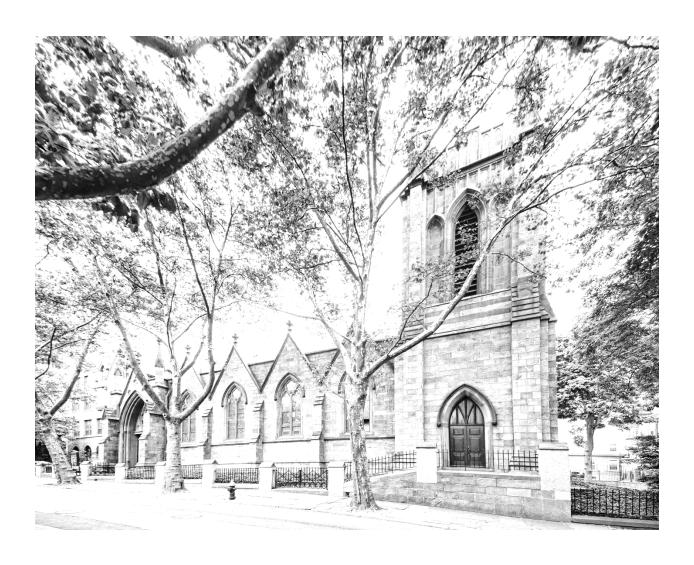
SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

22ND AUGUST 2021

Welcome to Saint Stephen's – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Kerjam +

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

<u>Saturday 28 August, 2:30-4:00 pm</u> Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday 24 August
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
THE APOSTLE
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Thursday 26 August
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Dominic Barberi, Priest, Religious,
Missionary, 1849
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 28 August
Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher,
430
Morning Prayer 9:30 am
Low Mass 10 am

Next Sunday, 29 August THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am Sung Mass 10 am

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church in Providence

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

22 August 2021

SUNG MASS 10 AM

Missa Marialis adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867 – 1944)

<u>NOTE</u>: Please turn all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices off, or to silent mode, while you are in church.

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY – Prelude

Frederick Delius (1862 - 1934)

arr. for the organ by Eric Fenby (1906 - 1997)

HYMN 429 – "I'll praise my Maker while I've breath"

Old 113th

INTROIT – Inclina, Domine (please remain standing)

Tone VII

Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee. *Ps.* Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Glory be...Bow down, O Lord...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ♣ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

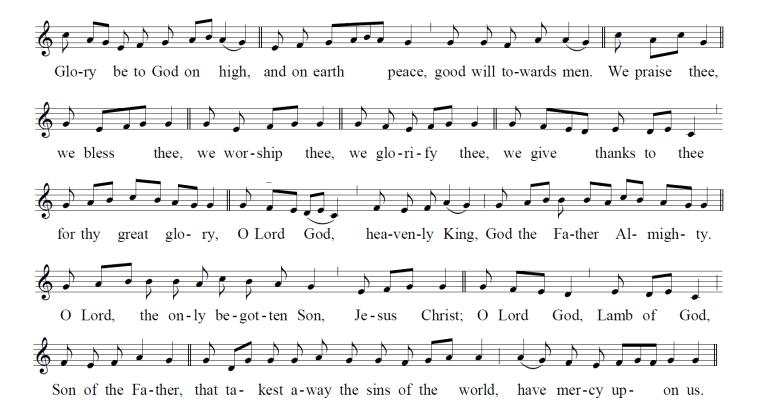
SUMMARY OF THE LAW

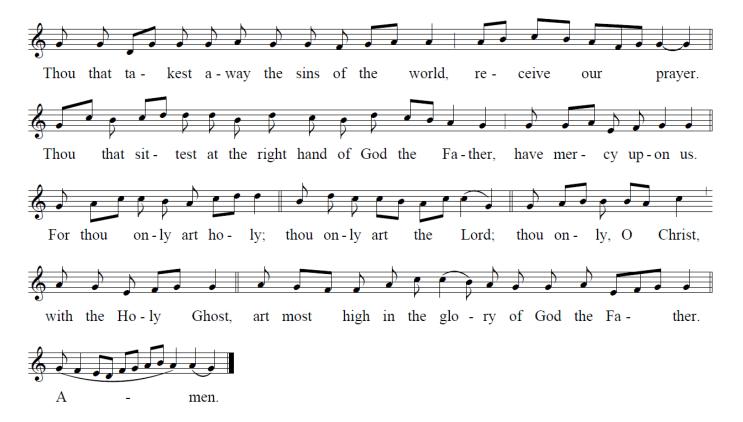
Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Proper 16*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING - Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 (Please be seated)

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, 'Your fathers lived of old beyond the Euphra'tes, Terah, the father of Abraham and of Nahor; and they served other gods. "Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if you be unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, 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 fathers up from the land

of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, and who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Bonum est confiteri

