

Closing Hymn

**"BY ALL YOUR SAINTS IN WARFARE"**



1 By all Your saints in war- fare, For all Your saints at  
2 Praise for the first of mar- tyrs, Who saw You read- y  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther, And wor-ship God the



rest, Your ho- ly name, O Je- sus, For- ev- er more  
stand, To help in time of tor- ment To plead at God's  
Son, And sing to God the Spir- it, E- ter- nal Three



be blest! For You have won the bat- tle, That they might  
right hand. Like You, our suff- r'ing Sav- ior, His en- e-  
in One, Till all the ran- sored num- ber, Fall down be-

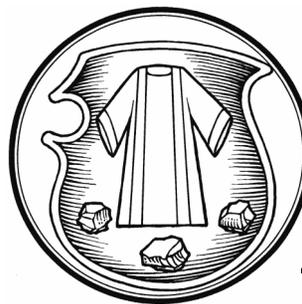


wear the crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
mies he blessed, With "Lord, re- ceive my spir - it,"  
fore the throne, As- crib- ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re- flect- ed from Your throne.  
His faith, by death, con- fessed.  
And praise to God a - lone!

*Please depart in silence and leave this Ordo at the door.*



# Holy Mass

ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

December 26

*It is a laudable custom to kneel in prayer after entering the pew.*

*It is a laudable custom to bow the head whenever the holy name of Jesus is mentioned in the Mass and at those points marked with a diamond (♦).*

*At those points marked with a cross (✕), it is a laudable custom to cross oneself.*

## Preliminaries

### Prelude

*Please STAND when the entrance bell is rung.*

### Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

### Versicles

I will go to the altar of God:

**To God my exceeding joy.**

Our ✕ help is in the Name of the Lord.

**Who made heaven and earth.**

*Please KNEEL.*

### Confiteor

*During a period of silence, call to mind both your sinfulness and those sins you have committed against the Ten Commandments.*

I confess to almighty God,

**before all the company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed**

*(strike your chest three times saying:)*

**through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault;**

**wherefore I pray almighty God, for the sake of Jesus Christ His Son, to have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

**Absolution**

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my Office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Please STAND.

## Liturgy of the Word

**Introit—Psalm 119.23, 86.1**

*Princes sit and speak against me, they persecute me wrongfully:*

*Help me, O Lord my God, for Your servant meditates on Your statutes.*

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*\*Glory be 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*

*Princes sit and speak against me, they persecute me wrongfully:*

*Help me, O Lord my God, for Your servant meditates on Your statutes.*

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Benedicamus**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

The Mass is ended. Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing**

Please KNEEL.

Almighty God bless you: the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**Silent Prayer**

*Pray that you remain in Christ just as He is in you.*

Please STAND when the organ sounds to sing the closing hymn on the following page.

and my soul shall be healed. ✠ May the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen

*I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

At the Altar before receiving the Blood of Christ, kneel and silently say:

*What shall I give to the Lord for all the benefits that He has given to me? I will receive the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised, so shall I be saved from my enemies. ✠ May the Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul unto life everlasting! Amen*

After Returning from the Altar, kneel and silently say:

*Let Your Body which I have received and Your Blood which I have drunk, O Lord, cleave to my members; and grant that no stain of sin remain in me, whom You have refreshed with a pure and holy sacrament; who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

*I give You thanks, Lord God heavenly Father, that You have refreshed me with the Body and Blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. And I pray that this heavenly food may strengthen my faith that I may bear all crosses, sicknesses and trials with patience and trust; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*After all have communed, the Celebrant cleanses the sacred vessels.*

### **Communio—Acts 7.56, 59, 60**

*I see the heavens opened and † Jesus standing at the right hand of God:*

*Lord † Jesus, receive my spirit, and do not charge them with this sin.*

*Please STAND.*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully, O Lord, that we, who have received these holy Mysteries may be defended by Your everlasting protection; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory be to God on high:

**And on earth peace, good will toward men!**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we ' worship Thee;**

**We glorify Thee, we give ' thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, ' Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**Who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou who take away the sin of the world, ' receive our prayer.**

**Thou who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, ' O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠ are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### **Collects**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us pray. Grant us grace, O Lord, that like St. Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies, and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that the new birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free, who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; through the same † Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Please BE SEATED.*

**Old Testament—2 Chronicles 24.17-22**

*After the Reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual—Psalm 119.23, 86; 6.4**

*Princes sit and speak against me: they persecute me wrongfully.*

*Help me, O Lord, my God: Save me for Your mercies' sake.*

**Epistle—Acts 6.8-10; 7.54-60**

*After the Reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND.

