

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

31 JANUARY 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

*Mass for Three Voices*  
William Byrd (1543 – 1623)

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or to silent mode, while you are in church.*

## THE OPENING RITE

**VOLUNTARY** – *Voluntary for Ye Duple Organ*

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

**INTROIT** – *Lætetur cor (Please stand)*

Tone VII

Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord: seek the Lord and his strength,  
seek his face evermore. *Ps.* O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his  
Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Glory be...Let the heart...

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine fili unigenite Jesu Christe. Domine 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 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 *(Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; 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

### FIRST READING – *Deuteronomy 18: 15-20 (Please be seated)*

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brethren—him you shall heed— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They have rightly said all that they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brethren; and I will put my words in his mouth,

and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not give heed to my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**GRADUAL** – *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 Corinthians 8: 1-13*

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” “Knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If any one imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if one loves God, one is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom

are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through being hitherto accustomed to idols, eat food as really offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA** – *Adorabo (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. V. I will worship toward thy holy temple: and will sing praises unto thy Name. Alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *Mark 1: 21 -28*

*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.**

And they went into Caper'na-um; and immediately on the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching! With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Fr. Benjamin*

## 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 III

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 thee;  
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.**

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 thy heavenly kingdom.**

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

*The Celebrant proceeds with the Intercessions List.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant & People, 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 *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Announcements may be made.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Bonum est confiteri*

Tone II

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most highest.

### HYMN 535 – Ye Servants of God

*Paderborn*

- 1 Ye servants of god, your master proclaim and publish abroad his wonderful Name,  
the Name all victorious of Jesus extol: his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.
- 2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still he is nigh: his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore, and give him his right: All glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
and honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

### ORATE, FRATRES *(Please remain standing)*

*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. 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**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli 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 B** *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

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 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, in 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

*People and Celebrant*

**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 THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## AGNUS DEI

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.*

## 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 – *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, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

## 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.

## THE CLOSING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Kneeling)*

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.

### 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### THE LAST GOSPEL – *John 1: 1-14*

*(Please remain standing.)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that

Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

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

**VOLUNTARY** – *Voluntary in A*

Dr. Maurice Greene (1696 – 1755)

Members of the Schola Cantorum:

Dylan Hillerbrand, *alto*.

Jason Connell, *alto*

Robert Henry, *bass*

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