, for
this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for
you.*



reading from Exodus 14:19-31



The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."



Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!**
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary ***
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; ***
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, ***
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? ***
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? ***
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, ***
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water ***
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.





reading from Romans 14:1-12



Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."



So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit for the Gospel Anthem (sung before & after the reading) and the Reading of the Gospel





The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ According to Matthew 18:21-35

Glory to you, O Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of Our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

(Please stand in body of spirit)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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.

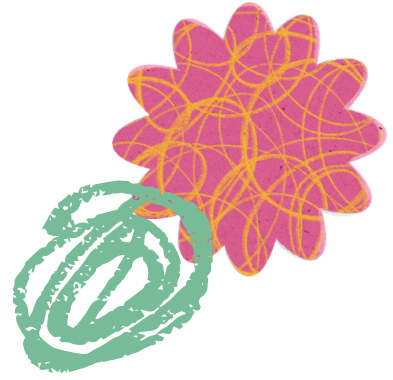
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who 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

Presider: Almighty Deliverer, you have heard and lifted up your people again and again; hear us now as we pray saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: Grant your church wisdom in discerning your call to us that we might be the beacon of hope you intended us to be. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us courage and determination in our civic life, that we might be witness to the power of repentance, reconciliation, and justice to our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us into a way of life that is sustainable and equitable, that all might participate in the bounty of your creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to respond to the needs of those around us who suffer from the lack of basic needs; show us how to respond in love to the wants we encounter. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer, who face illness or who are wounded; mend what has broken in our lives. Especially we pray for Ron & Harriet Byrnes, D. Rowley, Marg Ofstun, Holly Miller Spieth, Jesse Lucas, Shriley Sonneneberg, Lois Larson, Anna Rangel, Charley, Susan Kobari, Dick Woods, and those you now name either silently or aloud. pause. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace the dying in your grace, grant them and us new life in the kingdom to come. Especially we pray for David Piper Sr, Thuy Vo and those you now name silently or aloud. pause. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Presider: Sovereign Lord, grant us deeper understanding and love of you, that we might grow to the stature you intended for us and answer our prayers through Christ, our only Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. **Amen.**



Confession of Sins

(Please kneel in body of spirit)

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**



Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand in body or spirit)

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.



The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbor

Offertory

Build Your Kingdom Here
by Rend Collective
Alison Askeland and Riki Davis

Blessing of the Bags



PLEASE BRING YOUR BAG FORWARD DURING THE
OFFERTORY HYMN

Blessing of Backpacks, Students, & Teachers

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect, and that your protection be upon them in this particular season. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.

Blessing of Bags

Heavenly God, we give you thanks for the movement of our days. We thank you especially at this time for another year we embark upon. We ask that you bless these bags and those who carry them here and there, that they may always be a reminder of your presence in this world and our daily lives. All this we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The Holy Eucharist

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est.



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Ann Marie Long

Al - le lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us, There-fore let us keep the

feast. Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

THE GIFTS OF GOD

You are invited to come forward and receive Eucharist at this time. We will be sharing wine from a common chalice, so if you would prefer intinction please leave the bread in your hands and the chalice bearer will intinct for you. Gluten free communion is available and a non-alcoholic option in place of the wine is also available upon request.

For those joining via Live-Stream:
A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”

The Hymnal 1982, #674



The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of several measures of music, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

1 “For - give our sins as we for - give” you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

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Postcommunion Prayer

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The blessing of God: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you and
remain with you always. Amen.

(Please stand in body of spirit)

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the
Saints that have come before and the Spirit that is with us now.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Community Invitations

Following the closing hymn you are invited to join us in the
Parish Hall for Coffee Hour!



*If you are new
today, please take a
welcome packet
(found at the front
door)!*



Hymn 412: Earth and all stars



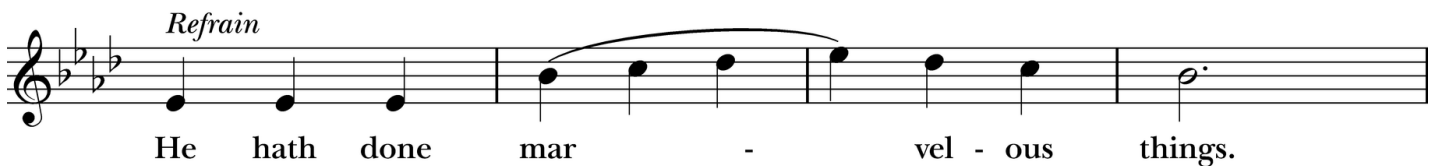
1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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Join us RIGHT NOW for the Annual St. Stephen's Pie Contest!

All Are WELCOME to EAT PIE!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: A Deep Dive Into Romans

- Sundays Beginning September 20 @ 9am
- Purchase "Into the Heart of Romans" by NT Wright
- Read Chapter 1 for September 20
- RSVP to Fr. Nic

BUNCO NIGHT! Saturday September 26 4pm-6pm

- Join us for BUNCO! Bunco is an easy-to-learn, all ages welcome, fast-paced dice game that is a hoot for all involved!
- RSVP so we have an accurate count on providing PIZZA during the event!

Fall Book Study: What Make You Come Alive by Lerita Coleman Brown

- 5 Wednesdays beginning October 7
- 6pm @ Scythe Brewing
- RSVP to Fr. Nic

Women's Brunch, Saturday October 17, 10am-12pm

- We are planning several women's events over the coming year with the goal of helping the women of the church get to know one another better, build connections, and create interest in an ongoing women's ministry. Our first event will be a Get-to-Know-Each-Other Brunch on October 17 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the parish hall. We'll have a survey available at the brunch to learn more about what the women of the church would like to see from a women's group, including the types of activities, gatherings, and topics that interest them. We'll also ask for input on craft options for our next event.

Annual Chili Cook Off: Sunday October 25

- Please bring a Chili, a Cornbread, or a Dessert
- Award given to People's Choice for Best Chili

All Saints Sunday: Sunday November 1

Service of Remembrance: Monday November 2 @ 7pm