



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

16 February 2025

SOLEMN MASS AT 10 AM

Missa Quarti toni

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY

Ciacona in F minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

HYMN 616 *G Sung by all, standing.*

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

INTROIT *Esto mihi*

TONE VII

Be thou my strong rock, and house of defense, that thou mayest save me; for thou art my strong rock, and my castle: be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake. *Ps.* In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion: but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness. Glory be &c. Be thou my strong rock &c.

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.*

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *¶ Sung by the choir.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, Deus Pater Omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe; Dominus Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu, ✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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.

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

¶ All are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his arm, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM I *Beatus vir, qui non abiit*

George Elvey (1816-1893)

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD :

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side :

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither :

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them :

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement :

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous :

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be

pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *Cantate Domino*

TONE VI



∇ O Sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things.

℞ **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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.**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Maggi Dawn, Diocesan Theologian

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 those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, 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.



Blessed art thou, O Lord; O teach me thy statutes: with my lips have I been telling of all the judgements of thy mouth.

AT THE OFFERTORY

William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken me in thy ways. O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee. Glory be &c.

TEXT: Psalm 119:33–38

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

HYMN 593

DICKINSON COLLEGE

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*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth: Pleni
sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna
in excelsis. Benedictus ✠ qui venit in
nomine Domini. Hosanna in
excelsis.

*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.
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 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.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

*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 *Manducaverunt*

TONE I

They did eat, and were well filled, for the Lord gave them their own desire:
they were not disappointed of their lust.

HYMN 656 *¶ Sung by all.*

FRANCONIA

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

Played by Sofiya Doroshenko, Brown Class of 2028.

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

