



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9 February 2025

SOLEMN MASS AT 10 AM
Communion Service in G
Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARIES

Elegy

Herbert Sumsion (1889–1995)

Folk Tune

Percy Whitlock

HYMN 637 *¶ Sung by all, standing.*

LYONS

INTROIT *Venite adoremus*

TONE VII

O come let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is the Lord our God. *Ps.* O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Glory be *etc.* O come let *etc.*

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 *¶ Sung by the choir.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
LChrist, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *¶ Sung by the choir.*

Glory be to God on high, and on 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Judges 6:11-24

The angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Jo'ash the Abiez'rite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Mid'ianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor." And Gideon said to him, "Pray, sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all his wonderful deeds which our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Mid'ian." And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Mid'ian; do not I send you?" And he said to him, "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manas'sh, and I am the least in my family." And the LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall smite the Mid'ianites as one

man.” And he said to him, “If now I have found favor with thee, then show me a sign that it is thou who speakest with me. Do not depart from here, I pray thee, until I come to thee, and bring out my present, and set it before thee.” And he said, “I will stay till you return.” So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. And the angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them.” And he did so. Then the angel of the LORD reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and there sprang up fire from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the LORD vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the LORD; and Gideon said, “Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.” But the LORD said to him, “Peace be to you; do not fear, you shall not die.” Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it, The LORD is peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85:7-13 *Ostende nobis Domine*

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Shew us thy mercy, O LORD :
and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the LORD God will say concerning me :

for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him :

that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together :

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth :

and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the LORD shall shew loving-kindness :

and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him :

and he shall direct his going in the way.

THE EPISTLE

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *Laudate Dominum*

TONE VI



∞. Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him all ye peoples.

℞ Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be

catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev'd Mtr. Veronica Tierney

THE NICENE CREED *g Sung by all, standing.*

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si-ble and in - vi - si-ble; And in One Lord Je - sus Christ,
the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, ver - y God of ver - y God, be - got - ten, not made,
be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,
here genuflect or bow
and was in - car-nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, and was made man;
here rise
and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late;
he suf-fer-ed and was bur - i - ed; and the third day he rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the Scrip-tures,
and as-cend-ed in - to hea - ven, and sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
and he shall come a - gain with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost the Lord,

and Giv-er of Life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther
 and the Son to-geth-er is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri - fi - ed; who spake by the Pro - phets.
 And I be - lieve one ho - ly Cath - o - lic and A - pos - tol - ic Church;
 I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins;
 and I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of thy coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean the Presiding Bishop, for Nicholas our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have ✠ died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, our patron, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

℟ To thee, O Lord our God.

℟ Celebrant

For thine is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

℟ Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

℟ Said by all, kneeling

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.**

ABSOLUTION *℟ 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 Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture after which the people sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

¶ At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit sstephens.org/give or scan the QR code below.



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Perfic gressus*

TONE II

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: shew thy marvellous loving-kindness, O Lord; thou that art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Herbert Sumsion

They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters; These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep. Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble he delivereth them out of their distress. For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

TEXT: Psalm 107:23-30

¶ All stand for the hymn as the offering is brought forward and the gifts, altar, & people are censed.

HYMN 653

REPTON

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

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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son 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 *¶ Sung by the choir*

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 *¶ All kneel.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks unto thee for the goodness and love which thou hast revealed unto us in creation; in the calling of Israel as thine own people; in thy Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, thy Son Jesus Christ. For in the fulness of time thou didst send him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, thou hast delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before thee. In him, thou hast brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 for the 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.”



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

¶ Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

¶ The Celebrant continues

And we offer unto thee, O Father, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, presenting unto thee from thy creation, O Lord of all, this bread and this cup.

We beseech thee, gracious Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to thy Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified ✠ by the Holy Spirit. At the last day, put all things in subjection under thy Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen our patron, and all thy saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to
and the power, and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail and then return to your pew via the passageway on the right. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you in your pew. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. 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 baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

AGNUS DEI *¶ Sung by the choir.*

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Illumina faciem tuam*

TONE I

Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake:
Let me not be confounded Lord, for I have called upon thee.

HYMN 661 *¶ Sung by all.*

GEORGETOWN

THE CLOSING RITE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ¶ *All kneel.*

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you; that your lives may be a light to the world; 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.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thank be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Played by Sofiya Doroshenko, Brown Class of 2028

¶ *Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Guild House. All are welcome.*