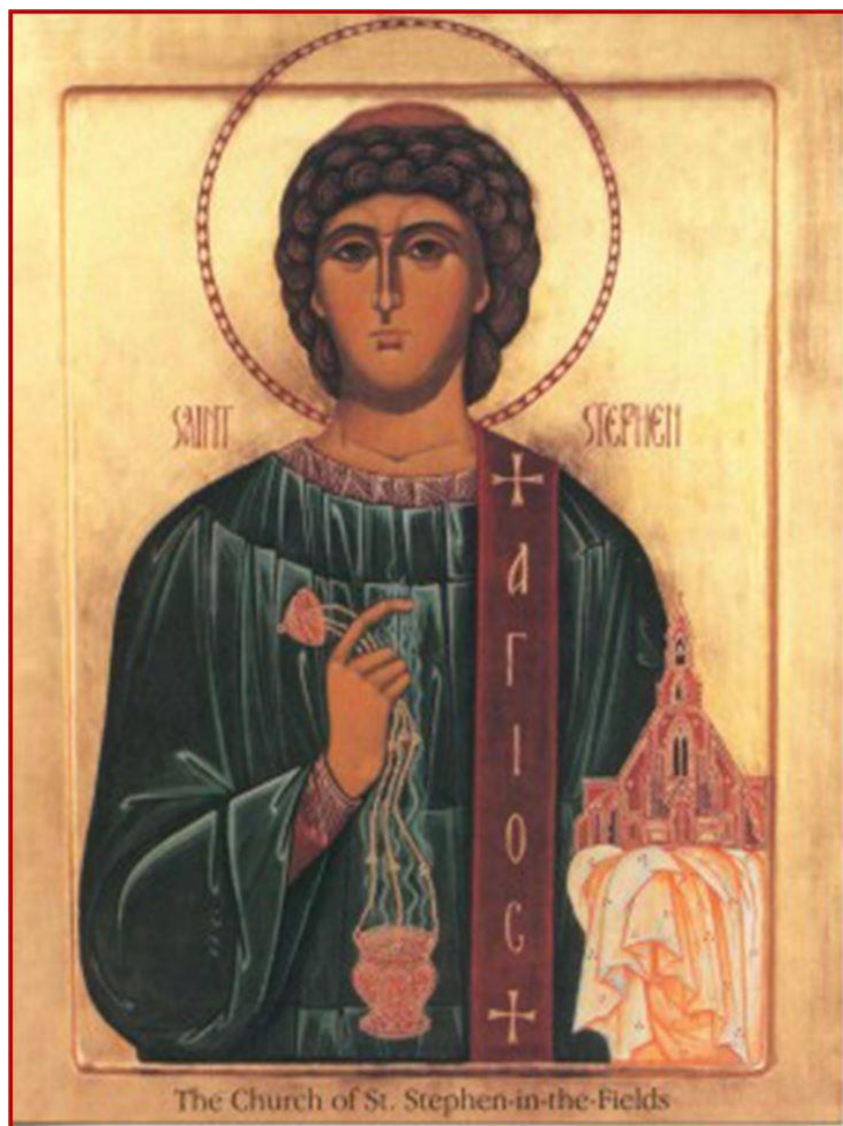


The Church of Saint Stephen-in-the-Fields



Second Sunday in Lent
Saturday March 12, 2022

If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
Psalm 95.7-8

Celebrant: The Rev'd Canon Maggie Helwig

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Response **And also with you.**

Land Acknowledgement

Celebrant Though people may be joining us from many regions, we acknowledge that the Church of St. Stephen-in-the-Fields stands on occupied land, the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit (an Anishnaabe people), the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat and Petun nations, land covered by the Dish With One Spoon wampum belt covenant. Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty are also relevant to this territory. We acknowledge that we have broken the treaties. We acknowledge the damage done by colonialism, and the role that our church has played in this, and we pledge ourselves to work for a future of justice and reconciliation.

Hymn 180: *Giver of the perfect gift*

SONG 13

- 1 Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift, trembling at thy throne of grace.
- 2 Though the accusing voice within speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin; thou canst set the conscience free.
- 3 Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mercy show thy power.
Lo, we plead thy promise now, now, in this the accepted hour.
- 4 Oh! may these our Lenten days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise we may keep thy feast at last.
- 5 God the holy Trinity; grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee through the ages evermore.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.

Response **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

Response **we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response **And also with you.**

Trisagion

Hurd

Cantor **Holy God, holy and mighty
Holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Cantor **Amen.**

Collect of Lent

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God,
you despise nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Cantor **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A period of silence is observed after each reading and the homily.

