

SAINT STEPHEN'S PARISH

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021



Our Mission

is to be the heart and hands of Christ: nourishing people, transforming lives

Our Core Values

May be found on our Web Page

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
10:00 A.M. January 24, 2021

Hymn 656 “Blest are the pure in heart” *Franconia*

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ’s abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
3. he to the lowly soul will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant prays:

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.

People **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis *(all saying together)*

Glory to God in the highest, 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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it..

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62: 6-14 *(please read responsively at the half verse)*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *

truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *

God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *

pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *

even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *

all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;

in robbery take no empty pride; *

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *

that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. David DeSmith

Organ Solo "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" Anton Leupold

The Nicene Creed *said by all, standing*

**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 Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

***People:* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

***People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

***People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***People:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader: For Michael Curry our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas Fisher our Bishop(s); and for all bishops and other ministers;

***People:* For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

***People:* For your mercy is great.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

***People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***People:* Who put their trust in you.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

said by all

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say:

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, 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

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen

Blessing

Hymn 707 “Take my life, and let it be” *Hollingside*

1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling” Mark Sedio



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THIS WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

SUNDAY, January 24

10:00 a.m. Facebook Service

1:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Beloved

Grab and Go Lunch

MONDAY, January 25

TUESDAY, January 26

WEDNESDAY, January 27

THURSDAY, January 28

4:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Table-

Grab and Go

FRIDAY, January 29

Parish Office Closed

4:30 p.m. St. Stephen's Table-

Grab and Go

SATURDAY, January 30

SUNDAY, January 31

10:00 a.m. Facebook Service

1:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Beloved

Grab and Go Lunch

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

SUNDAY

All persons serving in the armed forces and their families: MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nicholas P., ILT Curran J. D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F. D., Army Ranger Sean J., MAJ Michael C., Micah H.

St. John's, Athol
Church Without Walls, Springfield
Spouses of deceased clergy
The House of Deputies
Jubilee Ministries

Dioceses of Lokoja (Nigeria) and Saint Mark the Evangelist (South Africa)

MONDAY

Dioceses of Lomega (South Sudan), Sunyani (Ghana) and Grahamstown (South Africa)

TUESDAY

We remember all who need our prayers especially: Timothy A., Clarence D., Ken & Diana E., Cyndi K., Henry L., Christina O., Kevin S., Clara V., Maureen W., Abby, Becca, Betty, Donna, Faye, Fiona, Heather, Jay, Jim, Joan, John, Josh, Judy H., Karen, Keith, Linda, Lisa, Maia, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa & Family, Nancy & Rick, Noreen, Pam, Patrick, Paula, Susan, Barbara, Zeke, Marion, Joe, Roy, Marie, Bob, Robert J., Walter H., Jill, Barbara A., Jeff S., Shirley, Maryann J. and family, Marion, Charles W. H., Sydney A., Jeffrey B., Thomas S., Peter, Barbara D., Ray, William, Doris, Barbara, Erika, Johnathan W., Nancy G., all who are impacted by the Coronavirus, Pat, Jack, Francis, Susan, Frank L., Deane, Tom, David P, Joan K., Teddy C., Eileen, Joan M., David W., Bert B., family of Madge B.

Those with mental health issues

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

WEDNESDAY

Dioceses of Long Island (USA), Swansea & Brecon (Wales) and Guadalcanal (Melanesia)

THURSDAY

Local Food Programs
Pittsfield City Government
The Governor of Massachusetts

Dioceses of Los Angeles (USA) and Swaziland (Eswatini)

FRIDAY

St. Stephen's Caring for Others Worship Team
St. Stephen's Property Team

Dioceses of Louisiana (USA), Sydney (Australia) and Tabora (Tanzania)

SATURDAY

Dioceses of Laupula (Zambia) and Taita-Taveta (Kenya)

PARISH NOTICES

WHO ARE WE? St. Stephen's Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don't all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE - Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory can be made by sending a donation to the church with the name of the person to be honored or remembered. You can also make a donation online! Just go to our website, select "Support Our Ministries," and follow the prompts to the list of gift opportunities. Select "St. Stephen's Table" and follow the directions. *This week's Gifts to the Table are given by the Travis, Loutrel and Phipps families.*

FROM MANY, ONE: CONVERSATIONS ACROSS DIFFERENCE, a campaign urging Episcopalians and our neighbors to engage in the spiritual practice of listening and honest conversation across the many differences that separate us begins Monday, January 18. For more information go to episcopalchurch.org/from-many-one

BERKSHIRE INTERFAITH ORGANIZING'S ANNUAL CONVENTION IS THIS AFTERNOON, SUNDAY January 24! You are invited to this Zoom meeting taking place from 3:00 pm-4:30 pm. Go to: zoom.us/j/97400862574 to attend.

THE DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING IS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14. It will be a Zoom meeting at 11:00 a.m. following the online service. The link will be available closer to the meeting date.

IF THE ANNUAL MEETING IS BEING ADVERTISED, YOU KNOW IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME! Committee chairs and others who must submit reports, don't dally at your keyboard, your info don't delay; get your fingers typing, this reminder please obey and email Sarah Morrison your missive right away. (smorrison@ststephenspittsfield.org) Deadline is February 1, 2021.

LIVING GREEN TIP

When you save water at home, you save energy. And saving energy saves additional water because most power plants are water cooled.

(30 Simple Energy Things You can do to Save the Earth, The Earth Works Group)

Cardboard Home:	Paula Morey
Paper Toter:	Jeff Pringle

The. Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley will be joining St. Stephen's in February.

Nina comes to us from St. Bartholomew's in Yarmouth Maine She will be joined by her husband Ken, adult daughters, Mackenzie and Channing, dog Finn, and a few cats.

The calling of this Rector was the coordinated effort of the Profile and Search Committees and the Vestry. The Profile Committee, Craig Reynolds, Maribeth Barney, Liz Trapani, Susan Wojtasik, and Chris Plankey, truly captured the heart of St. Stephen's and attracted qualified candidates. The Search Committee, David Nevins, Alec Gilman, Susan LeBourdais, Craig Smith, Josie Ellis, Cathy Carchedi, John Garinther, Chris Perry, Wendy Coakley and the Rev. Frances Hills did their due diligence to find the best match for us. A few weeks ago, the Vestry invited Nina for a conversation which we did in person, here at St. Stephen's, using all safety protocols. Both the Search Committee and Vestry voted unanimously to call Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley as our new Rector.

Additional information, including a letter from Rev. Dr. Pooley, may be found on St. Stephen's website.

MEETINGS HELD AT SAINT STEPHEN'S

All AA and NA meetings remain suspended due to COVID-19

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