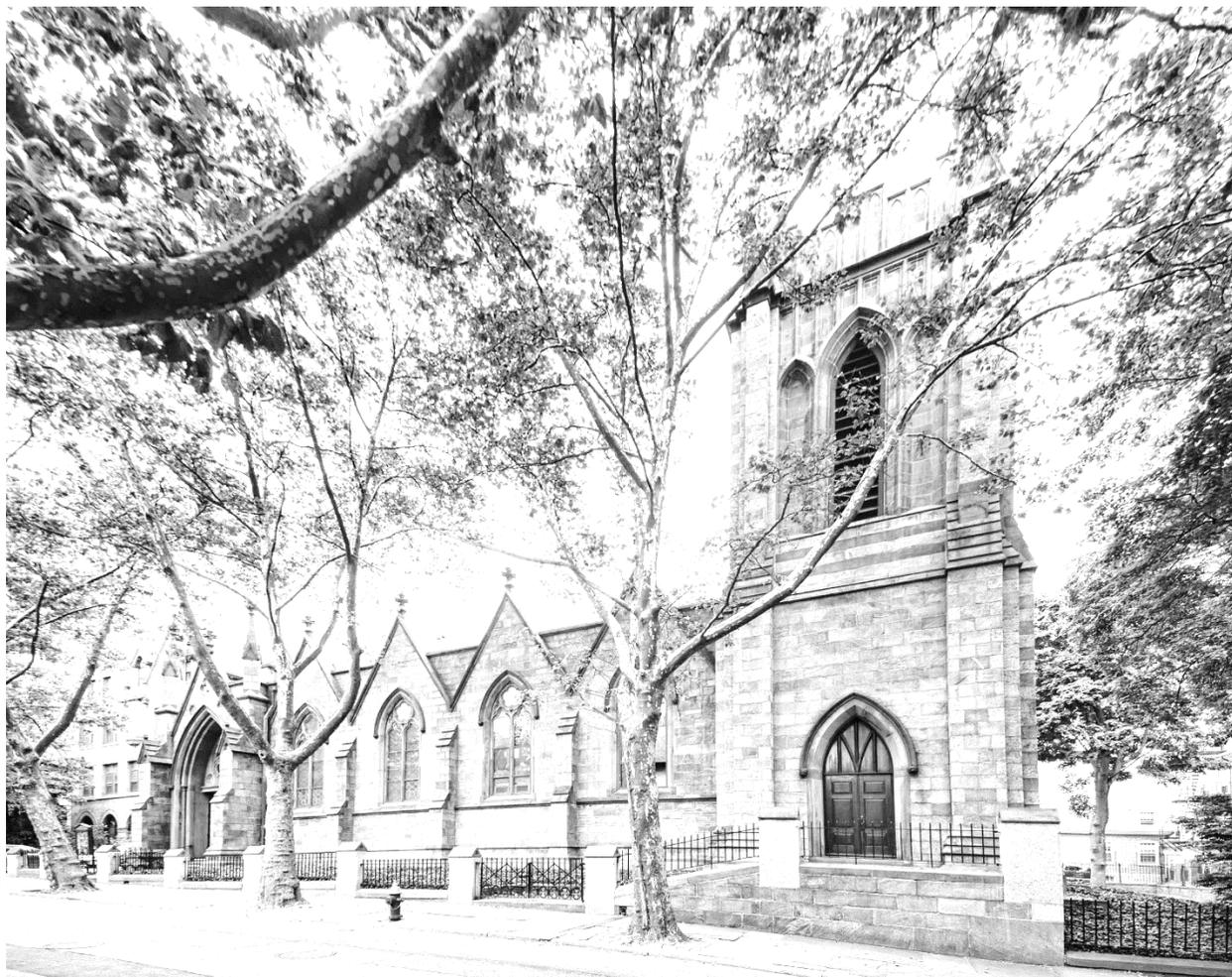


# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 24 July, 2:30-4:00 pm

Epiphany Soup Kitchen (Pickup Only)

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

Tuesday 20 July

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia  
Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, & Harriet  
Ross Tubman *Liberators and Prophets*  
Noonday Prayer 12 noon  
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Thursday 22 July

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

*Apostle to the Apostles*

Noonday Prayer 12 noon

Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 24 July

Thomas a Kempis

*Priest, 1471*

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10 am

Next Sunday, 25 July

### **THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am

Sung Mass 10 am

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

18 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** – *ProceSSIONAL on 'Westminster Abbey'* David Willcocks (1915 – 2015)

**HYMN 518** – “Christ is made the sure foundation” *Westminster Abbey*

**INTROIT** – *Ecce Deus (please remain standing)* Tone VII

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is he that upholdeth my soul: reward thou evil unto mine enemies; destroy them in thine anger, for thy righteousness sake, O Lord my strength and my defender. *Ps.* Save me, O God for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength. Glory be... Behold...

