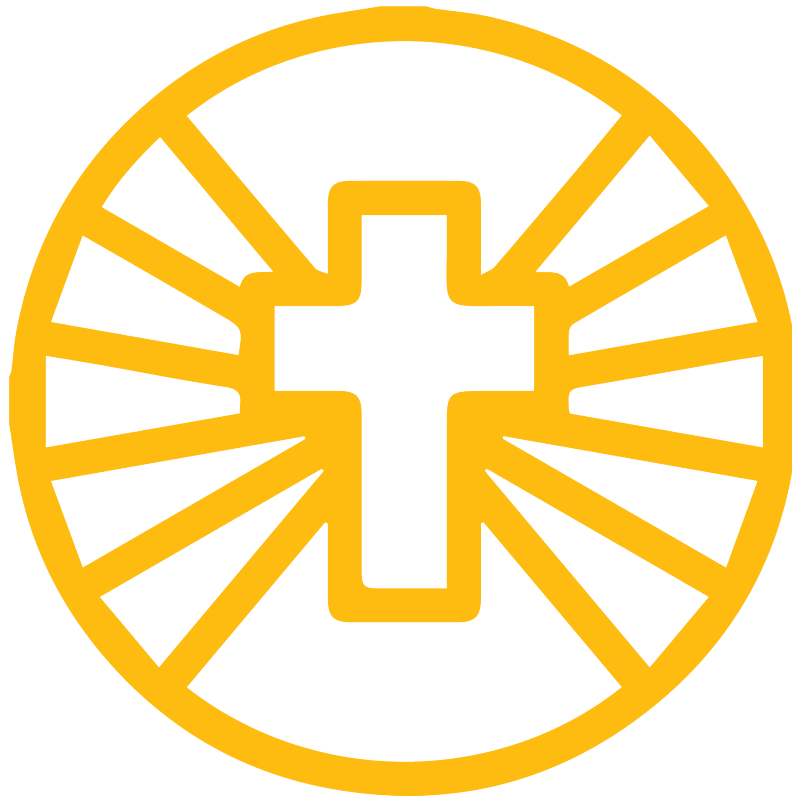


ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1805 West Alabama Street | Houston, Texas 77098



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST

April 14, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

This Liturgy is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer*.

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are glad you are with us! St. Stephen's is an inclusive, nurturing, and healing community that seeks and invites all to practice the transformational and empowering work of Jesus Christ among us and in the world. We welcome everyone to join us for worship and life together—no exceptions!

NEW TO ST. STEPHEN'S?

Follow this QR code to our website and complete the online welcome card.



ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US!

During worship, all are invited to come forward for Holy Communion. If you would like to receive Communion but cannot come to the altar, please let an usher know so the sacrament can be brought to you. In addition to bread, you may receive wine by intinction (dipping your wafer into the chalice) or drinking directly from the chalice. You may choose to receive the bread only. If you prefer a blessing, indicate by crossing your arms in front of you. **Please note that the homemade bread at the 10:30 a.m. service is gluten free.** After church, please join us for hospitality!

CHILDREN

Children are welcome in the church and all parts of worship. You are welcome to make use of the dedicated area with books, art, and seasonal activities in the front right of the nave. Nursery care is also available from 8:30 a.m. to noon. During the readings and sermon portion of the 10:30 a.m. service, we offer a Children's Chapel led by trusted and trained volunteers.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are available adjacent to the Gathering Area. All are welcome to use the restroom consistent with their gender identity.

PARKING

Parking is available off W. Alabama in the lot in the church lot. Additional parking is available on the other side of the block at Woodhead and on both sides of Sul Ross. If you have a St. Stephen's magnet, please display it.

COVID PROTOCOLS

St. Stephen's is focused on safety. People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

TEXT TO GIVE

Send a text message to (833) 429-9199 with the word GIVE, the amount you wish to give, and the word OFFERING. For example, the text message "GIVE 25 OFFERING:" would be a \$25 gift.

SAVE THE DATE

A Celebration of the Ministry of Rev. Lisa Hunt

MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST

EASTER CAMPAIGN NEARS \$20K GOAL

We have raised \$18,735 of our \$20K goal. We are almost there! To donate, please scan the QR code.



TODAY! ADULT FORUM ON DEATH EQUITY

Catherine DeWitt, a graduate student at Prescott College will give a presentation on Death Equity during Adult Formation today at 9:30 a.m. as part of her Social Justice coursework. In her 30-45-minute presentation, she will share her research findings about broaching the topic of death and how we can better support community members in grief. Catherine is grateful for the opportunity to connect with St. Stephens' warm and welcoming community.

**CCSC Garden
Open House**
Saturday, April 20
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
(a come-and-go event)



CCSC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN GARDEN

If you are interested, the Open House is an opportunity to drop in and find out what would be involved. Location: 5856 Bellaire Blvd.

LORD OF THE STREETS SPRING FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

This year's luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at the Junior League of Houston at 11:30. If you are able to attend, please email Crystal Kitagawa at cakitagawa@gmail.com and she will save a seat for you at the St. Stephen's table. Lord of the Streets (LOTS) desperately needs help in providing daily meals, Sunday breakfast, showers, mail service, clothing and glasses, a health clinic and spiritual help to those experiencing homelessness. Affordable housing is still in short supply, shelters are full, and evictions are increasing. We hope to raise \$300,000. to support our homeless families.