**Alleluia—Acts 7.56**

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

*I see the heavens opened: and \* Jesus standing at the right hand of God.*

*Alleluia.*

**Holy Gospel—St. Matthew 23.34-39**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

*While the Gospel is announced, make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips and heart.*

The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Please BE SEATED.

**Preaching of the Gospel**

Please STAND when the organ sounds.

**Chief Hymn**

**“THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR”**

*The Lutheran Hymnal #452*

**Pax Domini**

The peace of the ✠ Lord be with you always.

**Amen**

**Agnus Dei**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace. Amen**

**Distribution of Our Lord’s Body and Blood**

*Please approach the Altar and KNEEL to receive the Most Blessed Sacrament.*

*Reception of the Lord’s Supper indicates unity in confession and faith. If you have not communed at Zion’s altar previously, please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you have spoken with the Pastor.*

*The Body of Christ is received on the tongue.*

*The Blood of Christ is received from the Chalice.*

*You may assist the minister by guiding the Chalice to your mouth.*

*Women are asked to remove lipstick before drinking from the Chalice.*

**Prayers During Holy Communion**

*Before approaching the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who by the will of the Father with the Holy Spirit has given life to the world through Your death; by this, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil, and enable me ever to abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to be separated from You; who lives and reigns with the same Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Let not my reception of Your Body and Blood, which I, all unworthy, presume to eat and drink, be to my judgment and condemnation; but by Your mercy may it be to me for protection and health both of soul and body; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, living and reigning now and forever.*

*Before receiving the Body of Christ at the Altar, kneel and silently say:*

*I shall receive the bread of heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof, but speak the word only*

### Eucharistic Prayer

*The Prayer of Thanksgiving is prayed, ending with the words:*

...which You now graciously bestow upon us through Christ Our Lord.

**Amen**

### Verba Christi

*The Celebrant speaks the Words of Our Lord's Last Will and Testament. During the two Major Elevations, we adore Our Lord's Body and Blood.*

### Anamnesis

*The Prayer of Remembrance is prayed, ending with the words:*

...until He comes again in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

### Acclamation

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen**

*At the Minor Elevation, we again adore Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament and acclaim Him as eternal God.*

### Pater Noster

Taught by Our Lord and trusting His promise, we are bold to 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. Amen**

### Embolism

*The Celebrant concludes the Our Father with a prayer for deliverance and peace, ending with the words:*

...one God now and forever.

**Amen**

### Credo

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**

*Please GENUFLECT on the kneelers in honor of Our Lord's incarnation.*

**And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;**

*Please STAND.*

**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 sits at the right hand of the Father;**

**And He shall come again with glory to judge the living  
and the dead;**

**Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,**

**The Lord and Giver of Life,**

**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**Who with the Father and the Son together is † wor-  
shipped and glorified,**

**Who spoke 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**

Please KNEEL.

### Intercessions

After each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition is prayed:

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

Please BE SEATED.

## Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

### Offertory

*While the Altar is prepared, you are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Our Lord's Service in His Body and Blood.*

### Offertory Hymn

**“O GOD, THY SOLDIERS' CROWN AND GUARD”**

*Sung by Kantor*

*O God, Thy soldier's crown and guard, And their exceeding great reward;  
From all transgressions set us free, Who sing Thy martyr's victory.*

*The pleasures of the world he spurned, From sin's pernicious lures he turned;  
He knew their joys imbued with gall, And thus he reached Thy heavenly hall.*

*For Thee through many a woe he ran, In many a fight he played the man;  
For Thee his blood he dared to pour, And thence hath joy forevermore.*

*We therefore pray Thee, full of love, Regard us from Thy throne above;  
On this Thy martyr's triumph day, Wash every stain of sin away.*

*O Christ, most loving King to Thee, With God the Father, glory be;  
Like glory, as is ever meet, To God the holy Paraclete. Amen.*

### Offertorium—Acts 6.5; 7.59

*The Apostles chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit:*

*Whom the Jews stoned as he was calling on God and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Alleluia.*

Please STAND.

### Oblation

*The Celebrant prays the Offertory Prayer, ending with the words:*

*...one God, now and forever.*

**Amen**

### Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

### Christmass Preface

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made Flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to the love of those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

Please KNEEL when the Server rings the Sanctus bell three times.

♠ **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Lord God of Sabaoth.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who ✕ comes in the Name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**