The Church of

ST STEPHEN

Downsview



With Fr Matthew Waterman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026



All Saints Sunday

First time at St Stephen's?
See what we're about!

Order of Service

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. (Revelation 7.15) …… (BAS 427)

Prayer

Almighty God, We give you thanks as we come to this place to praise your holy name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

bb767… For All The Saints…

The Gathering

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Almighty God…
All: 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. **Amen**.
Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest…
All: 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**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy
Celebrant: Christ have mercy
All: Christ have mercy
Celebrant: Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

The Collect …… (BAS 428)

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him..

Celebrant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. **Amen**.

1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

rb185… Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

Gospel Reading (Please Stand)
Reader: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to MATT 5:1-12
People: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed ..... (BAS 592)

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say
All: 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, 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 universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

Prayers of the People

Eucharist

Confession and Absolution ..... (BAS 191)
Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.
Celebrant: Most merciful God
All: 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 neighbors 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.

All: Amen

Peace ..... (BAS 192)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: And also with you.

Please Greet One Another With a sign of peace

Offering

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bb143… This is my Father's…

Prayer over the Gifts ..... (BAS 428)

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you ..... **(BAS 198)**

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 our thanks and praise.

Prayer

All: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of

witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

All: 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.”

[Silence]

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.”

[Silence]

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command, 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 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 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.

People: Amen

Lord's Prayer ..... (BAS 211)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

All: Our Father in heaven we hallow your Name! Most holy and glorious ever the same! Establish your kingdom your purpose fulfill, On earth as in heaven may all do your will! Our Father in heaven we hallow your Name! Most holy and glorious ever the same! Establish your kingdom your purpose fulfill, On earth as in heaven may all do your will! Our Daily bread give us, fulfill every need. Grant food for both spirit and body we plead.As we forgive others, our debts please forgive, With all reconciled and at peace may we live. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

The Communion

Celebrant: These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion

bb648 … Love Divine
rb058 … Blest Are the Pure
rb330 … Once Only Once, And…
bb539 … My Faith Looks

Prayers For Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Occasions

Prayer After Communion ..... (BAS 428)

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.. **Amen**

The Blessing ..... (BAS 683)

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all 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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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7:30AM T-F : morning prayers
7:00PM THU: Bible study

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To get 2027 offering envelopes, contact Bev Brown or the Parish Office by November 8th. You can also give by E-transfer, Debit/Credit, and PAR.

Walk & Pray 1st Saturday of Every Month:
Join Fr Matthew at 10:00AM to go out into the community to pray and extend invitations to our worship services.

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bb431… Shine, Jesus, Shine

Dismissal ..... (BAS 215)

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!





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Sunday, November 8th
Remembrance / Stewardship

Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78.1-7
1 Thessalonians 4.13.18, Matthew 25.1-13



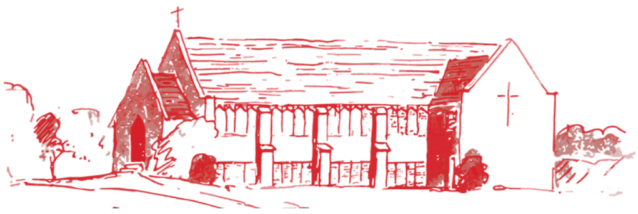
Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 5, 7:00pm

Exodus 5-6

Bricks
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