



# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 July 2024

SUNG MASS AT 10 AM

*Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

*¶ Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in front of you in the pew rack.*

## THE OPENING RITE

### VOLUNTARY

*Wer nur den lieben Gott, BWV 690, 691, & 642* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

**HYMN 655** *¶ Sung by all, standing.*

NYLAND

### 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

**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.

**KYRIE ELEISON** *♩ Sung by all.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *♩ Sung by all.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy  
thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,  
heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.—  
— O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the

right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.  
 For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly  
 O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O** God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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

#### THE FIRST LESSON

*2 Kings 2:1-15*

**N**ow when the LORD was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gilgal. And Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Eli'sha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." Eli'jah said to him, "Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." Then Eli'jah said to him, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Eli'jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces. And he took up the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Eli'jah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other; and Eli'sha went over. Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him over against them, they said, "The spirit of Eli'jah rests on Eli'sha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 114** *In exitu Israel* **¶** *Read responsively by whole verse.*

**W**hen Israel came out of Egypt :  
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

**Judah was his sanctuary :**

**and Israel his dominion.**

The sea saw that, and fled :

Jordan was driven back.

**The mountains skipped like rams :**

**and the little hills like young sheep.**

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :

and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

**Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :**

**and ye little hills, like young sheep?**

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD :

at the presence of the God of Jacob;

**Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :  
and the flint-stone into a spring well.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16*

**I**, Paul, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**HYMN 635** *J Sung by all, standing.*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 6:45-52*

*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.**

**I**mmediately after the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Beth-sa'ida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw him, and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is

I; have no fear.” And he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

*The Rev'd Mtr. Veronica Tierney*

THE 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,* | *(Genuflect or bow)*  
*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.  
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

### *¶ Celebrant*

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of thy creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, for Nicholas our own Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, O Lord;

**For thy mercy is great.**

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt thee, O God our King;

**And praise thy Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have ✠ died, that they may have a place in thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in thee.**

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

### *¶ All kneel and say together*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for we have sinned most grievously against thee; in thy compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by thy Spirit that we may live and serve 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*

**A**lmighty 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** *¶ All stand.*

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

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

## 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/donate](https://sstephens.org/donate) or scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera.*



**HYMN 699** *¶ Sung by all, standing.*

ABERYSTWYTH

**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.**

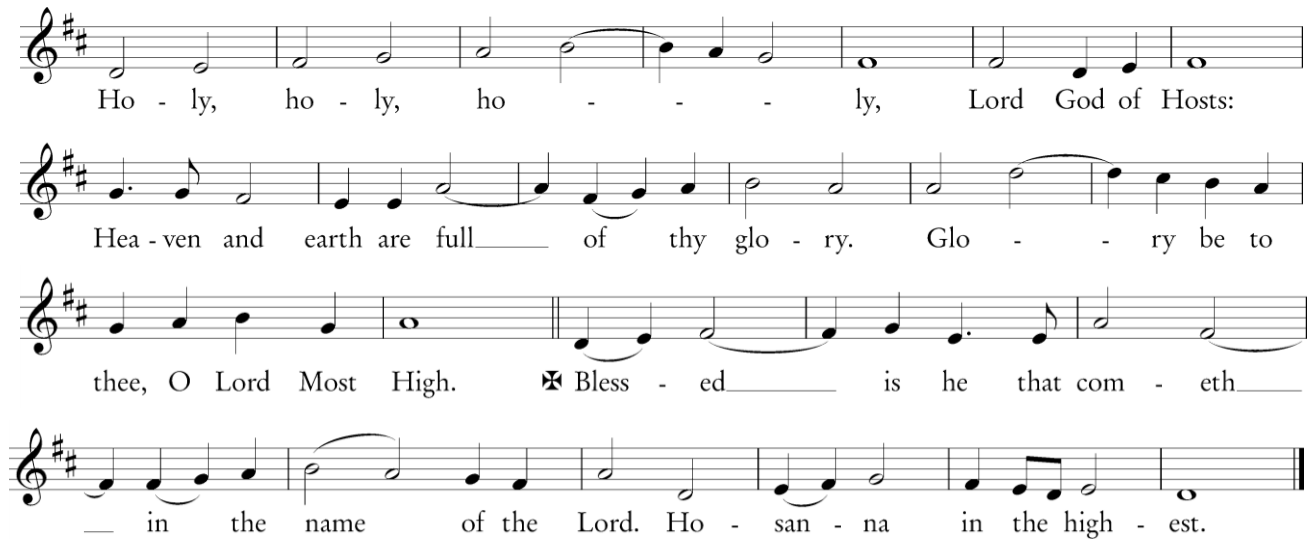
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

**I**t 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** *¶ Sung by all.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:  
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to  
thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCHARISTIC 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 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 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.

AGNUS DEI *♩ Sung by all.*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way 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.

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.*

**HYMN 660** *¶ Sung by all.*

MARYTON

## 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.

**T**he 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; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**DISMISSAL** *¶ All stand.*

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY

*Preludium in C, BuxWV 137*

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

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