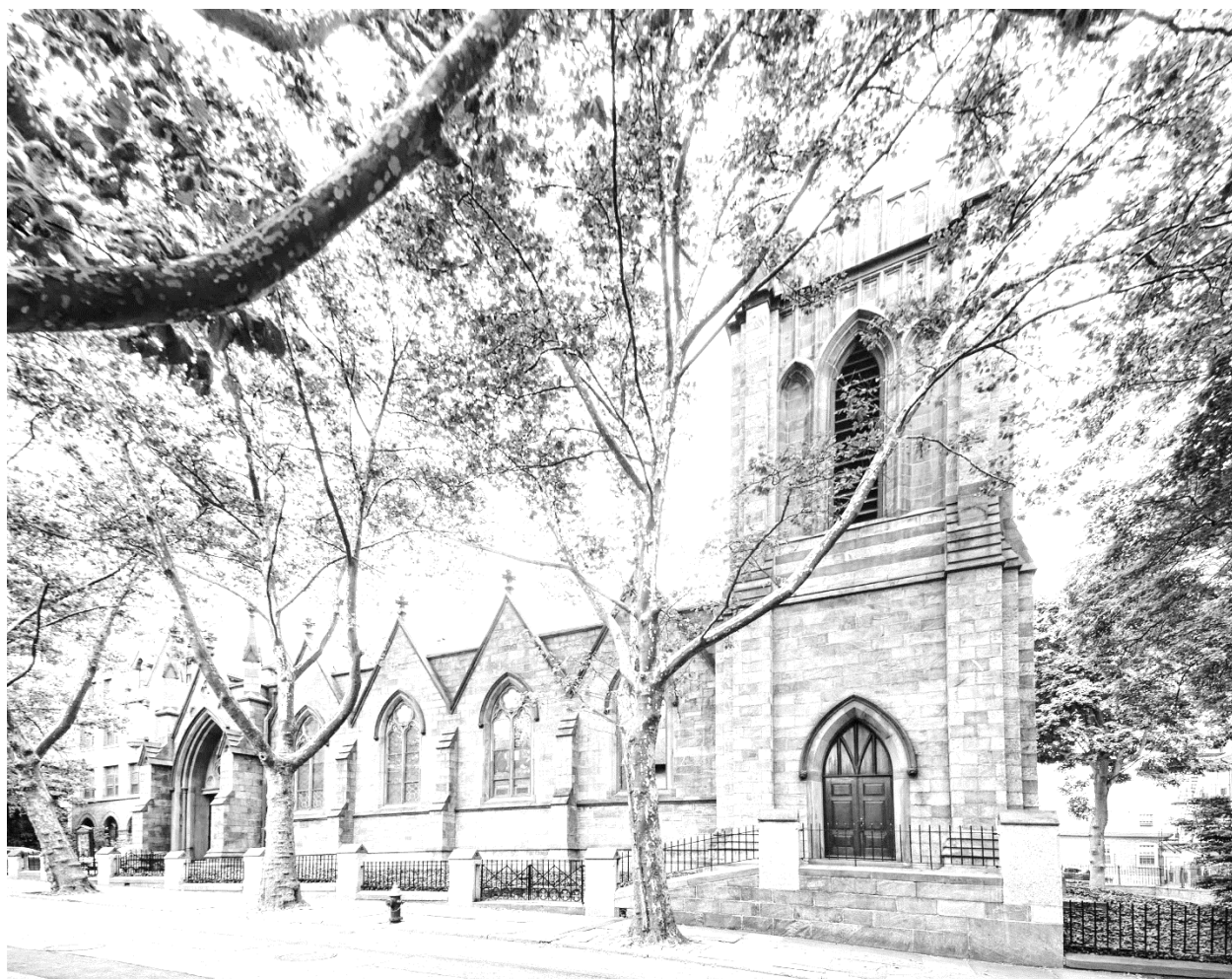


# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 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 3 July, 2:30-4:00 pm  
Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

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

Tuesday 6 July

Feria

*Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop*

*of Rochester, Martyrs, 1535*

*Sexburga, Abbess of Ely, 699*

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Thursday 8 July

Feria

*Aquila and Priscilla, Companions of Saint Paul,*

*1<sup>st</sup> century*

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 10 July

Feria

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10 am

Next Sunday

### **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8:00 am

Sung Mass 10:00 am

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

4 JULY 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*  
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

**VOLUNTARY** – *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Nicolas de Grigny (1672 - 1703)

En taille à 5 (Plein jeu)

Fugue à 5

**HYMN 637** – “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord”

*Lyons*

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

Tone VII

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness. *Ps.* Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. Glory be... We have waited...

