The Church of

ST STEPHEN

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With Fr Matthew Waterman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026



Reign of Christ Sunday

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

Order of Service

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! (Mark 11.9, 10) ……..…… (BAS 394)

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**

bb008… Come Thou Almighty…

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 394)

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in

your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I

will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.

Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

PSALM 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him

and call upon his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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**.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

bb033… Immortal, Invisible

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 25:31-46
People: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at

the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

Apostles' Creed ……... (BAS 52)

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 catholic 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.
All: 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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bb683… The King of Love My Shepherd Is…

Prayer over the Gifts ..... (BAS 394)
Celebrant: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen

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.
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.
Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth 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."

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, Father, according to his command,

All: 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 at 9AM, Shane 11AM)

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

All: [Shane] 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 which has come down from heaven," says the Lord

All: Give us this bread for ever.

Celebrant: "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us

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

bb713… Seek Ye First The bb713
bb348… My Saviour's Love
bb335… Cross of Jesus, Cross
rb108… The Head that Once…

Prayers For Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Occasions

Prayer After Communion …….. (BAS 395)

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Prayer for Birthdays …….. (BAS 696)

Celebrant: God our Father, the birth of your Son Jesus Christ brought great joy to Mary and Joseph. We give thanks to you for those, whose birthday we celebrate today. May they ever grow in your faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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rb155… Zion's King Shall…

Dismissal …… (BAS 215)

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









Sunday, November 29th
1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64.1-9, Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18,
1 Corinthians 1.3-9, Mark 13.24-37



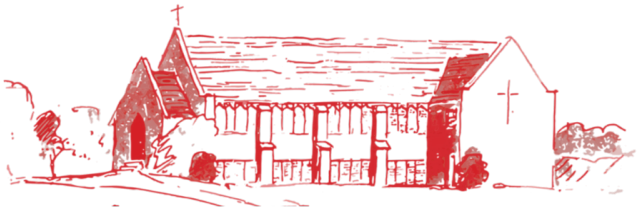
Bible Study

Thursday, Nov 26, 7:00pm

Exodus 14-15

The Way of
the Red Sea

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