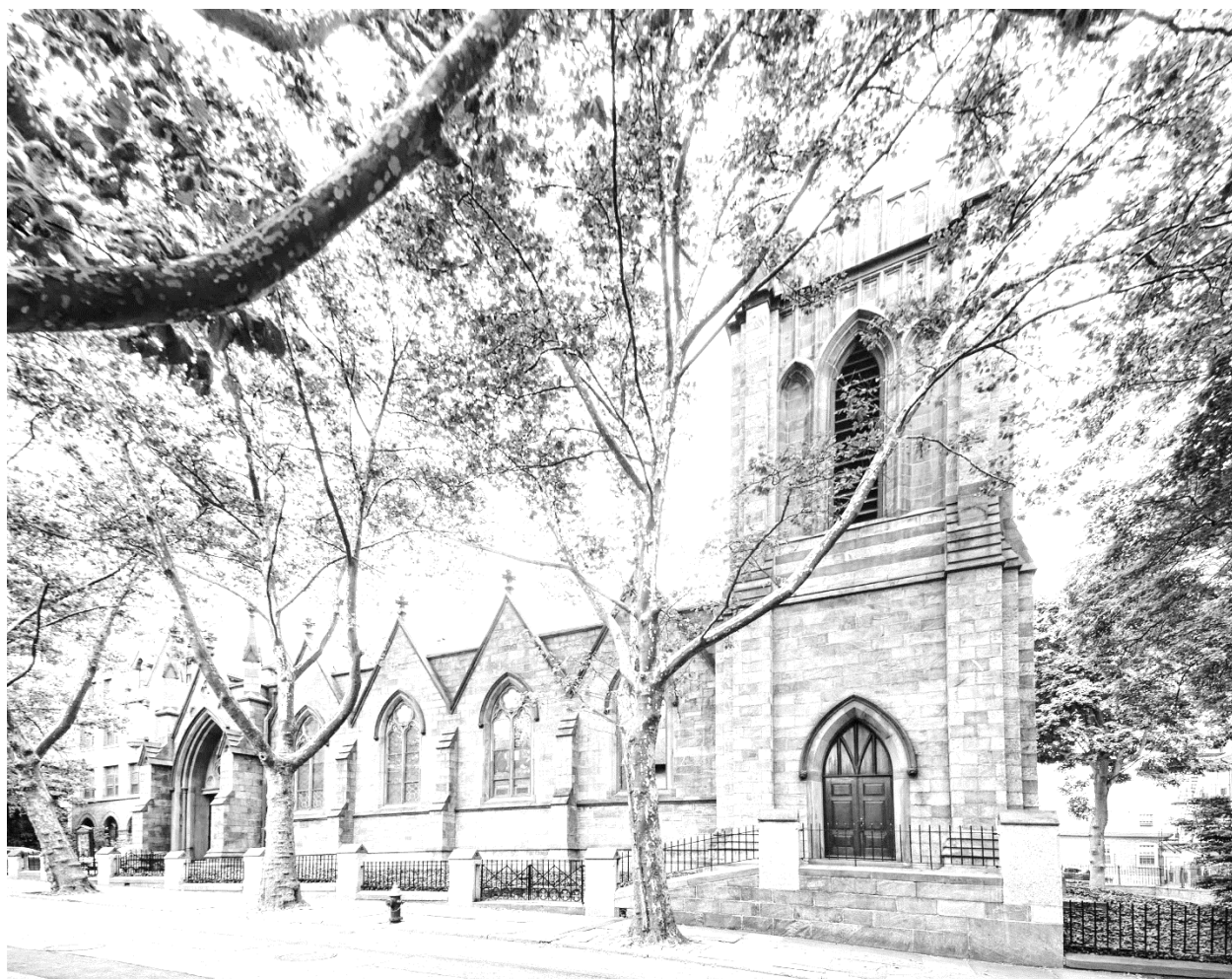


SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
JUNE 13TH, 2021

Welcome to Saint Stephen's – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Benjamin

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Saturday 19 June, 2:30-4:00 pm
Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Tuesday 15 June

Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Thursday 17 June

Feria
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 19 June

Feria
Gervase and Protase, Martyrs at Milan, 2nd c.
Morning Prayer 9:30 am
Low Requiem Mass 10:00 am

Next Sunday

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8:00 am
Sung Mass 10:00 am
Zoom Coffee Hour 11:30 am

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

13 JUNE 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdelena
Healey Willan (1880 – 1968)

*NOTE: Please turn all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices off,
or to silent mode, while you are in church.*

THE OPENING RITE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY – *Melodia*, op. 59, no. 11

Max Reger (1873 – 1916)

HYMN 524 – “I love thy kingdom, Lord”

St. Thomas (Williams)

INTROIT – *Exaudi, Domine (please remain standing)*

Tone VII

Consider, O Lord, and hear me, when I cry unto thee: be thou my succour, O
cast me not away, neither forsake me utterly, O God of my salvation. *Ps.* The
Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be... Consider,
O Lord...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

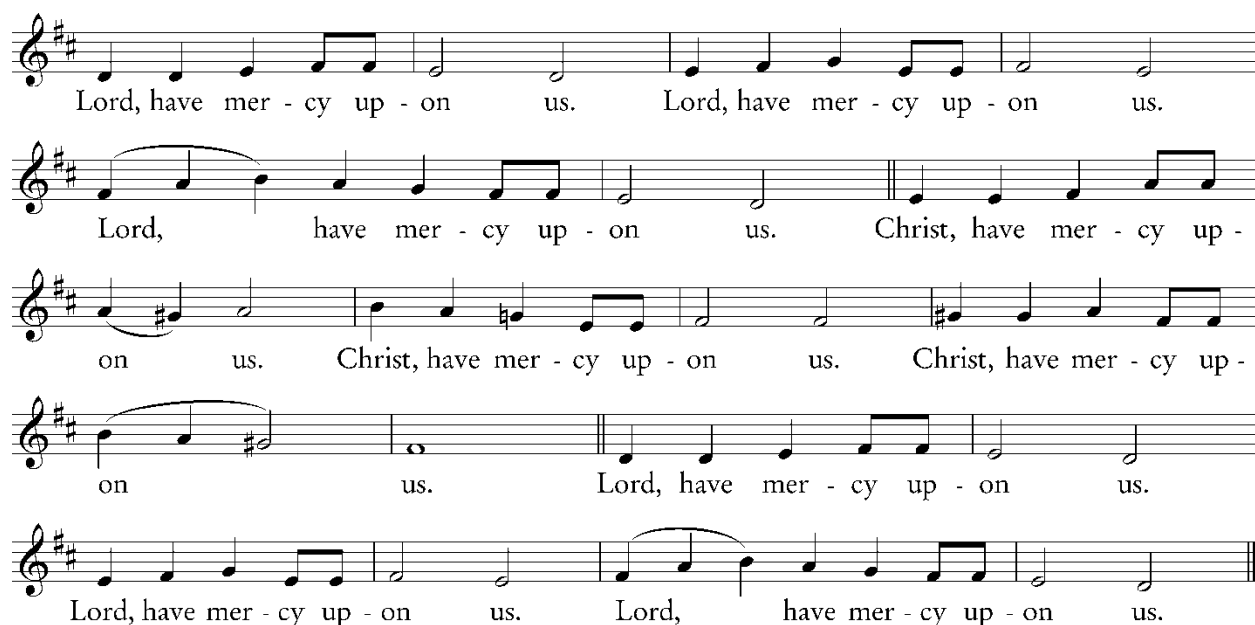
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and
great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy
neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy

thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,

heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.—

— O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly

O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of

2
God the Fa-ther. A-

- - - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Proper 6*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 17: 22-24 (*Please be seated*)

Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – *Bonum est confiteri*

Tone V

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. *V.* To tell of thy loving-kindness early, in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Domine, in virtute tua (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** V. The King shall rejoice in thy strength, O Lord: exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 4: 26-34

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ☩ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand)*

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,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again, with glory,
 to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

*(Genuflect or
 bow)*

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified;
 who spake 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV *(Please remain standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth,
 live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy ✠ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen our patron, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation
against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Benedicam Dominum*

