



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

23 JUNE 2024

MORNING PRAYER & LOW MASS AT 8 AM

MORNING PRAYER

¶ The Officiant may begin with a sentence of Scripture.

THE INVITATORY

Officiant O Lord, ✠ open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

Antiphon: The earth is the LORD'S for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, :

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, :

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, :

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, :

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the LORD our God, :

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

**O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; :
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, :
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

Antiphon: The earth is the LORD'S for he made it:
O come, let us adore him.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32 *Confitemini Domino* **¶** *Read responsively by whole verse.*

O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.

**Let them give thanks whom the LORD hath redeemed :
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;**

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west :
from the north, and from the south.

**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 wit's 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.

**O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness :
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!**

That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people :
and praise him in the seat of the elders!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding, Who determined its measurements -- surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? "Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE *¶ All stand*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

**Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
 and dwellest between the Cherubim; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; :
 praised and exalted above all for ever.**

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
℟. **And grant us thy salvation.**
℣. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
℟. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
℣. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℟. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
℣. Let thy way be known upon earth;
℟. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℟. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℟. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Intercession Paper for the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

Intercession Paper for the Guild of All Souls

May their souls, ✠ and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLES

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

LOW MASS

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

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie eleison.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

g Please be seated.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

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.**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great storm of wind arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" And they were filled with awe, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Straley

NICENE CREED *¶ Said by all, standing*

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;

*(Genuflect or
bow)*

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.

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

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the ☩ departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, our patron, and all thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people, and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

¶ Celebrant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ Celebrant & People, 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.**

OFFERTORY PRAYERS *¶ All sit.*

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth hath given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this wine to offer: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

ORATE, FRATRES *¶ All stand.*

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. 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

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.*

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In thine infinite love thou didst make us for thyself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, thou didst mercifully send Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten and eternal Son, to share our humanity, to live and die as one of us, and to reconcile us unto thee, who art the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and there made an offering of himself in obedience to thy will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night in which he was betrayed unto suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his blessed death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, we offer unto thee these gifts.

Sanctify them, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be for thy people the Body and Blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Do thou likewise ✠ sanctify us thy servants, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve thee in unity, constancy, and

peace; and at the last day bring us with the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen our patron, and all thy saints into the joy of thine eternal kingdom. All this we ask through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, 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 Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: 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.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail. 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.

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.**

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; he blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among 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.**