



# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 May 2025

SOLEMN MASS WITH HOLY BAPTISM AT 10 AM

*Mass in A minor*

Imogen Holst (1907–1984)

## THE OPENING RITE

### VOLUNTARY

*Cantabile*, from *Symphony in E minor*

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

HYMN 296 *Sung by all.*

ENGELBERG

INTROIT *Cantate Domino*

TONE VII

**O** sing unto the LORD a new song, alleluia; for the LORD hath done marvelous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he shewed righteous judgments, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* With his own right hand, and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. Glory be &c. Sing unto the LORD &c.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. ✠ Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

*Celebrant* One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A**lmighty 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

**H**ear 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.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*g Please be seated.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Acts 13:44-52*

**T**he next sabbath after Paul first spoke in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisid'ia, almost the whole city gathered together to hear the word of God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted what was spoken by Paul, and reviled him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, 'I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the uttermost parts of the earth.'" And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of God; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord spread throughout all the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and went to Ico'nium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

I will magnify thee, O God, my King :  
 and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
 Every day will I give thanks unto thee :  
 and praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
 Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised :  
 there is no end of his greatness.  
 One generation shall praise thy works unto another :  
 and declare thy power.  
 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :  
 thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;  
 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :  
 and I will also tell of thy greatness.  
 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :  
 and men shall sing of thy righteousness.  
 The LORD is gracious, and merciful :  
 long-suffering, and of great goodness.  
 The LORD is loving unto every man :  
 and his mercy is over all his works.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Revelation 19:1, 4-9*

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God." And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who is seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice crying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure" – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

*Subdeacon* The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.*g All stand.*

*g Intoned by the cantor, then sung by all*



✠ The right hand of the Lord hath the preeminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

✠ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:31-35*

*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.**

**A**t the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

*The Rev’d Mtr. Veronica Tierney*

*g The congregation remains seated.*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present KAIDEN SINGLETON-JOHNSON to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*¶ Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents.*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*¶ The Celebrant bids the congregation stand, and addresses them, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant*

Let us join with she who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost  
born of the Virgin Mary.  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*g The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for Kaiden who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

℣. Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Open their hearts to thy grace and truth.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Fill them with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Keep them in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Teach them to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Send them into the world in witness to thine abounding love.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

℣. Bring them to the fullness of thy peace and glory.

℟. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*g Celebrant*

**G**rant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*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.**

**W**e give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

**K**AIDEN SINGLETON-JOHNSON, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*¶ Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with holy oil of Chrism and saying*

**K**AIDEN SINGLETON-JOHNSON, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*¶ A Baptismal Candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying*

**L**et your light so shine before men: that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*¶ Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*¶ As the Procession returns to the Sanctuary, the Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with water from the Font as a reminder their own Baptisms while the choir sings*

## VIDI AQUAM

MODE VIII

**I**saw water, proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to who that water came were healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

## 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 [ssteophens.org/give](http://ssteophens.org/give) or scan the QR code below.*



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Jubilate Deo universa terra*

TONE II

**O** be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul, alleluia.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Harold Friedell

**C**ome, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

TEXT: George Herbert (1593–1633)

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

HYMN 379 *¶ Sung by all.*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. 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.*

**H**OLY 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 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."



*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*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 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

*Intoned by the Celebrant and repeated by all.*



*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast.

*People* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## 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** *J 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 *Ego sum vitis vera*

MODE VI

**I** am the true vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.

**HYMN 457** *J Sung by all.*

ST. JAMES

## THE CLOSING RITE

*g All kneel.*

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

*g Please stand.*

### DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

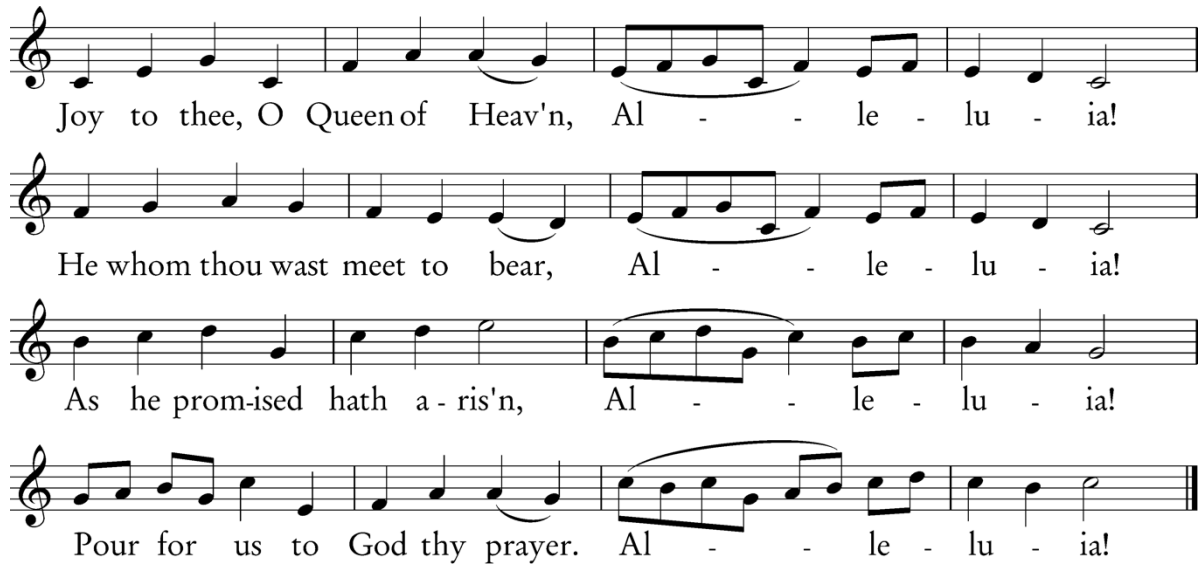
Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

*People*



# REGINA CÆLI *g Sung by all.*

EASTER HYMN



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heav'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear, Al - le - lu - ia!

As he prom-ised hath a - ris'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer. Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

✠ **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.**

Let us pray.

O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## VOLUNTARY

*Allegro marziale e ben marcato*

Frank Bridge (1879–1941)

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