First Lesson: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Reader A reading from the book Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be

your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 *Dominus illuminatio*



Cantor 1 THE LORD is my light and my salva-*t*ion; whom then shall I fear? /
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be a[^]fraid?

Cantor 2 **When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh? /**
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum-bled and fell.

Cantor 1 Though an army should encamp a-gainst me, /
yet my heart shall not be a[^]fraid.

Cantor 2 **And though war should rise up a-gainst me, /**
yet will I put my trust in[^]him.

Cantor 1 One thing have I asked of the L^örd; one thing I seek; /
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

Cantor 2 **To behold the fair beauty of the Lord /**
and to seek him in his tem-ple.

Cantor 1 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shel-ter; /
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high up-on a[^]rock.

Cantor 2 **Even now he lifts up my head /**
above my enemies round a-bout me.

Cantor 1 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great glad-ness; /
 I will sing and make mu-sic to the^Lord.

Cantor 2 **Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; /**
have mercy on me and an-swer^me.

Cantor 1 You speak in my heart and say, “Seek my face.” /
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Cantor 2 **Hide not your face from me, /**
nor turn away your servant in dis-plea-sure.

Cantor 1 You have been my help-er; cast me not a-way; /
 do not forsake me, O God of my sal-va-tion.

Cantor 2 **Though my father and my mother for-sake me, /**
the Lord will sus-tain me.

Cantor 1 Show me your way, O Lord; /
 lead me on a level path, because of my en-e^mies.

Cantor 2 **Deliver me not into the hand of my adver-sa-ries, /**
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also those who speak ma-lice.

Cantor 1 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord /
 in the land of the liv-ing!

Cantor 2 **O tarry and await the Lord’s plea-sure;**
 be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; /
wait patient-ly for the Lord.

Epistle: Philippians 3.17—4.1

Reader A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The word of the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

A Lent Prose

Cantor 1 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Cantor 2 **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.**

Cantor 1 O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Cantor 2 **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.**

Cantor 1 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Cantor 2 **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.**

Cantor 1 Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Cantor 2 **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.**

Cantor 1 Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

Cantor 2 **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have sinned against thee.**

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

Response **And also with you.**

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

Response **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 13.31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for

a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

Response **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily Mtr Maggie Helwig

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

Response **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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.**

Intercessions

Bidding You are our God.

Response **In you we put our trust.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory hymn 171: *What does the Lord require*

SHARPTHORNE

- 1 What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
 What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.
- 2 Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
 Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.
- 3 All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
 think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
 Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.
- 4 How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
 Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
 Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of wisdom,
 may the light of the eternal Word,
 our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 guide us to your glory.
 We ask this in his name.

Response **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Cantor **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Cantor **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cantor **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface of Lent

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
because you bid your faithful people
to cleanse their hearts
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;
that reborn through the waters of baptism
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,
we may be more fervent in prayer
and more generous in the works of love.
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Proulx

Cantor **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,

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

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Response **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Robinson

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Cantor **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

Response **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

Response **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei

Senchur

Cantor **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.
Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
Response **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you all, and remain with you always.

Response **Amen.**

Hymn 173: *Creator of the earth and skies*

UFFINGHAM

- 1 Creator of the earth and skies,
to whom the words of life belong,
grant us your truth to make us wise;
grant us your power to make us strong.
- 2 We have not known you: to the skies
our monuments of folly soar,
and all our self-wrought miseries
have made us trust ourselves the more.
- 3 We have not loved you: far and wide
the wreckage of our hatred spreads,
and evils wrought by human pride
recoil on unrepentant heads.

- 4 For this, our foolish confidence,
our pride of knowledge, and our sin,
we come to you in penitence;
in us the word of grace begin.
- 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord,
and humbly follow in your way.
Speak to our souls the quickening Word,
and turn our darkness into day.

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Postlude

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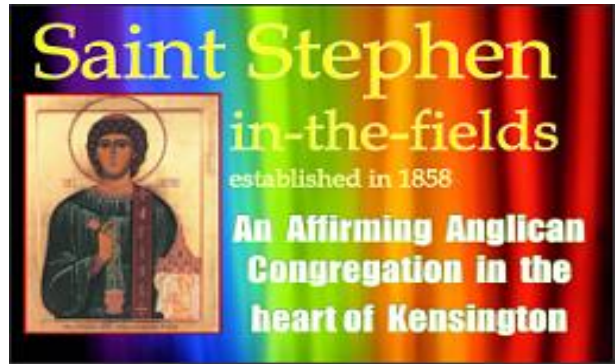
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