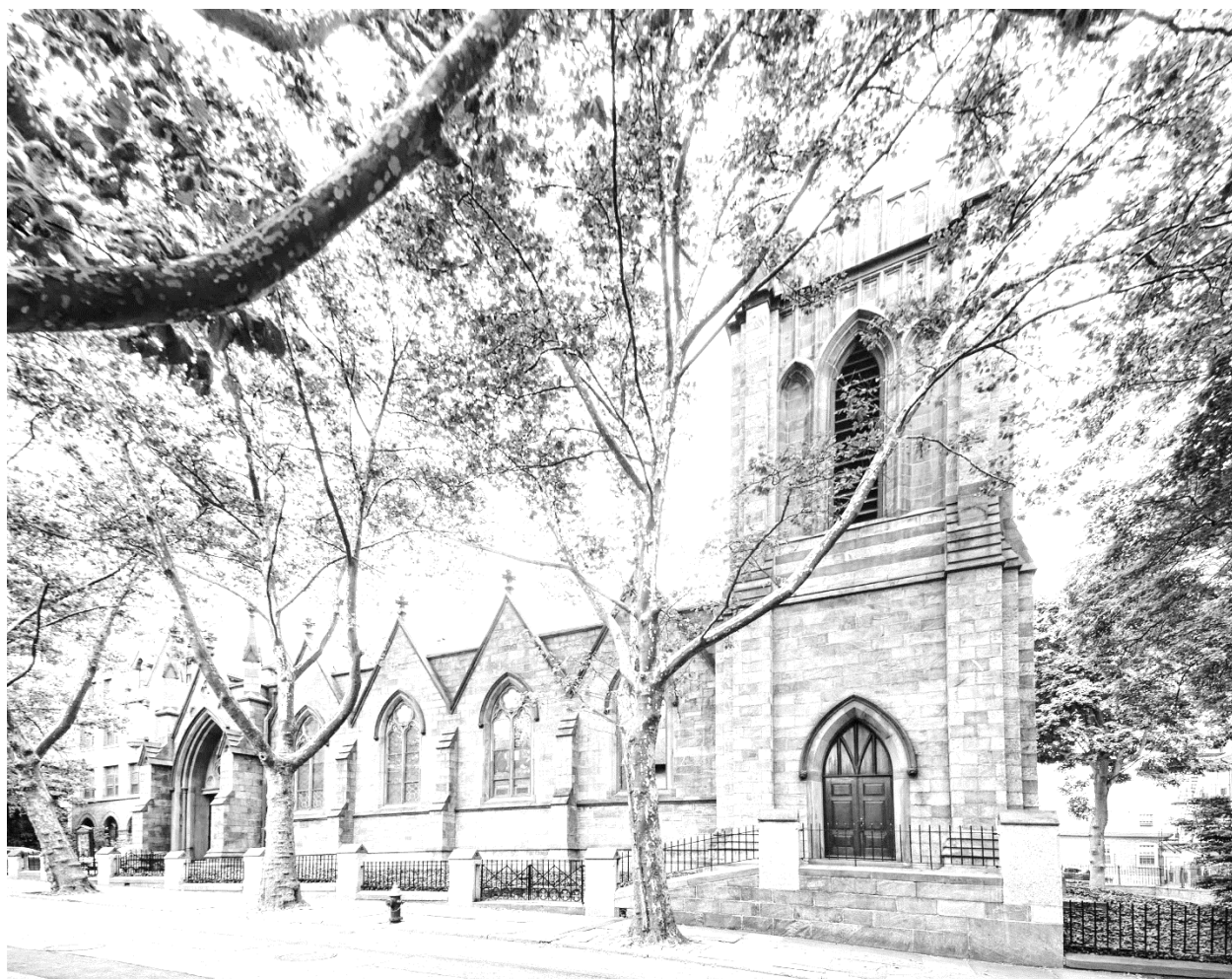


# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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 4 September