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

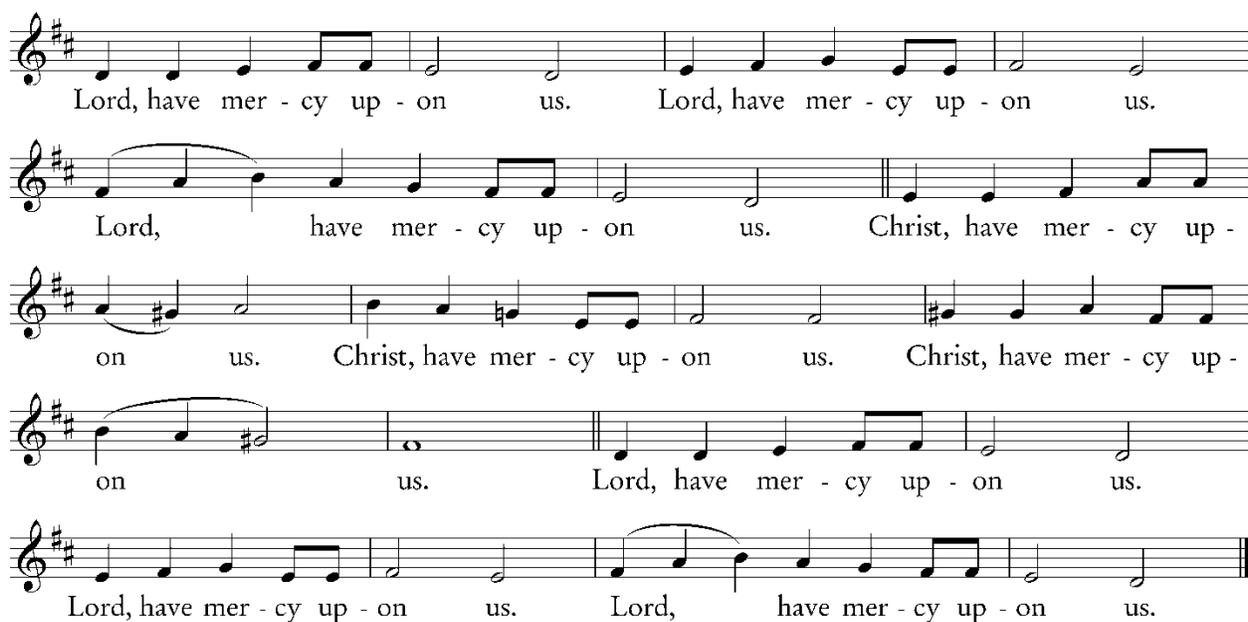
## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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  
 God the Fa-ther. A-  
 men.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY *(Proper 11)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING – Jeremiah 23:1-6 *(Please be seated)*

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, says the Lord.

“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GRADUAL** – *Si ambulem*

Tone V

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, O Lord. *V.* Thy rod and thy staff: comfort me.

**EPISTLE READING** – Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA** – *Eripe me (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** *V.* Deliver me from mine enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

*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.**

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennes'aret, and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized him, and ran about the whole neighborhood and began to bring sick people on their pallets to any place where they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or country, they laid the sick in the market places, and besought him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment; and as many as touched it were made well.

*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,

*(Genuflect or  
bow)*

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.

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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People kneel or sit.*

**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 – *Iusitiae Domine*

Tone II

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: sweeter also than honey,  
and the honeycomb; moreover, by them is thy servant taught.

HYMN 493 – “O, for a thousand tongues to sing”

*Azmon*

## 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.

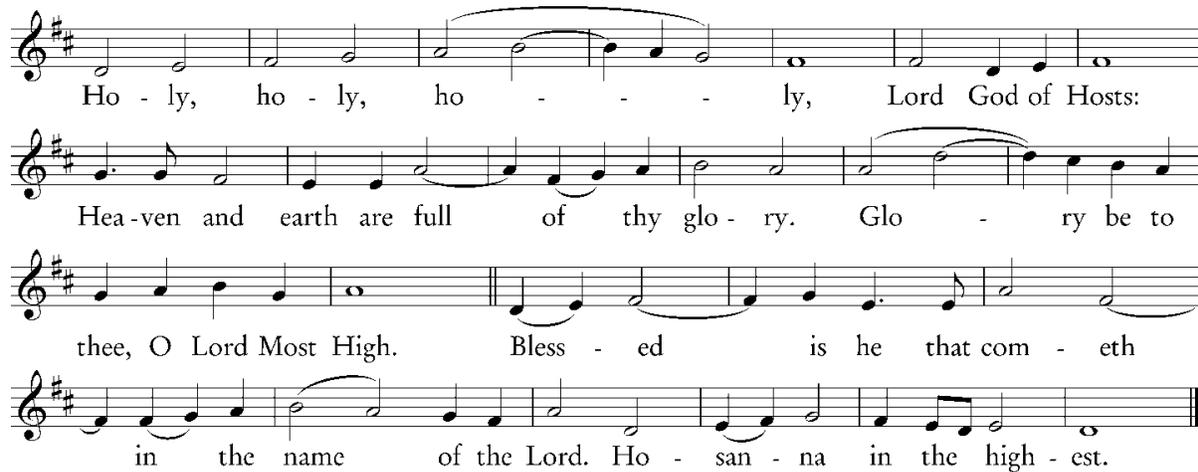
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*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.

