

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.

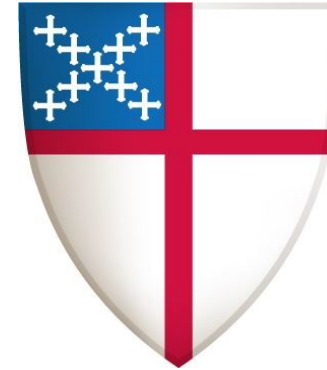
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church *Healing Service*

May 9, 2024

Gregory of Nazianzus

Bishop and Theologian, 389

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who has revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your bishop Gregory of Nazianzus, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who live and reign for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A reading from the First Letter of Jonah 1:1–16

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.”

The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation?”

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

LET US PRAY TOGETHER FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

PEOPLE WITH OTHER ILLNESSES

Greg, Colton, Tim, Carol, Rosemary, Madeline, Doug, Kimberly, Mary, John, Susan, Beatrice, Alberta, Carl, Shelagh, Bob, Aubrey, Phyliss, 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.

Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord, "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Psalm 71:1-8

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 **I**n you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, *
my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
my praise shall be always of you.

7 I have become a portent to many; *
but you are my refuge and my strength.

8 Let my mouth be full of your praise *
and your glory all the day long.

A Reading from The Gospel According to John 8:25–32

The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him." As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."



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