Society of Mary, S. Stephen's Library, 11 am

Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Meal Pickup Only) 2:30-4 pm

### **LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Tuesday 31 August

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne,  
Missionary, 651

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Thursday 2 September

The Martyrs of  
Papua New Guinea, 1942

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 4 September

Paul Jones,  
Bishop and Peace Advocate, 1941

*Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester,*

*Apostle of Wessex, 650*

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10 am

Holy Rosary 10:30 am

Next Sunday, 5 September

### **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am

Sung Mass 10 am

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

29 August 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

*Missa Marialis*  
adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867 – 1944)

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

## THE OPENING RITE

**VOLUNTARY** – *Praeludium in D*, BuxWV 139 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637/39 – 1707)

**HYMN 423** – “Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

*St. Denio*

**INTROIT** – *Miserere* (*please remain standing*)

Tone VII

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee: for thou, O Lord, art gracious and merciful, and plenteous in thy loving-kindness toward all them that call upon thee. *Ps.* Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery. Glory be...Have mercy upon me...

## 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.

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

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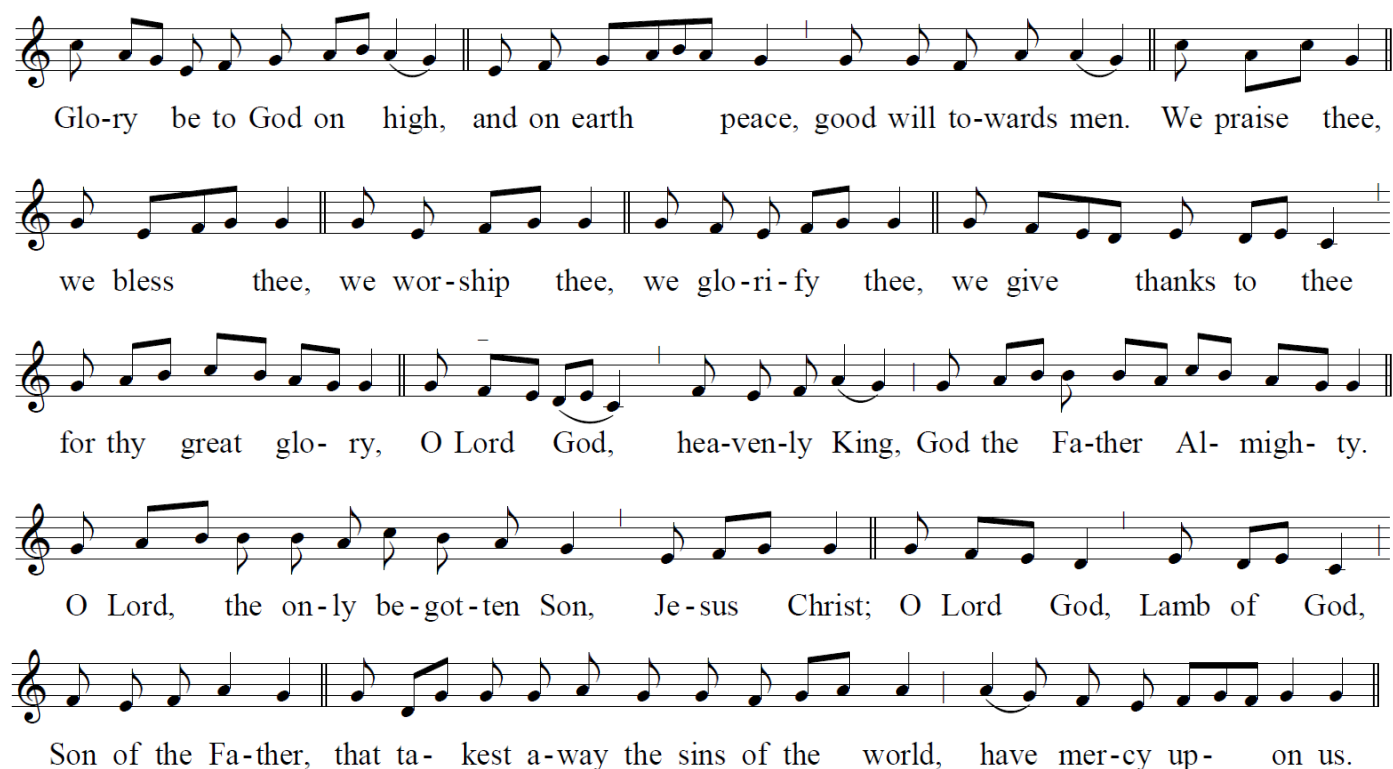
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Lord,

have mer- cy up- on us.