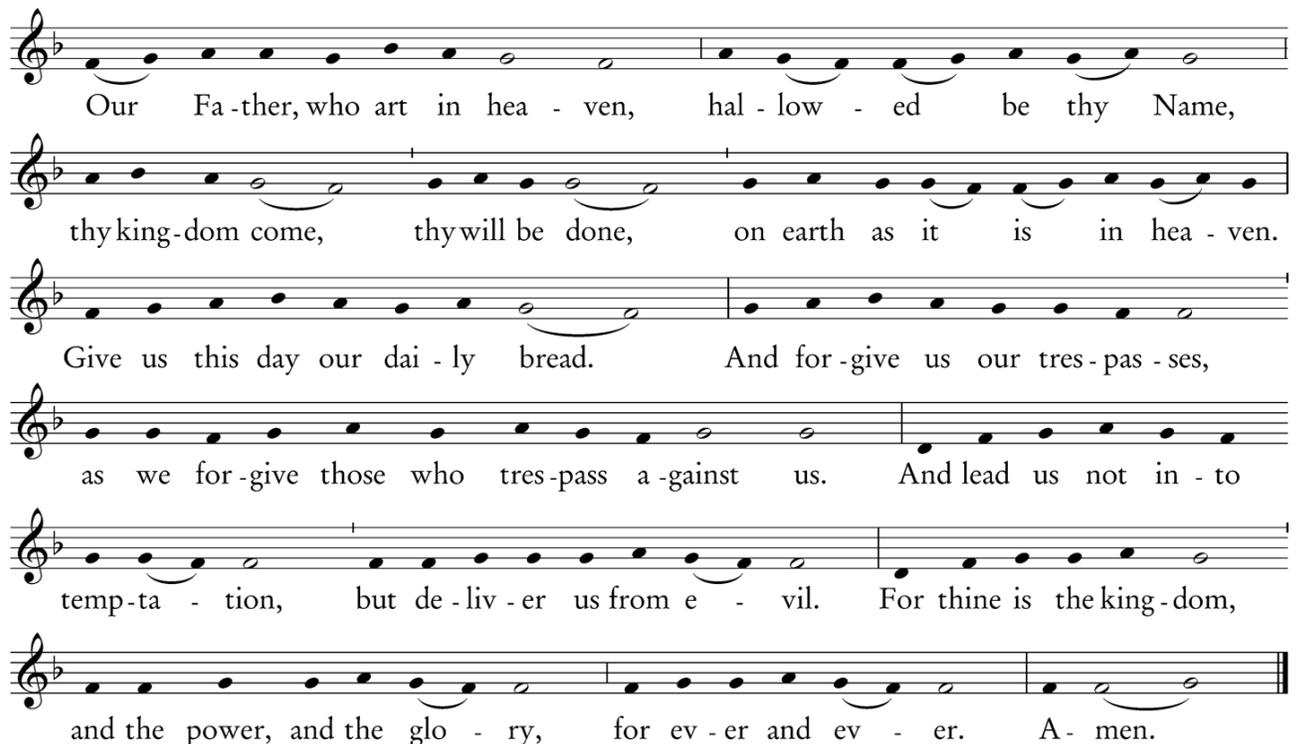
And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and 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

### *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 shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Acceptabis*

Tone I

Thou shalt be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness: with the burnt offerings and oblations upon thine altar, O Lord.

## 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 664 – “My Shepherd will supply my need”

*Resignation*

## 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 537** – “Christ for the world we sing!”

*Moscow*

**VOLUNTARY** – *Postlude in D*

Healey Willan (1880 – 1968)

## 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, Jonathan Huyck, Fr. Jay C. James, Conrad Johnson, Jane Malone, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, and Christopher Whittingham.

**Birthdays this week:** Molly Bledsoe Ellis (7/21), Tatjana Johnson (7/21), Chris Stenning (7/22), Fr. Bill Locke (7/23).

**The faithful departed:** *Year's mind.* James H. Hurn (7/20), Louis Garland Davis (7/21), Mama Kelley (7/21), Houghton P. Metcalf (7/22), William Dunbar Stewart (7/24).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to prayer for: 7/18 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda; 7/19, The Diocese of South Dakota; 7/20, The Diocese of Dallas; 7/21, The Diocese of Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria (Jos Province); 7/22, The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania; 7/23, The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; 7/24, The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales.

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for the Congregational Development Commission and those who support the work of our congregations.

## 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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