

We pray for healing: in our fellowship for: Kelly, Monica, Donald, Gabby, Ann, Val and Bethann; in our extended fellowship: Larry, Evelyn, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Dorothy and Robert & Cecilia (Lisa's parents); in the food pantry community, Kenny and Andrew.

In our diocese, we pray for: the faithful of St. Gabriel's Church, Douglassville

In the greater Anglican communion, we pray for: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and their Primate Bishop, Thabo.

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WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People: *His mercy endures for ever.*

Penitential Order Prayer Book 351
(you may stand or kneel as you are able)

Kyrie Eleison Hymnal S-96 (found in front of hymnal)

Collect of the Day:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: I Samuel 16: 1-13 **see Insert**

Psalm **23**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Hymn Hymnal 660

Holy Gospel *(Please stand)* **see Insert**

Homily

Nicene Creed Prayer Book 358

Prayers of the People Prayer Book 388

The Peace / Announcements

Offertory & Doxology

Great Thanksgiving Prayer Book 361

Sanctus Hymnal S-130
(You may remain standing or kneel, as you are able)

Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book 362

Lord's Prayer Prayer Book 364

Fraction Hymn Hymnal S-164

Prayer of Humble Access:

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion)

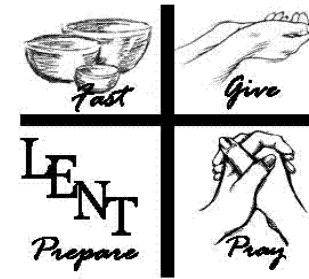
Hymn Hymnal 645

Post-Communion Prayer Prayer Book 366
(Please stand or kneel)

Prayer Over the People

Let us bow down before the Lord: Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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A hearty welcome to any who are visiting with us today. Please join us for coffee and treats afterwards!

The 7 Day Reservation Candle is given this week to the Glory of God, by Ken & Carol Holmes in memory of Janet James

Food Pantry needs this month: Juice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pasta noodles (spaghetti, ziti, rigatoni, etc), canned vegetables and personal hygiene such as shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.

Hoagie orders pick up in parish hall on 3/21 after 8:45 am.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule:

Wed Holy Week: 4/5, Office of Tenebrae 7pm online only
Maundy Thursday: 4/6, Holy Eucharist with stripping of the Altar 1 pm

Good Friday: 4/7, Stations of the Cross & Liturgy of the Day
12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday: 4/9, Festival Eucharist at 11am

Attendance March 12th: 26 in person, at least 1 on line