The musical score for 'KYRIE ELEISON' consists of six staves of music. The first five staves each begin with a melodic phrase followed by the lyrics 'Lord, have mer- cy up- on us.' or 'Christ, have mer- cy up- on us.' The sixth staff begins with 'Lord,' followed by a longer melodic phrase and ends with 'have mer- cy up- on us.' The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to-wards men. We praise thee,

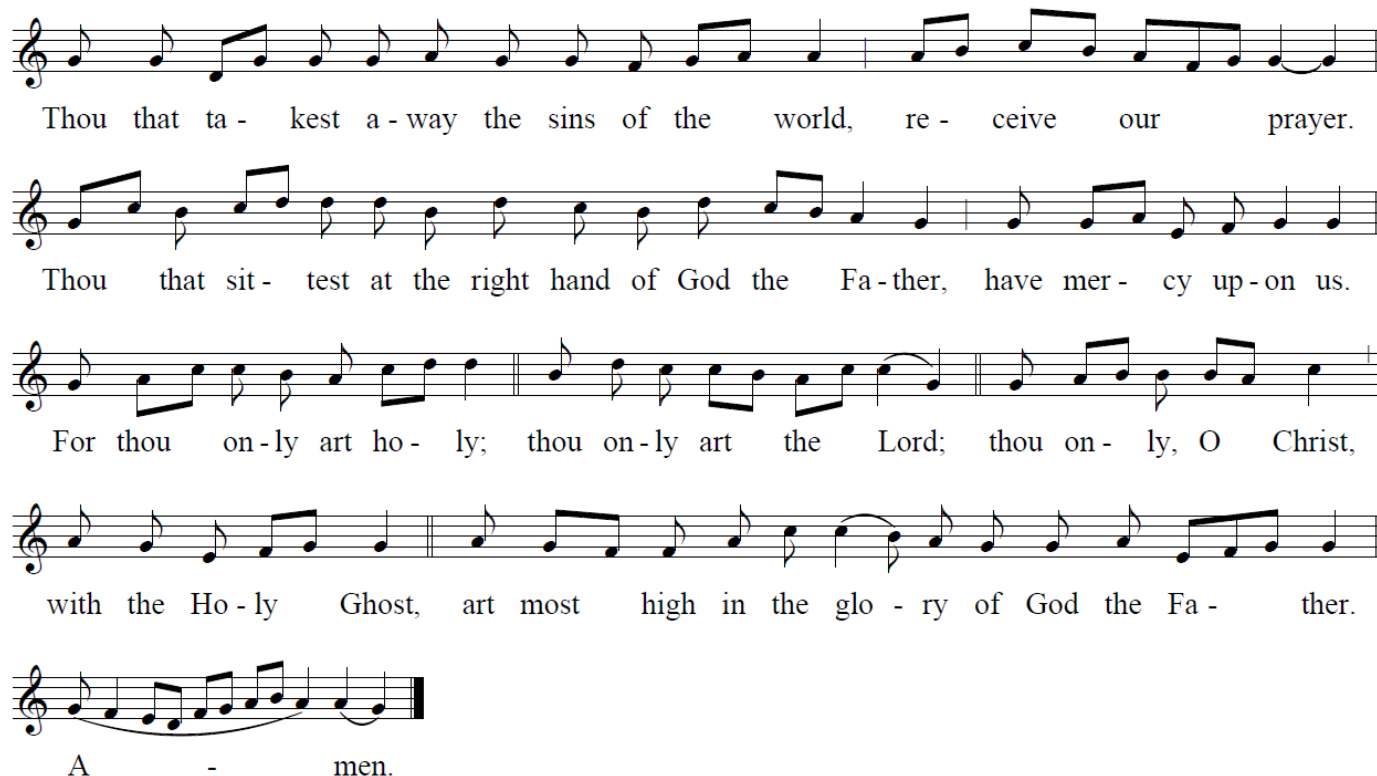
we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee

for thy great glo- ry, O Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al- migh- ty.

