

### St. Stephen's Social Media



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St Stephen's Anglican Church Calgary

Be Real, Belong, Believe It.

St. Stephen's is a welcoming and affirming Anglican parish which upholds that God's unconditional and inclusive love extends to all members of our human family equally and without reservation.

Yes. Everyone. We Mean It!

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*As an outward expression of the Creator's love and in the spirit of reconciliation, St. Stephen's acknowledges that we gather on traditional Indigenous territory: Treaty 7 Region of Southern Alberta and Métis Nation, Region 3. Through our worship and outreach St. Stephen's moves forward seeking a new, honourable, and respectful relationship with the Original Peoples of this land.*



### Ascension of the Lord—May 16, 2021 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

The Diocese of Calgary and the Archbishop have requested the cancellation of all in-person worship until further notice out of an abundance of caution and care. There will be no in-person worship at St. Stephen's until further notice to respect this direction from the Archbishop and the Diocese.

**Welcome to St. Stephen's Anglican Church  
Ascension of Our Lord—May 16, 2021**

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**Lectionary Readings**

**This Week: Easter 6**

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:46-53

**Next Week: Pentecost—May 23**

Ezekial 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Anglican Cycle Of Prayer**

In the worldwide community we pray for the Anglican Church of Korea. In the Anglican Church of Canada we pray for the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada we pray for Bishop Syd Haugen, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

We pray for the parish of St. Michael, Canmore, the Rev. Howard Thornton, the Rev. Seth Enriquez, the Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Le Sueur (Hon.), the Rev. Sean Krausert (Deacon), the Rev. Elizabeth Short (Deacon). In our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for the parishes of St. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Bellair, the Rev. Canon Ashton Francis, and for the Mothers' Union. We ask that you continue to pray for the following parishes as they feel the effects of the volcano eruption :

The Parish of St. Patrick, the only Church which was not affected is St. Patrick, Barrouallie.  
Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter, St. Luke, Byera Chapel, The Rev'd Canon Junior Ballantyne.  
St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, The Rev'd Alison Samuel.

**St. Stephen's Parish Cycle of Prayer**

Rob & Rick Meadows; Craig & Lisa Melton; Margery Miller; Neil & Pam Miller

**For Those in Need:** David; George; John; Uche

**Reader:** Ryan Miller

**Prayers of the People:** Blake Kanewischer

Announcements

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: For the Beauty of the Earth (*Rutter*)

*Having been fed by Word  
we are sent out into the  
world to be witnesses to  
God's love.*

*We encourage parishioners to use pre-authorized donation or online donation (or PayPal). For parishioners who use an envelope for their offering, please consider mailing it to the church .*

***Blue Envelopes this month go to the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund. PWRDF provides support for developing nations and for emergency relief around the world..***

was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayers

The Prayers of the People

*Blake Kanewischer*

*The Prayers of the People  
place the concerns of our  
hearts before God: for the  
world, for the Church, and  
for those in need.*

The Lord's Prayer (*Congregation stands*)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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.**

*The "Lord's Prayer" is so  
called because the  
Gospels record Jesus  
teaching this prayer to his  
disciples.*

The Peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Closing Prayer

Glorious God,  
eternal Giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into the world  
to preach the gospel to all the nations.  
Confirm the mission of your church,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
we ask it through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

### The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: On Eagle's Wings (*arr. C. Tornquist*)

Welcome and Opening Announcements

Opening Prayer

Holy God, yours is the power that raised Christ from death;  
yours the glory that exalted him to your right hand.  
By the mystery of the Ascension,  
sustain our hope until he comes again,  
as we bear earthly witness to your heavenly realm.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born of the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*We prepare for worship  
by taking a few quiet  
moments to reflect upon  
the state of our life and  
that of the world this day.*

*The Opening Prayer  
identifies a theme or  
themes heard in today's  
service.*

Hymn: O Lord Most High (*CP#245 vs. 1, 2 & 4*)

### Proclamation of the Word

*Reader: Ryan Miller*

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

*A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*The First Reading is taken  
from the New Testament.*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did  
and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up  
to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the  
apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented  
himself to them, alive, by many convincing proofs, appearing to  
them over the course of forty days and speaking about the reign of  
God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave  
Jerusalem, but to wait there for the fulfillment of God's promise.  
"This is what you have heard from me," he told them; "for John  
baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit  
not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Rabbi, is  
this the time when you will restore God's realm to Israel?" He  
replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that our God

has set by God's own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going, and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two figures in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with songs of joy.

**For our God Most High is fearsome,  
a great ruler over all the earth.**

God subdues the peoples for our sake,  
and puts the nations under our feet.

**God chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,  
with the sound of a trumpet!

**Sing praises to our God, sing praises;  
sing praises to the one who reigns, sing praises.**

God is the ruler of all the earth;  
sing praises with a sacred song.

**God is ruler over all the nations;  
God sits upon a throne of holiness.**

The leaders of the world are gathered,  
as are the people of the God of Abraham;

**for the shields of the nations belong to God,  
who is highly exalted over all.**

*The Psalm is taken from  
the Hebrew scriptures  
(the Old Testament).*

Hymn: Let All The World (CP 357 vs. 1 & 2)

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

*Prior to the reading:*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus 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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them; and while he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Following the Reading:*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Interlude: Praise His Holy Name (*Hampton*)

Affirmation of Faith

*Apostles Creed*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

*We stand for the  
Gospel Reading in  
special reverence for  
the accounts of the life  
and teaching of Jesus.*

*We affirm the core  
beliefs of the Christian  
faith.*