



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

24 November 2024

SOLEMN MASS WITH TE DEUM AT 10 AM

The Office of Holy Communion 'Collegium Regale'

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'orgue, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

HYMN 494 *J Sung by all.*

DIADEMATA

INTROIT *Dignus est Agnus*

TONE VII

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour: to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. *Ps.* Give the King thy judgements, O God: and thy righteousness unto the King's son. Glory be &c. Worthy is the Lamb &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.*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

¶ Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-14

Daniel had a vision and wrote down the dream, and said, "As I looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. I looked then because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man,

and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93 *Dominus regnavit*

George Macfarren (1813–1887)

The LORD is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the LORD hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.
He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.
Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :
thou art from everlasting.
The floods are risen, O LORD, the floods have lift up their voice :
the floods lift up their waves.
The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the LORD, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.
Thy testimonies, O LORD, are very sure :
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

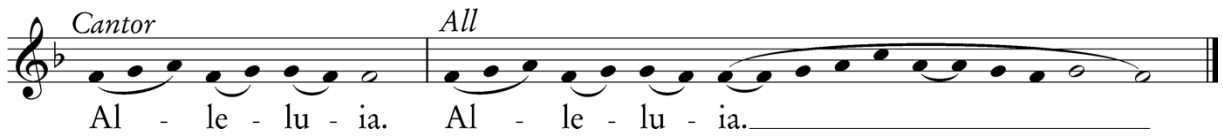
THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:1–8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants what must soon take place; and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is he who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written therein; for the time is near. John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Ⲛ His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away: and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Ⲡ Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world.” Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.”

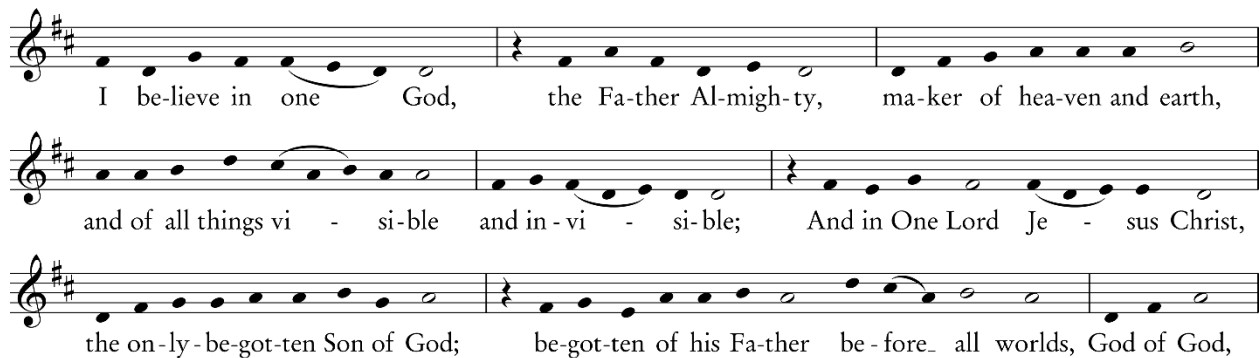
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Straley

THE NICENE CREED *g Sung by all, standing*



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

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

℣. Lord, hear us.

℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the Church, the sign of thy reign, that it may extend thy welcome to people of every race and background.

℣. Lord, hear us.

℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

℣. Lord, hear us.

℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to thy word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

℣. Lord, hear us.

℟. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

¶ Celebrant

O God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast set up on earth a kingdom of holiness, to measure its strength against all others: Make faith to prevail over fear, and righteousness over force, and truth over lie, and love and concord over all things; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 *Postula a me*

TONE II

Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance: and the utmost parts of the earth for thy possession.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia!

TEXT: from the Liturgy of St. James, c. 4th cent.

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

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 thou hast anointed thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord with the oil of gladness, to be a Priest for ever, and to be King over all mankind; that when he had rendered himself a spotless sacrifice of peace upon the Altar of the Cross, he might fulfill the mystery of our redemption; and having brought all creatures under his governance, might present unto thine infinite Majesty, a kingdom universal and everlasting; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of sanctity and grace; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

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.*

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

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.**

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 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 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 takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Sedebit Dominu*

TONE I

The Lord remaineth a King for ever: the Lord shall give his people the blessing
of peace.

HYMN 483 *¶ Sung by all.*

ST. MAGNUS

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 our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL *¶ All stand.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SOLEMN TE DEUM

Simple Tone; Organ Verses by Pierre Cochereau (1924–1984)

g Sung by the choir in Latin with the translation below.

We praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not abhor the
Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death :
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation sur le 'Te Deum'

Charles Tournemire (1870–1939)
trans. Maurice Duruflé