CCSC CLOTHING DRIVE

Please bring your gently worn clothes to church for our ministry partner CCSC between April 7 and May 5! Mens' and children's clothing are particularly needed. Underwear and socks must be new in wrapper. Visit www.ccschouston.org to learn more.



A weekend of fun just for us at Camp Allen!

Registration is now open for the very first Grande Texas Family Reunion – a weekend of fun at Camp Allen, just for us! Registration includes room, meals, snacks, select activities, evening socials, and entertainment. Hotel lodging is \$210 per room with a 4-person maximum. The fee for programming and meals is \$125 per person (kids age 2 and under are free). Activities include zip line, bounce houses, horseback riding, petting zoo, and more. There will be a live band performing each night Bishop Doyle will be leading worship Sunday morning. Please visit www.epicenter.org for more information.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Feuillet d’album” from *Sept Offrandes*

Denis Bedard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says,

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say

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: PASCHA NOSTRUM

Engelberg



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with
2. Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain; death has no
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though A - dam's



joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sa - king sin, we share the
more do - mi - nion o - ver him. Through him we die to sin and
sin has doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall all be



bread of truth. Al - - le - lu - ia!
live to God. Al - - le - lu - ia!



made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1904

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Please remain standing.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

A reading from the Book of Acts.

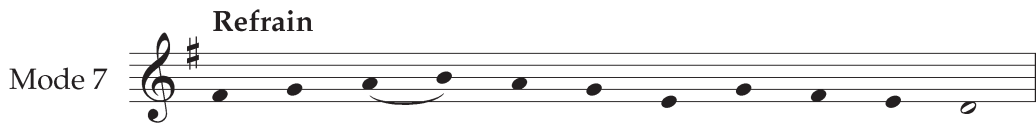
Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: PSALM 4 *Refrain sung by a cantor first, then by all.*



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?” *Refrain.*

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord. *Refrain.*

Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety. *Refrain.*

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36B-48 *Please stand.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Praise and glory to God.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *Please be seated.*

Silence may follow.

THE NICENE CREED

**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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Congregation greets one another.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY *Please be seated.*

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To make a pledge or to make a one-time gift to St. Stephen's, please scan the QR Code. It will take you to the One Church log in page, where you can sign in and select "Give Now" on the top left of the dashboard.

ANTHEM

"O Sacred Feast"

Healey Willan

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand.*

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS

Calvin Hampton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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. —

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector, our Bishops; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember : *Members of the congregation offer their intercession and petitions silently or aloud.*

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

Gerald R. Near

This setting is not used in Lent.

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

INVITATION *Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

COMMUNION *Please be seated.*

HYMN

Werde Munter

1. When the world has drained our spi-rits, When the day's run on__ too long,
2. When we fear we've failed our neighbors, Failed to give or do__ e-nough,

1. When we have no more to of - fer, When our will to work_ is gone,
2. We will be re - stored in know-ing we are e - ver ful - ly loved.

We will rest in hope and won-der, Filled with grace and gra - ti - tude.

We will let the si - lence fill us, Find our peace and be__ re - newed.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

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.

BLESSING

May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear. May Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side. And may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

HYMN *Please stand.*

Vruechten

Unison or harmony

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a sea - son

sor - row! My Love, the Cru - ci - fied, hath
riv - er: Lord of all life, from ill my
slum - ber, till trump from east to west shall

Refrain

sprung to life this mor - row.
 pass - ing life de - liv - er. Had Christ, that once was
 wake the dead in num - ber.

slain, ne'er burst his three-day pri - son, our faith had been in

vain; but now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on *Victimae Paschali Laudes*

PERSONS ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICES

Altar Guild: Nancy Cook, Dwight Wolf

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Zack Coapland, Thomas Seymour

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Reader: Kenneth Wieseheugel

Usher: Mary Murray

Hospitality: Gail Creech

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP

Readers: Reader0 needed

Rebecca Udden (1st Lesson), Max Zimmerman (Epistle/2nd Lesson),

Thomas Seymour (Prayer)

Usher: Sam Marsh

Acolyte: John Rovell

Bread Baking: Susan Raine

Children's Chapel: Katie Hogan, Marguerite Trent

Counting: Lucy Cockrum, Kathryn Vestal

Hospitality: Cathlyne Camp-Murray

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Scan the QR code on the right for links to online content.



SUNDAY, APRIL 14

8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person

9:30 a.m. – Adult Formation

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Service – In-person & YouTube Channel

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Noon – Bible Study on Zoom

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 p.m. – Bible Study in the Gathering Area, First Epistle of Peter

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 p.m. – Faith & Justice Group – on Zoom only

6:30 p.m. – Youth Game Night, Havens

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 p.m. – Presence Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 a.m. – Rosary Group on Zoom

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Casey Hackney	April 2		
Marlon Trent	April 3	Phoenix Flores	April 25
Mary Bradley	April 4	Siobhan LeRoy	April 25
Christopher Nelson	April 5	Kathryn Vestal	April 26
Mary Murray	April 5	Brandie Minchew-Gonzalez	April 26
John Marsh	April 6	Wilmer McCorquodale	April 26
Harper Little	April 10	Helen Sestak	April 26
Joe Castleberry	April 10	Ryan Balazs	April 27
William Perkison	April 11	Steven Catanich	April 27
Elizabeth Hawes	April 15	John Wilson	April 28
Tom Killian	April 15		
Nicholas Mitchell-Jones	April 19		
Esteban Tirado	April 21		
John Cornwell	April 23		
Zack Coapland	April 24		



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