

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 David Gill

Preacher: Allan Blyth

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Christe, du Lamm Gottes BWV 619

J S Bach (1685 - 1750)

Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 108 *You holy angels bright* (Darwall)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

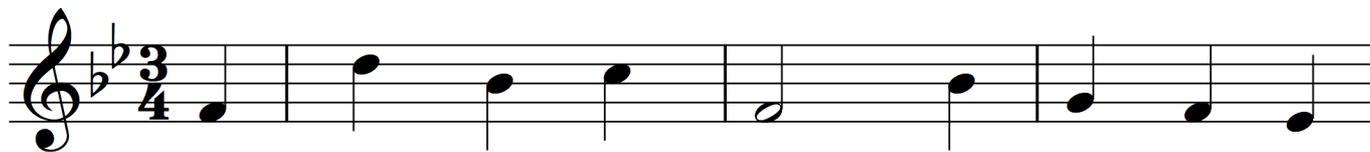
Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel. **Thanks be to God.**

Doxology 96

Sing praise to the Lord!

(Laudate Dominum)



Sing praise to the Lord! thanks-giv - ing and



song to him be out - poured all ag - es a - long; for



love in cre - at - ion_ for_ hea ven re-stored, for grace of sal -



va_ tion, sing praise to the Lord! A - men_ A - men.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:

A light to our path.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **9** "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, **10** and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. **11** I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." **12** God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." **17** God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Hymn 112

*Through all the changing scenes of life
(Wiltshire)*

(based on Ps 147)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, **19** in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, **20** who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. **21** And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

St Mark 1:9-15

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." **12** And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. **13** He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. **14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

May your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 745

Seek ye first

(Seek ye first)

Sermon

Hymn 164

The great love of God (Thailand)

Concerns 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

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 161 *Tell out, my soul* (Woodlands)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

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

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Fantasia in G minor BWV 542

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