All Saints’ Day

November 4, 2018
8:00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
Welcome to St. Stephen’s!
It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 10:30 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you. For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!
- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until noon with our wonderful caregiver Suzie Klemmer.
- **Children ages 4 - 10** are welcome to participate in Godly Play upstairs during the 10:30 a.m. service. Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired Christian formation program that teaches children about the mystery of God through storytelling. Children join their parents in church during The Peace. Our Godly Play teachers are Beth Davis and Barb Wood.
- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.
- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten free bread please inform the server at the time of communion. To receive grape juice instead of wine please go to the baptism side of the altar rail (right). There, inform the server at the time of communion.

If you have any **questions**, please ask any Vestry member – their nametags are marked.

There is an **elevator** in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office.
Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers or hymns- you may sit if you prefer.

If you have pastoral care needs, contact Jessica Hoagland (388-9012, hoagland.j@comcast.net), pastoral lay ministry coordinator; Mary McGuire (802-598-1895 or 388-6740, mary.c.mcguire10@gmail.com), Senior Warden; or Annemarie Deering in the office (388-7200, ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com).
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

The Word of God

The Acclamation

_Celebrant:_ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
_People:_ And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards 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, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest 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, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Ministry Moment

The Collect of the Day

_Celebrant:_ The Lord be with you.
_People:_ And with thy spirit.
_Celebrant:_ Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast
prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**First Lesson**  
*Isaiah 25: 6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

**Psalm**  
*Psalm 24*

The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it, *  
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates;  
   lift them high, O everlasting doors; *  
   and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" * 
   "The LORD, strong and mighty,  
      the LORD, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
   lift them high, O everlasting doors; *  
   and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" * 
   "The LORD of hosts,  
      he is the King of glory."

**Second Lesson**  
*Revelation 21: 1-6a*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

*John 11: 32-44*

**Gospeller:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**Gospeller:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

**The Nicene Creed** *(stand)*  
Prayer book p. 326

**The Prayers of the People** *(stand or kneel)*  
Prayer book p. 328

**Confession of Sin**  
Prayer book p. 330

**The Peace** *(stand)*

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.
Our loose plate offering today is designated for the Discretionary Fund.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee O Lord,
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)  
Prayer Book p. 340

The Lord’s Prayer  
Prayer Book p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread  
Prayer Book p. 337

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion

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The Postcommunion Prayer (stand)

People: 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.
Announcements

The Blessing

_Celebrant:_ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be a blessing upon you, now and forever.

_People:_ Amen.

Dismissal

_Celebrant:_ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

_People:_ Thanks be to God.

_Celebrant & Preacher:_ The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell

_Lector & Intercessor:_ John-Eric Robinson

_Eucharistic Minister:_ Nance Hardwick

_Ministry Moment:_ Bill Eichner