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

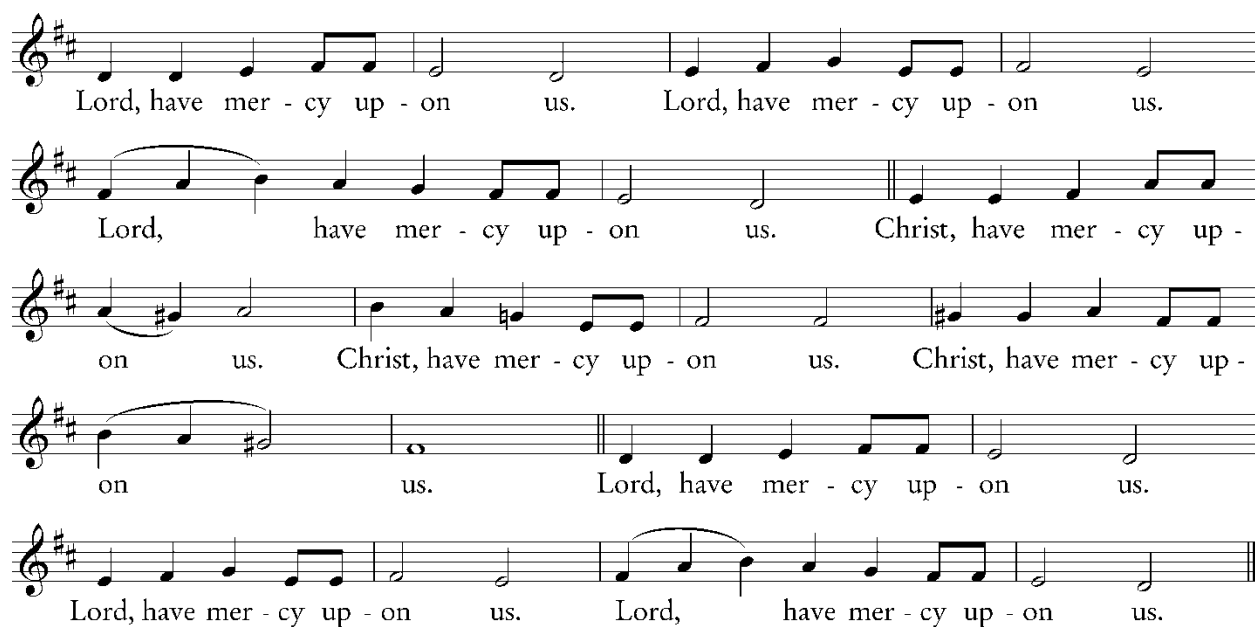
## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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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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,

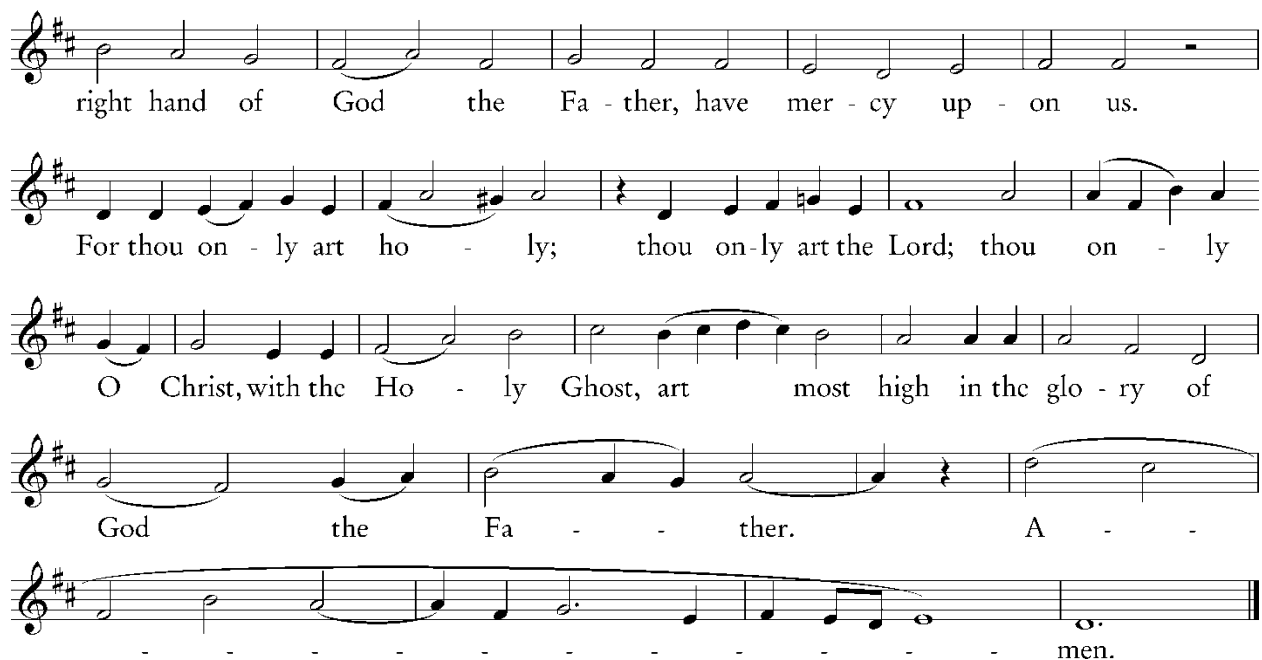
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.—

