**St Stephen’s Episcopal Church**

Seattle, WA

**An Order of Service for Noonday In Lent**

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord
your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. (Joel 2:13)

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

**People O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Psalm of the Day**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**A Reading from the Gospel**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Commemoration of the Day**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

**People Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Officiant Lord, hear our prayer;

**People And let our cry come to you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

God of mystery and wisdom,

be with us this Lenten season.

It’s been a long way, already

sickness, worry, isolation, fear, waiting,

our hearts are heavy,

our souls are weary,

our bodies are hurting,

our hope is wavering,

yet, you are with us.

God of mystery and wisdom,

be with us this Lenten season.

Show us your grace

in the small moments of silence,

the prayers offered in person or virtually,

the kindness of a stranger,

the lighting of a candle,

the listening to a friend,

the care of neighbors,

you are with us.

God of mystery and wisdom,

be with us this Lenten season.

Settle our hearts,

revive our spirits,

increase our faith,

spread our love.

God of mystery and wisdom,

be with us this Lenten season.

In ashes and dust,

reading and listening,

wandering and walking,

praying and singing,

eating and fasting,

show us the way to go.

God of mystery and wisdom,

be with us this Lenten season.

As we walk to the cross

keep our eyes fixed

on you and your love –

caring for others,

crossing boundaries,

reaching out to the poor,

taking our pain,

transforming death into life,

over and over again.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**