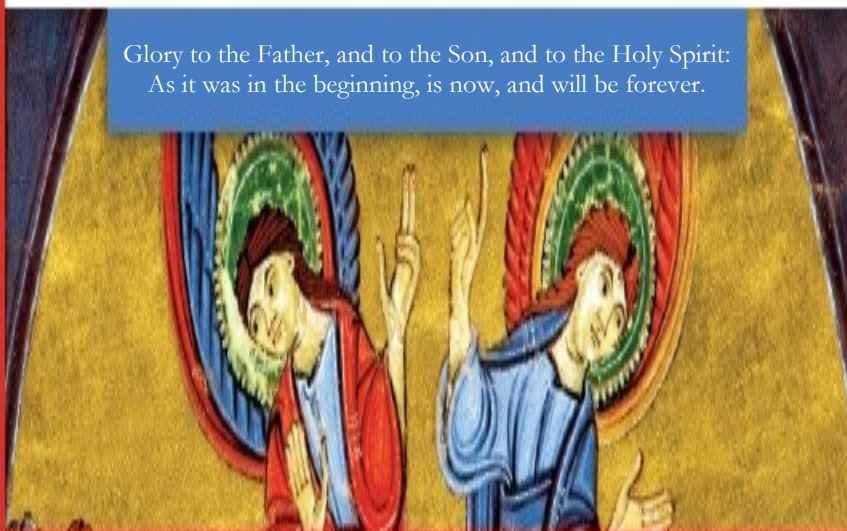




DAILY EVENING PRAYER

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.



DAILY EVENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG:

You may sing or play some meditative or praise music.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let our prayer be set forth in your sight as incense,
the lifting up of our hands as the evening sacrifice.

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All together:

***Most merciful God,
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.***

The leader says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: ***Amen.***

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*

***O gracious light,
pure brightness of the ever-living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!***

***Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.***

***You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.***

PSALM OF THE DAY:

(From 1979 BCP Psalter pages 585-808)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

DAILY READINGS:

(From 1979 BCP Lectionary pages 936-1001)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God.***

THE SONG OF MARY *Magnificat*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

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

AND/OR

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

Lord, you now have set your servant free,
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*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.*

THE PRAYERS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Let us pray.

*Our father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.*

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,
We entreat you, O Lord.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

All: ***Amen.***

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: ***Amen.***

PRAISE SONG:

You may sing or play some meditative or praise music.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessions and thanksgivings may be spoken at this time.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies;
We your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen.

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Our hope is that Saint Stephen Anglican Church is not just is just a place that you attend once a week, but a place where you can connect with people and be involved in life changing ministry. Faith should touch every part of our lives. We know it can be intimidating to walk through these doors, but come on in. We've been expecting you.



EVENING PRAYER