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.

The musical score for 'GLORIA IN EXCELSIS' consists of five staves of music. Each staff begins with a melodic phrase followed by the lyrics. The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff.



### COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Proper 17*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING – Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9 (*Please be seated*)

“And now, O Israel, give heed to the statutes and the ordinances which I teach you, and do them; that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you. You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it; that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Keep them and do them; for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day? “Only take heed, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the

things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** – *Timebunt gentes*

Tone V

The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. V. When the Lord shall build up Syon: and when his glory shall appear.

**EPISTLE READING** – James 1:1-17

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** – *Cantate Domino (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** V. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*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.**

Now when the Pharisees gathered together to him, with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the elders; and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels

of bronze.) And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.’ You leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men.” And he called the people to him again, and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a man which by going into him can defile him; but the things which come out of a man are what defile him.” For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

Fr. Benjamin

## 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 VI *(Please remain standing)*

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who  
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of thy creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop,  
and Nicholas, our own Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our  
prayer list and in our hearts.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For thy mercy is great.**

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*



*The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt thee, O God our King;  
**And praise thy Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for ☩ all who have died, that they may have a place in  
thine eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in thee.**

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and people*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for we have sinned most grievously against thee;  
in thy compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by thy Spirit  
that we may live and serve thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The Priest 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 – *Domine, in auxilium*

Tone II

Look down, O Lord, to help me; let them be ashamed, and confounded together, that seek after my soul to destroy it; look down, O Lord, to help me.

### HYMN 556 – “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”

*Marion*

### 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

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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

*Celebrant*

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

*People and Celebrant*

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 – *Pascha nostrum*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. Silence is kept. Then is sung*

*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 – *Domine, memorabor*

Tone I

O Lord, I will make mention of thy righteousness only; thou, God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: forsake me not, O God, in my old age, when I am grayheaded.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized, and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

## HYMN 332 – “O God, unseen yet ever near”

*St. Flavian*



1 O God, unseen yet ever near,  
thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear,  
before thine altar kneel.

2 Here may thy faithful people know  
the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above

3 We come, obedient to thy word,  
to feast on heavenly food:  
our meat the Body of the Lord,  
our drink his precious Blood.

4 Thus may we all thy word obey,  
for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way,  
renewed with strength divine.

## 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 344** – “Lord, dis miss us with thy blessing”

*Sicilian Mariners*

**VOLUNTARY** – *Prelude, Fuga, und Ciacona in C*, BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Prayers have been requested for:** Mark Barr, 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. Jonathan Hyuck, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Jane Malone, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, and Christopher Whittingham.

**Birthdays:** Simon Newby (8/29), Sandra Wheeler (8/30)

**The faithful departed:** *Year's mind:* Philip Joseph Miller (8/30), Malcolm Donald Hyman (9/4).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to prayer for: 8/29, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; 8/30, The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 8/31, The Diocese of Ekiti Oke - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 9/1, The Diocese of Ekiti West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 9/2, The Diocese of Eldoret - The Anglican Church of Kenya; 9/3, The Diocese of Port Elizabeth - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; 9/4, The Diocese of Ely - The Church of England.

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for campus ministry programs at Rhode Island College and the University of Rhode Island.

## 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 ([sstephens.org/donate](http://sstephens.org/donate)). Thank you for all the many ways in which you are already supporting S. Stephen's.

## INSTALLATION OF THE RECTOR

On September 29th, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, will install Fr. Benjamin as the 19th Rector of S. Stephen's Church. The liturgy will begin at 6:00 PM, with reception to follow in the Great Hall. We welcome both members and guests to this celebratory event in the life of our parish.





## WELCOME TO S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

If you would like to be included on our general mailing list, please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher after the Mass.

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Sharon Lloyd Clark, Bobby Rose, Louis Verdelotti

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