



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Lent 1

Led by Rev. Ken Day



L E N T

SOME HELPFUL NOTES FOR YOU ABOUT THE WAY THIS WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWS:

- **CHILDREN** are welcome here. If you have a pram, there are aisles beside the walls where you can 'park' your pram, if that helps. Also, there is more pram space at the back of the church where there is a wider gap. Children do not disturb us, and we are very happy for you to explain to your children what is happening during the service.
- We stand to sing. In the Order of Service it will say other places **WHERE WE STAND UP**, if you are able.
- **HYMNS** are numbered and found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*, or printed in the Order of Service. We sing the hymns unannounced, except for the first hymn.
- If the **LORD'S SUPPER** (communion) is being celebrated, (there will be a white cloth on the communion table) everyone of every age and background is welcome to share in the supper with us. We serve bread (and gluten free bread is available if you indicate to the server) and grape juice.
- **TEXT IN BOLD** is to be said by the congregation.
- It is the tradition at St Stephen's to refrain from talking during the **PRELUDE** and **POSTLUDE** as these form part of our worship.
- After the service has concluded, you are most welcome to join us downstairs in the hall for **MORNING TEA**. Please use the stairs at each end of the vestibule.
- **TOILETS** are located downstairs below the vestibule. A baby changing table is located in the women's toilet area.
- For those with **IMPAIRED HEARING** a hearing loop is available in the church. Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position.

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

'Trio de flutes' from Suite du Second Ton

Jean-Adam Guilain (1680 - 1739)

Please stand at the entry of the minister and remain standing for the...

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 134

Praise my soul the King of heaven
(Praise my soul)

Prayers of Confession

During this confession, there will be times of silence, followed by singing:

Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison (Lord, have mercy)

The choir sings the Kyrie first and then the congregation joins in for the repeat.



*Then follow the **Petitions**.*

*The choir and congregation sing the **Kyrie** (twice) after each **Petition**.*

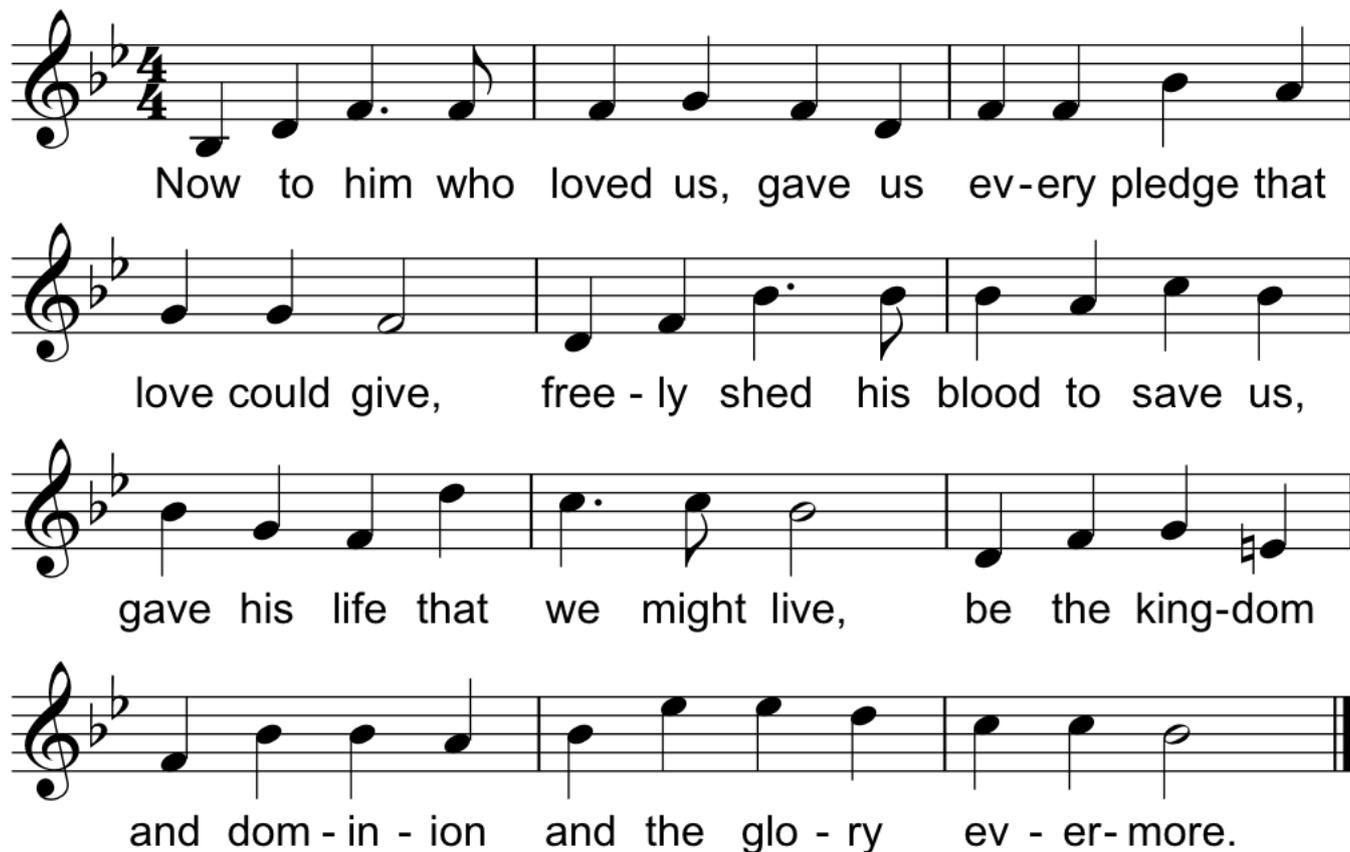
Declaration of Forgiveness

No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.
Trust in the power of God that raised Christ from the dead,
and you will be set right with God;
confess Jesus Christ as Lord, and you will be saved.

Sisters and brothers, our sins are forgiven; be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology 771 *Now to him who loved us, gave us* (Triumph)



Now to him who loved us, gave us ev-ery pledge that
love could give, free - ly shed his blood to save us,
gave his life that we might live, be the king-dom
and dom - in - ion and the glo - ry ev - er-more.

Welcome

Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Hymn 453

We limit not the truth of God

(Ellacombe)

Collect for Lent 1

Listen for the word of God to you:

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a

terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

Text: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb!
Return, O holy Dove, return, return, return!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,
and drove Thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame :
So purer light shall mark the road,
that leads me to the Lamb.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 48

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
(On Eagle's Wings)*

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Hymn 590

What a friend we have in Jesus (Converse)

Silent prayer honouring God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, only head of the church.

Prayers of the People

We stand to sing...

The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en

pp

Hal-low-ed be thy name Thy king-dom come.

p

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en

mp *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

pp *p*

tres-pass - es As we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de-

mp

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, and the

mf *f*

pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er.

ff

A - men.

f *mf* *p* *pp*

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 231 *At the name of Jesus* (Camberwell)

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Cortège

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

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Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)