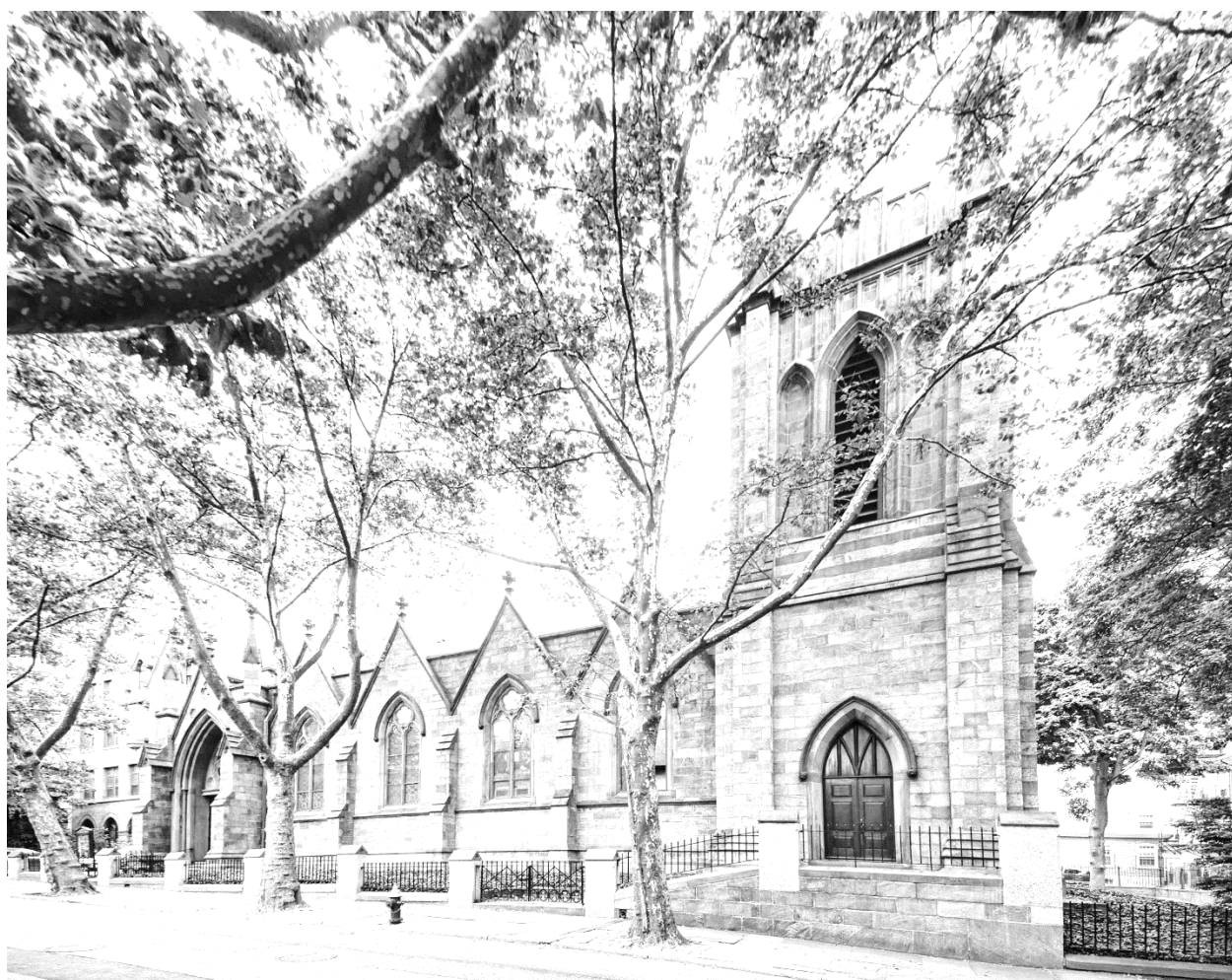


SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 11TH, 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

Tuesday 13 April, 7:00 pm

Vestry Meeting (via Zoom)

Thursday 15 April, 7:00 pm

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Saturday 17 April, 2:30-4:00 pm

Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday 12 April

Feria

Zeno, Bishop of Verona, Martyr, 371

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Low Mass 6:00 pm

Tuesday 13 April

Feria

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Wednesday 14 April

Feria

Sung Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Low Mass 6 pm

Thursday 15 April

Feria

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Friday 16 April

Feria

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 17 April

Feria

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10:00 am

Next Sunday

The Third Sunday of Easter

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 April 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

Communion Service in D
Paul Callaway (1909 – 1995)

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

VOLUNTARY – *L'Orgue Mystique pour le Dimanche de Quasimodo* Charles Tournemire
I. Introit (1870 – 1939)
II. Gradual
III. Communion

THE RITE OF SPRINKLING

VIDI AQUAM (*Please stand*)

Tone VII

The congregation is sprinkled with holy water as a memento of baptism, while the following is sung:

Antiphon. I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed, every one, and they say alleluia, alleluia. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. Glory be... I beheld water...

Celebrant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

People **And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.**

Celebrant O Lord, hear my prayer.

People **And let my cry come unto thee.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God: and may it please Thee to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTROIT – *Quasimodo geniti*

Tone VII

As newborn babes, alleluia: desire ye the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Glory be...As newborn babes...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ☩ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost ☩ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Second Sunday of Easter*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same 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 – Acts 4: 32 - 35 (*Please be seated*)

Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111 – *Confitebor Tibi*

Tone IV

- 1 I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart,
* secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD are great,
* sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour,
* and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works,
* that they ought to be had in remembrance.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him;
* he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath showed his people the power of his works,
* that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment;
* all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
* and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people;
* he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
* a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; his praise endureth for ever.

EPISTLE READING – 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Post dies octo (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** And after eight days, when the doors were shut: stood Jesus in the midst of his disciples, and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 20: 19-31

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe.” Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was

with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Pearson

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Angelus Domini*

Tone II

The Angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and said unto the women: He whom ye seek is risen, as he said, alleluia.

HYMN 206 – “O sons and daughters, let us sing!!”

O filii et filiae

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,
o'er death today rose triumphing. Alleluia!
2. That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be on all here." Alleluia!
3. When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
4. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!
5. No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia!
6. How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been;
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Att. Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the

Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks unto thee, he brake 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 ye all of this:

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, for the remembrance of me. "



And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we give thanks to thee,
and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant & People

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast.
People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 – *Mitte manum*

Tone I

Reach hither thy hand, and behold the print of the nails, alleluia: and be not faithless, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

HYMN 209 – “We walk by faith, and not by sight”

St. Botolph

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

Henry Alford (1810-1871), alt.

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.

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.



MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLA CANTORUM:

Jason Connell, Brian Lopipero, Grant Randall, *tenors*
Robert Henry, Peter Gibson, Corey Mulvey, *bass*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Richard Budlong, Lola Campagna, Ruby Campagna, Fr. Norman Catir, Diana Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Joan Gordon, Barbara Hartford, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, Crystal Sylver, Luca Turrisi, and Christopher Whittingham.

Birthdays this week: Kate Lester (4/11), Brian Ehlers (4/14), Rhoda Steinhart (4/16).

The faithful departed: Recently departed: HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Year's mind: Doris Johnson (4/13), Steele Wade Martin, Priest (4/14), Irene Mae Winsor Barnes (4/17).

Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the Church of England. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for Episcopal Church Women.

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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