Tone II

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel; I have set God always before me: for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

HYMN 623 – “O what their joy and their glory must be”

O quanta qualia

ORATE, FRATRES

Celebrant Pray, brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

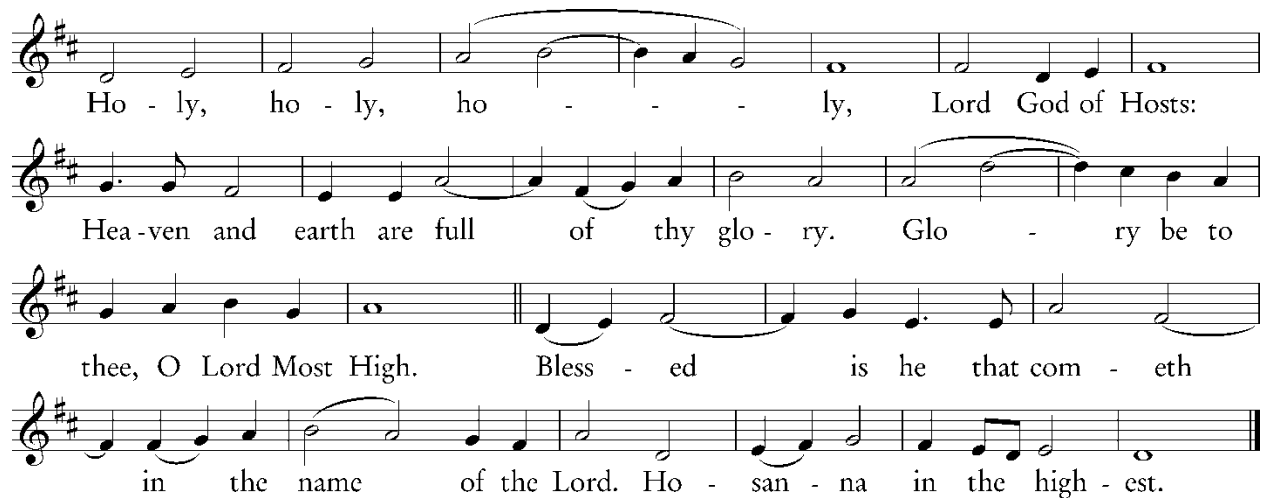
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to
thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.
Do this in remembrance of me.”



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT
WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech

thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; ✠ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,
thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas - ses,
as we for-give those who tres-pass a -gainst us. And lead us not in - to
temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD – CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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.

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ✠ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Unam petii*

Tone I

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require: even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion. If you are not sure if you have been baptized, or would like to explore Baptism, please speak with the priest after mass.

Please follow the ushers' directions in approaching the crossing to receive communion and maintain physical distancing of 6 feet. You must wear a face-covering when approaching and receiving communion from the celebrant. If you have not brought your own face-covering, one will be provided to you. Communion will be distributed in one kind (bread) only. Thank you for your cooperation.

HYMN 302 – “Father, we thank thee who hast planted”

Rendez à Dieu

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Please remain kneeling.

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN 462 – “The Lord will come and not be slow”

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Charles Calverley, Sandra Calverley, Lola Campagna, Ruby Campagna, Fr. Norman Catir, Diana Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Ernie Drew, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Joan Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Jane Malone, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, Fr. Benjamin, and Christopher Whittingham.

Birthdays this week: Deedee Latimer (6/13), Charles Andrews (6/14), Andrew Campbell (6/19).

The faithful departed: *Year's mind:* David Hale Baldwin (6/13), Maria DiMezza Nicolella (6/13), F. Joseph Geogan, II (6/13), J. Carter Brown (6/17), John P. Ladds (6/18).

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion.) In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for the Commission on Ministry and all who walk with those discerning the ministries to which God calls them.

GIVING TO S. STEPHEN'S

You can mail your pledge card back to the church office, leave it in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday, or pledge online (ssteophens.org/donate). Thank you for all the many ways in which you are already supporting S. Stephen's.



WELCOME TO S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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