



# ST. STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR

26 DECEMBER 2021

10:30 AM SUNG MATTINS

11:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION



The Rev. Fr. Daniel S. Trout, *Rector*

Mr. C. Lance Davis, CAGO, *Music Minister*

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Welcome to St. Luke Church, especially if you are a newcomer or visitor. Children of all ages are fully welcome in each liturgy. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Book located in the Narthex and fill out a Visitor Card. Newcomer packets are also available upon request. Please refer to the *Book of Common Prayer* (beginning on pg. 67) and the *Hymnal* throughout the Mass. We ask that you please keep prayerful silence in the church both before and after the liturgy. Silence is golden, but especially in church!

## SUNG MATTINS

¶ The following page numbers relate to “The Daily Office Noted” booklet, unless otherwise stated. The liturgy begins on page 2 of the booklet. Please observe all postures as noted in that booklet.

¶ Please stand as the bells are rung.

Opening Sentence	BCP 5
Opening Versicles	DON 2
Invitatory & Venite, <i>Tone 1</i>	DON 3
Psalm 118, <i>Tone 1</i>	BCP 487
Lesson	<i>II Chron. 24:17-22</i>
<i>Benedictus</i>	DON 15
Creed & Preces	DON 17
Collects & Closing Versicles	DON 21

## SUNG MASS

¶ Please stand during the Hymn.

ProceSSIONAL Hymn	Hymn Board
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¶ Please kneel during the Introit.

Introit  
Princes, moreover, did sit, and did witness falsely against me; and the ungodly pressed sore upon me; O Lord, my God, stand up to help me, for thy servant is occupied continually in thy commandments. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord. *Gloria Patri.*

Collect for Purity	BCP 67
Summary of the Law	BCP 69
Kyrie, <i>Missa Marialis</i>	Hymnal #719
Collect(s) of the Day	BCP 99

## PRAYER LIST

Jim, Lucy, Sam, Laura, Juliet & child, Kathleen, Maddy & child, Levine, Dorothy, Beverly, Tom, Julia, Lynn, Leslie, William, Ernie, Ruth, Kristi, James, John, Amy, Lamar, Penny, Hope, Marsha, Stephanie, Becky, Norah, Kevin, Elizabeth, Michael, Robin, Ronnie, Michi, Steven, Bryan, Jacquie, Jacob, Lecia, Diann, Donna, Jonathan, Kathie, Alex, Carol, Nancy, Jeremy, Marie, Rich, Tommy, Grace, Beth, Judy, Craig, Mark, Ricie, Amber, Nick, Christian

## ST. STEPHEN THE PROTOMARTYR

*From a sermon by St. Fulgentius the Bishop*

YESTERDAY we were celebrating the Birth in time of our eternal King. Today we celebrate the triumphant suffering of one of his soldiers. Yesterday our King, clothed in the robe of our flesh, was pleased to come forth from his royal palace of the Virgin's womb to visit the world. Today his soldier, laying aside the tabernacle of the body, entereth in triumph into the palace of heaven. The One, preserving unchanged that majesty of the Godhead which he had before the world was, girded himself with the lowliness of our flesh in the form of a servant, and entered the battlefield of this world. The other, putting off the corruptible garment of our flesh, entered into the heavenly mansion, there to reign for ever. The One cometh down, and is veiled in the flesh of his human birth. The other goeth up, and is robed with a glory which is red with the blood of his temporal death.

The One cometh down amid the jubilation of Angels. The other goeth up amid the stoning of Jewry. Yesterday the holy Angels rejoiced in the song: Glory to God in the highest. Today they rejoice in the welcome whereby they do receive Stephen into their company. Yesterday the Lord came forth from the Virgin's womb. Today his soldier is delivered from the prison of the body. Yesterday Christ was for our sakes wrapped in swaddling bands. Today he girdeth Stephen with a robe of immortality. Yesterday the new-born Christ lay in a narrow manger. Today Stephen entereth victorious into the boundless heavens. The Lord came down, one and alone, that he might raise many up. Our King descended to our low estate that he might set his soldiers, such as Stephen, in high places.

Now let us consider, brethren, by what arms Stephen conquered the hatred and persecution of Jewry in such wise as to win so blessed a triumph. Verily he had no arms or armour other than charity. Love it was that armed him in that struggle, and strengthened him to conquer on all sides, and brought him to the crown whereof his name is a prophecy. The love of God strengthened him against the hatred of Jewry. The love of his neighbour made him pray even for his murderers. Through love he rebuked them, in their perversities that they might be corrected. Through love he prayed for them that stoned him that they might not be punished. By the might of his charity he overcame Saul, his cruel persecutor, and earned, as a comrade in heaven, the very man who had done him to death upon earth.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Father Trout's Last Sunday

Father would like to thank and to bid farewell to everyone as he celebrates his final Sunday masses this morning at our parish. Fr. Trout begins his new ministry as the new rector/dean of St. Barnabas Anglican Cathedral on January 2nd. Canon Jonathan Foggin will be supplying at St. Luke next Sunday. Please note time changes below.