Tone V

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. V. To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 6: 10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Spiritus est qui vivificat (Please stand)

Tone VI

Alleluia. *Alleluia*. *V*. It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing. **Alleluia**.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 6:56-69

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant ★ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven, not such as the fathers ate

and died; he who eats this bread will live for ever." This he said in the synagogue, as he taught at Caper'na-um. Many of his disciples, when they heard it, said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at it, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you that do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who those were that did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." After this many of his disciples drew back and no longer went about with him. Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON Fr. Locke

THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

(Genuflect or bow)

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead,

▼ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM VI (Please remain standing)

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of thy creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Nicholas, our own Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Silence

The people may odd their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may odd their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt thee, O God our King; And praise thy Name for ever and ever.

We pray for ♥ all who have died, that they may have a place in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may odd their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in thee.

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and people

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for we have sinned most grievously against thee; in thy compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by thy Spirit that we may live and serve thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, *pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – Exspectans exspectavi

Tone II

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth, even a thanksgiving unto our God.

HYMN 381 – "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Ton-y-Botel

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

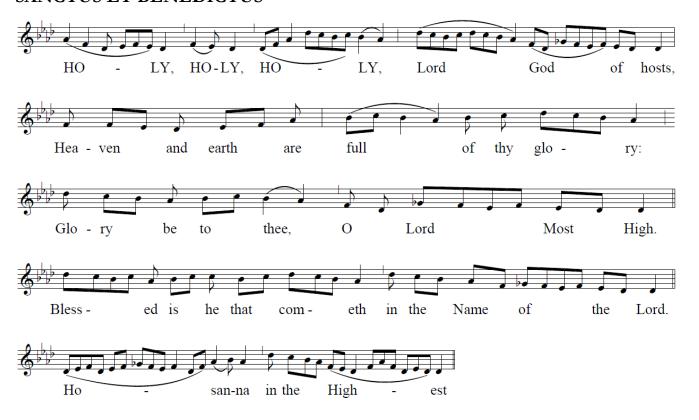
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II (Please kneel if you are able to do so)

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.

Do this in remembrance of me."

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Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy \$\mathbb{H}\$ grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; \$\mathbb{H}\$ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant



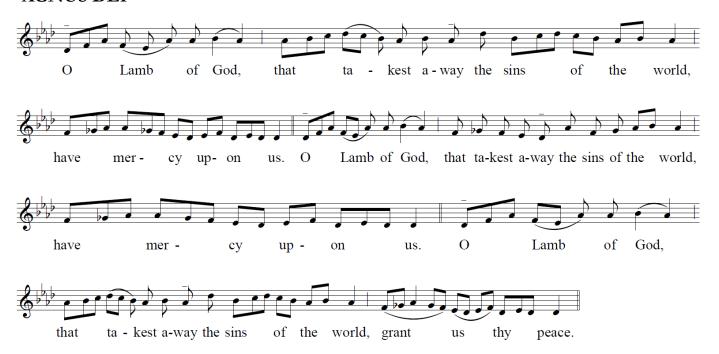
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD – Pascha nostrum

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. Silence is kept. Then is sung

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI



PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant

Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. And oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

HYMN 337 – "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"

Unde et memores

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please remain kneeling.

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL (Please stand)

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

HYMN 530 – "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank

VOLUNTARY – Toccata

Percy Whitlock (1903 – 1946)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Mark Barr, Charles Calverley, Sandra Calverley, Lola Campagna, Ruby Campagna, Fr. Norman Catir, Diana Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Ernie Drew, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Joan Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Fr. Jonathan Hyuck, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Jane Malone, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, and Christopher Whittingham.

Birthdays: Patti Barnes (8/26), Florence Ferreira (8/26), Julie Pearson (8/27).

The faithful departed: Year's mind: Edith Woolsey Nutt (8/22), Robert E. Latham (8/23), Phoebe Robertson (8/23), Phoebe Elizabeth Allen Jacobs (8/28), Rev. Jonathan T. Glass (8/28).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to prayer for: 8/22, The Anglican Church of South America; 8/23, The Diocese of Egba - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 8/24, The Diocese of Egba West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 8/25, The Diocese of Egbu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 8/26, The Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; 8/27, The Missionary Diocese of Eha – Amufu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 8/28, The Diocese of Ekiti – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for the Diocesan Commission on Investments; Commission on Finance; Program and Budget Committee; and all who service the financial ministries of the Diocese.

GIVING TO S. STEPHEN'S

You can mail your pledge card back to the church office, leave it in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday, or pledge online (sstephens.org/donate). Thank you for all the many ways in which you are already supporting S. Stephen's.

WELCOME TO S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH



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