

## *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.

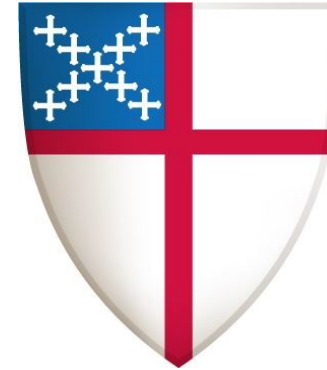
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## *St. Stephen's Episcopal Church* *Healing Service*

*May 2, 2024*

*Athanasius of Alexandria*  
*Bishop and Theologian, 373*

## ***Collect of the Day***

Ⲡ Lord, who established your servant Athanasius, through wisdom, in your truth: Grant that we, perceiving the humanity and divinity of your Son Jesus Christ, may follow in his footsteps and ascend the way to eternal life, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## ***A reading from the First Letter of John 5:1-5***

Ⲙ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

## **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, Chaplain 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**

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, Gilli-  
an, 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.

***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 Matthew*  
*10:22–32*

Jesus said to the twelve, "You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."



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