## New Sunday Schedule

Beginning next Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, our Sunday schedule will be as follows: **Sung Mattins at 10:00 AM. Sung Mass** (American Missal) at **11:00 AM**. Please come support your parish during this interim period.

## The Anglican Way: English Spirituality

What does it mean to follow the Anglican Way? What distinguishes Anglican Catholicism from Roman or Byzantine Catholicism in thought, practice, and temperament? Beginning after Evensong on **Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will discuss the unique spiritual heritage of English Christianity, and how we can better develop and practice it in our homes, our parish, and our community.

## Feast of the Epiphany: First Evensong

Because we will be unable to have a Mass offered for the Feast of Epiphany, we will be singing a special First Evensong for the Feast on **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, at 6:30 PM**. It will be followed by our Wednesday night study. Please join us and support St. Luke during this time of transition.

## New Mass Setting Practice

Beginning at Epiphany, we will be introducing a new sung setting of the Mass Ordinary, the *Missa de Angelis*. We will have our final rehearsal next Sunday at **9:30 AM** to familiarize parishioners with this setting. We encourage all who are interested in learning the setting to attend.

## UPCOMING SERVICE & STUDY SCHEDULE

- Monday, December 27: ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST. **Low Mass** at 11:30 AM.
- Tuesday, December 28: HOLY INNOCENTS. **Low Mass** and breakfast at 8:30 AM.
- Wednesday, December 29: ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY. **Evensong** at 6:30 PM; followed by Supper & Study.
- Thursday, December 30: **No liturgy.**
- Sunday, January 2: II SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. **Sung Mattins** at 10:00 AM. **Sung Mass** at 11:00 AM.

## ¶ Please be seated.

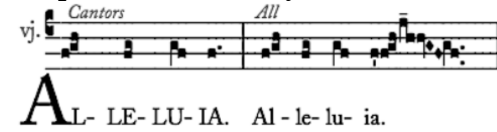
The Epistle

BCP 100

## ¶ Please stand for the Gradual and Hymn.

Gradual & Alleluia

Princes also did sit and speak against me: and wicked men have persecuted me. Help me, O Lord my God: save me for thy mercy's sake.



I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ALLELUIA.

Sequence Hymn

Hymn Board

The Gospel

BCP 100

Nicene Creed, *Credo III, Missa de Angelis*

**Pew booklet**

Sermon

## ¶ Please stand for the Offertory Sentence and Hymn.

Offertory Sentence

The Apostles chose Stephen the Levite, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost: whom the Jews had stoned calling upon God and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Offertory Hymn, *The Son of God goes forth to war*

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Orate Fratres

℣. Pray, brethren, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

℟. *May the Lord receive the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit, and that of all his holy Church.*

## ¶ Please kneel.

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

BCP 74

General Confession & Comfortable Words

BCP 75

Sursum Corda and Preface

Hymnal #734

Sanctus et Benedictus

Hymnal #798

The Canon of the Mass

BCP 80

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal #722

## ¶ The Priest intones the words "Our Father," and we join at "who art in heaven".

The Pax Domini

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 82

Agnus Dei

Hymnal #723

Offertory Hymn

The Son of God goes forth to war

1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain;  
 2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;  
 3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,  
 4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,

His blood - red ban - ner streams a - far! Who fol - lows in His train?  
 Who saw his Mas - ter in the sky, And called on Him to save.  
 Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew, And mocked the cross and flame.  
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice In robes of light ar - rayed.

Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain,  
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,  
 They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;  
 They climbed the steep as - cent of heav'n, Through per - il, toil and pain;

Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.  
 He prayed for them that did the wrong! Who fol - lows in His train?  
 They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?  
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train.

Ecce Agnus Dei

℣. Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.  
 ℞. Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only,  
 and my soul shall be healed. (Said thrice)

The Holy Communion

¶ Any baptized Christian who is a regular communicant in the Anglican, Orthodox, or Roman Catholic traditions is invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you are unable or do not wish to receive the Holy Communion, you may approach with your arms crossed over your chest, and the priest will extend you a blessing. Whilst in your pew, please remain in quiet prayer.

Communion Sentence

I see the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of the power of God: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, and lay not this sin to their charge, for they know not what they do.

¶ Please kneel for the hymn.

Communion Hymn

Hymn Board

Communion Thanksgiving  
*Gloria in excelsis*

BCP 83  
 Hymnal #724

Post-Communion Collect  
 Dismissal and Blessing

¶ Please stand for the Last Gospel and final Hymn.

The Gospel of Christmas I  
 Hymn at the Retiring Procession

BCP 104  
 Hymn Board

¶ During the Organ Voluntary, you may kneel or be seated. We ask that you remain in quiet prayer, and suggest that you make your Communion Thanksgiving at this time. Suitable devotions may be found on pg. 100ff of *St. Augustine's Prayer Book*, and at the bottom of this page. Please wait until arriving in the Parish Hall before carrying on conversations with others. Thank you for your assistance as we strive to make St. Luke's a place of prayer, reverence, and peace.

Announcements, Parish Notices, and Special Occasion Blessings