The Church of

ST STEPHEN

Downsview



With Fr Matthew Waterman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Rembrance & Stewardship

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

Order of Service

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24.42, 44) ……. (BAS 391)

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**

Bb686…God, Our Help In Ages Past…

The Last Post & National Anthem

Two Minutes of Silence

Prayer for Peace: O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 391)

Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land.

Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!"

Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him."

And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

PSALM 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds
and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which he commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments...

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 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are

left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Bb808…Eternal Father, Strong To Save

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 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

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

The Preparation of the Gifts

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Bb809… God Of Our Fathers…

Prayer over the Gifts ..... (BAS 391)

Gracious God, your word to us is food indeed. Receive all we offer you this day, and let your loving-kindness be our comfort, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. .Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you ..... (BAS 201)
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.
Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People: Glory to you for ever and ever.
Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of Interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.
People: Glory to you for ever and ever.
Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
People: Glory to you for ever and ever.
Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
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: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who

on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said,
“Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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

bb508… Love Lifted Me
bb596… I Surrender All
bb680… All The Way My Saviour
bb630… What A Friend We Have

Prayers For Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Occasions

Prayer After Communion …….. (BAS 392)

Living God, in the eucharist you fill us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament continue your saving work among us, and bring us to the joy you promise.We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord..**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**

Welcome

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6:00PM SUN: evening prayers
7:30AM T-F : morning prayers
7:00PM THU: Bible study

Boxed Paper Offering Envelopes LAST DAY TO ORDER:
To get a box of white 2027 offering envelopes, preprinted wth your envelope number and each week's date, contact Bev Brown or the Parish Office by November 8th. Giving by E-transfer, Debit/Credit, PAR, and the pink pew envelopes, is not impacted by this deadline.

Seniors' Lunch, SAT DEC 5th, 11:00 AM:
Come for lunch, stay for games, carols, prizes, and surprises

To get more details go to https://StStephenDownsview.ca

bb804… Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Dismissal …… (BAS 215)

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

Sunday, November 15th
25th Sunday After Pentecost

Judges 4.1-7, Psalm 123,
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11, Matthew 25.14-30



Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 12, 7:00pm

Exodus 7-11

Pharaoh's Hard Heart

1- Why does the text mention Moses and Aaron's age when they went to speak to Pharaoh?

2- Why did the plagues make Pharaoh's heart hard rather than soft?

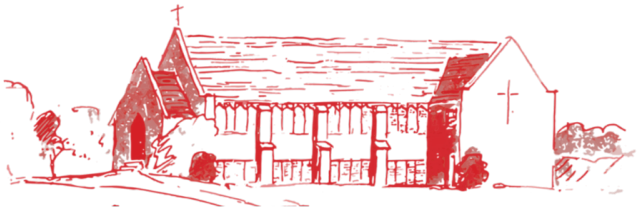
3- Why do you think Pharaoh's magicians were able to copy the first two plagues but not the third?

4- Why did Pharaoh ask Moses to pray for him in 8.28 or confess that he sinned in 9.27? Why did his heart continue to be hard after saying these things?

5- Why did God ask Moses to raise his staff or make a symbolic gesture before causing the plagues to begin?

6- Why did Moses and the Israelites enjoy favour among the Egyptians even though the plagues were caused by their God?





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