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Summer office hours: Monday & Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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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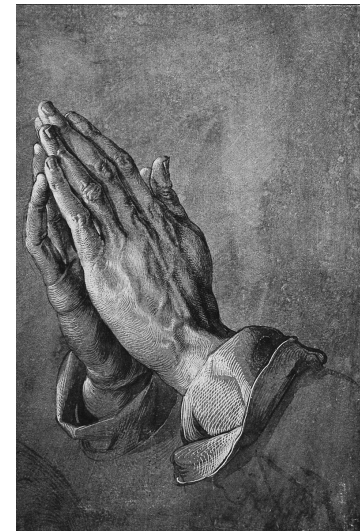


St. Stephen's Anglican Church Calgary



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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.



Dürer, Albrecht, 1471-1528. Praying Hands

Summer Services 2022—July 24

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with reserved sacrament

We wish to remind you that **masking remains mandatory** at all times throughout all of our buildings during services. Please show your care for others by **keeping a distance of 2 metres** between you/your residential cohort and others at all times. We ask that all who attend in-person services and are vaccine eligible to be fully vaccinated.

Summer Lite Prayer Service—July 24, 2022

The Gathering of the People

Welcome & Opening Announcements

Greeting

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's realm, on earth as in heaven.

Come, let us worship God our Creator.
Come, let us worship God our Redeemer.

Come, let us worship God our Sanctifier.
O Come, let us worship.

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth (CP#429)

Presider : Glory to God in the highest,
People: **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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My name is Anneliese De Bruijn, and I work as the vergers of St. Stephen's church. To those who don't already know me, I am the lady that can often be found either sitting at the back of the church during services or rushing around the building at high speeds. Those who do already know me will have often heard me joke about the "etcetera clause" in my contract because my role in the church is to work at whatever I can to make sure that things go as smoothly as possible for everyone. Over the years, this has included the set-up and take-down of church furniture; shovelling sidewalks and salting the front steps during the winter; making sure that the lights are all on and the doors are all unlocked before people arrive; coordinating the transition between service and any events that we

might be hosting, as well as any other trouble-shooting that might be needed as any given day progresses.

Outside of the church, I work in full-time at a lighting store in the south-east as a sales representative and spend whatever spare time I can find at a wide variety of hobbies, like knitting, sewing, writing, reading or just going on long walks to enjoy the world around me. Members of my family can often be spotted around the church, either when they pop up as members of the choir or just come by to visit. Aside from that, a great deal of my personal life has been intertwined with life at St. Stephen's, where I've spent over a decade as a parishioner, choir member, and employee. I've found a supportive faith community here that has watched me change and grow, been there for me in good times and in bad, and has been a strong influence on the person I am today. It's an honour and a pleasure to be

Opening Prayer

Lord of my heart,
Be thou my wisdom.
Be at the beginning of all I speak
Of all that I begin.
Be thou my true word.

The Proclamation of the Word

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me;
you strengthened me from within.**

All who reign on earth will praise you, O God,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of your ways, O God,
that great is the glory of our God.**

Our God is high above, yet cares for the lowly;
regarding the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will keep me safe;**

You stretch out your hand
against the fury of my enemies;

**by your right hand
you shall save me.**

God will make good the purpose set for me;
**O God, your love endures forever;
do not abandon the work of your hands.**

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 11:1-13

Before the reading:

Listen to the words and deeds of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Rabbi, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'"

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

Summer Readings: July 10—July 31, 2021

July 24—Proper 17: Psalm 138 & Luke 11:1-13

July 31—Proper 18: Psalm 49:1-12 & Luke 12:13-21

Summer Office Hours

During July and August there will be someone in the office on Monday and Friday mornings from 9 to 12. If you need to contact us please send an email to administrator@ststephenscalgary.org or to deacon@ststephenscalgary.org.

If you have a pastoral emergency you may contact Rev. Charmaine Evans at 403-796-4573.

Vacations

The Rev. Nicole Janelle is on vacation for the month of July and will be back on August 2. The Rev. Charmaine will be off from August 9 to September 6.

We encourage parishioners to use pre-authorized donation or online donation (or PayPal). Direct e-transfers may be sent to deacon@ststephenscalgary.org or contact the office for information on pre-authorized payments at administrator@ststephenscalgary.org

For parishioners who use an envelope for their offering, please consider mailing it to the church.

Blue Envelopes in July go to Outreach Beyond, outreach to areas beyond our own community, such as assisting with projects in Africa.

Blue Envelopes in August go to Community Outreach Projects— Reaching out to the community with projects designed to meet local needs.



Many thanks to a donor who has proved seed money to support a ministry of flowers. Flowers will be placed at the altar on Sundays and following the morning services will be distributed to members of our parish in need of support and comfort, or to celebrate a special event in their lives.

Please consider donating flowers for Sunday worship in memory of a loved one, in celebration of something special in your life, or in thanksgiving and to the glory of God. You may put your name down on the calendar on the board outside the Canterbury Room or contact Suzan Pedersen, Administrator, at administrator@ststephenscalgary.org

Restorative Yoga Class, Monday evenings, August 8 to 29

This is an in person four week pilot program taught by Susannah Horgan. The class is open to all levels of experience and will provide participants with a quiet space in which to pause, breathe, stretch and connect. **Monday in the Sanctuary, August 8 to 29, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The class is free with donations accepted for the purchase of mats and other props for future classes.

Following the reading:
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
Thanks be to God.

Homily

Affirmation of Faith (*standing*)

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Calgary, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially . . .), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially . . .), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The Peace

God's peace be always with you.

And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The celebrant and people then receive communion.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, your word and sacrament gives us food and life.
May we who have been healed through your powerful love bring
healing to your world; for we ask it in the name of your Son
Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Closing Hymn: Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant (CP#500 vs 1, 2 & 3)

Doxology

Glory to God,
**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.**

Dismissal

Let us go in peace,
to love and serve our God!
Thanks be to God!

Donations may be left in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you wish to receive a tax receipt please be sure to include your name and address and/or envelope number.