

## *Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!*

We thank you for joining us today at our Healing Service. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's.

Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.

### *Mission Statement*

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal;  
to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

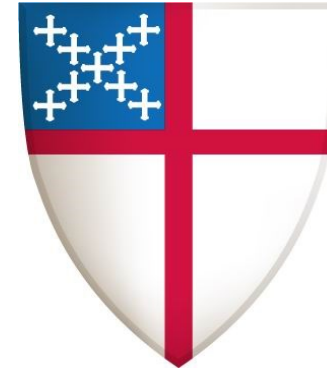
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## *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church* *Healing Service*

*April 18, 2024*

## *Anselm of Canterbury*

*Archbishop of Canterbury and Theologian, 1109*  
*(April 21)*

## *Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, whose servant Anselm helped your church to understand its faith in your eternal Being, perfect justice, and saving mercy: Provide your church in all ages with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-11*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



**LORD  
HEAR OUR  
PRAYERS**

## **ARMED FORCES**

Todd, Captain Carlo and Co., Christopher, Niccolo, Stephen, Jason, Joseph, Robert, Michael, Robert, Luca, Abraham, Robert, Blaine, Nico, John Benjamin, Timothy, Collin, Nicolette, Chaplain Colonel Jim, Colonel Mark, Wayne, Wesley, Luke, Chaplin John, John W., Joseph T., Nick, Bill, Hank, Zachary, Emeron, Joshua, Dan, and State Troopers Jeff and Dustin

## **DIOCESE AND CLERGY**

Bishop Sally, Retired Bishop Chip, Fr. Paul, Fr. Austin, Caroline our Dean

## **MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD**

Penny, Darlene, Richard

## **NURSING HOME**

Henrietta, Edna, Arlene, Dolores

## **LORD IN YOUR MERCY**

### **HEAR OUR PRAYERS**

## ***Psalm 139: 1-9***

### ***Domine, probasti***

- 1 **L**ORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.

### ***A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew 11:25*** ***-30***

**J**esus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



## **LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

### **PEOPLE WITH OTHER ILLNESSES**

Tim, Carol, Rosemary, Madeline, Doug, Kimberly, Mary, John, Susan, Beatrice, Alberta, Carl, Shelagh, Bob, Aubrey, Phylliss, Bruce, Trudy, Barbara, Dottie, Janet, Irv, Jude', Maryann, Dolores, Angelo, Michael and Denny, Jamilla and her son Vinnie, Priscilla, Fran, Lillian, Marjorie, Pat R., Debra, Lou, Bob, Eileen, Krupa, Claire Kevin, Gillian, Robert, Sharon, Dan, Ruthann, Ruth M. Linda

### **FOR THE PEACE OF THE SOULS OF**

Joan, Dominic, Dawn, Curtis, Eugene, Anthony, Jacqueline, Roger, John, Diane, Julia, Carol, Judy, Doris, Al, Bill, Jack, Pat, Nancy, Rafael, Hope, Walter, Dennis, Warren, Gail, Anna, Jean, Paul, Tina

### **MAY THEY AND ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE AND MAY LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**

### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HEALED OR HAD PRAYERS ANSWERED -**

Michelle, Marjorie, Laura, Roger, Claire, Susan, Tina.