— 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



### COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Proper 9*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 – Ezekiel 2: 1-5 (*Please be seated*)

And he said to me, “Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you.” And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

#### GRADUAL – *Esto mihi*

Tone V

Be thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that thou mayest save me. *V.*  
In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

## EPISTLE READING – 2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA** – *Magnus Dominus (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** √. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – Mark 6: 1 - 13

*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.**

He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony

against them.” So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

Fr. Pearson

## 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Providence, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who have commended themselves to our prayers, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have ☩ died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord, our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence is 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 – *Populum humilem*

Tone II

Thou shalt save the people that are in adversity, O Lord, and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud: for who is God, but the Lord?

HYMN 616 – “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

## 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.

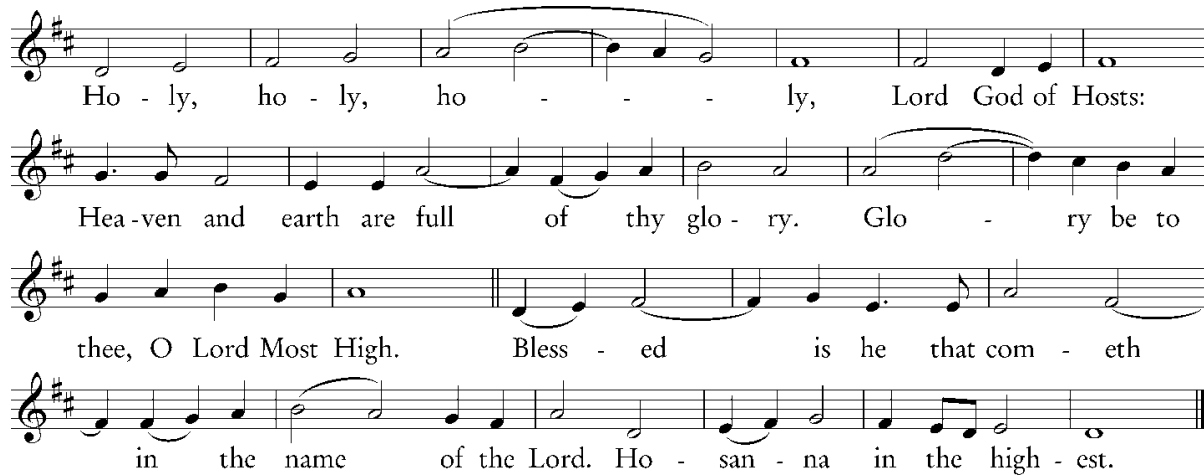
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*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



## 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 – *Gustate et videte*

Tone I

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is he that putteth his trust in him.

## 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 321** – “My God, thy table now is spread”

*Rockingham*

### 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 719** – “O Beautiful for spacious skies”

*Materna*

**VOLUNTARY** – *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Nicolas de Grigny

Our organist for the month of July is Jeffrey Mills.

### 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, and Christopher Whittingham.

**Birthdates:** Jack Tessier (7/5), Cailyn Ripley-McNamar (7/10).

**The faithful departed:** *Recently Departed:* Frank Pisaturo Sr. *Year's mind:* Albert S. Cook (7/7), Hamilton Webb (7/7), Marian Higgins (7/10), Harold Ellsworth Decker (7/12).

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for this nation; the President of the United States, Congress, the courts, and all others in civil authority.

### 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](http://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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