



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

MICHAELMAS: THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

29 SEPTEMBER 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 LORD, the King of Archangels:

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 LORD, the King of Archangels::
O come, let us adore him.

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster* ¶ *Read responsively by whole verse.*

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!
**Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies :
that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.**
For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
**What is man, that thou art mindful of him :
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?**
Thou madest him lower than the angels :
to crown him with glory and worship.
**Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;**
All sheep and oxen :
yea, and the beasts of the field;
**The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.**
O LORD our Governor :
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!
**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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to

you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place; and I did not know it.” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE *g 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 THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; 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.
KChriste 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.

Overlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; 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 EPISTLE

Revelation 12:7-12

There arose war in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:47-51

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!": Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he

said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”

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;

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.

*(Genuflect or
bow)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

¶ Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father in heaven, by his blood Christ has ransomed us to thee. As the angels minister to thee in heaven, strengthen the Church to serve thee here on earth.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven, when the angels greeted the birth of thy Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth.' Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven, thou givest thine angels charge over those who trust in thee to guard them in all their ways. Be with those in trouble, rescue them and show them thy salvation.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven, thine angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' Enfold in thy love all who have come in faith ✠ to thy judgement seat in heaven.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

¶ Celebrant

O God, who in thine ineffable providence deignest to send thy holy angels for our safe-keeping: grant unto us thy humble servants, that we may ever be defended by their protection, and may rejoice in their eternal fellowship; through thy Son 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.**

¶ Announcements may be made. The Celebrant then begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture.

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. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.*

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 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 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. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you. 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; 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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**