

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

06 FEBRUARY 2022

SOLEMN MASS

10 AM

*Mass, Playn Song*  
John Taverner (1490-1545)

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

## THE OPENING RITE

**VOLUNTARY** – *Sonata I in F minor, Op 65* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
*1. Allegro moderato e serio*

**HYMN 401** – “The God of Abraham praise” *Leoni*

**INTROIT** – *Venite, adoremus (Please remain standing)* Tone VII

O come let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our maker, for he is the Lord our God. *Ps.* O come let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Glory be... O come let us worship and fall down...

## 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.  
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; Dominus 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 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 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 *(Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Judges 6:11-24 (Please be seated)*

Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Jo'ash the Abiez'rite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Mid'ianites. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, "The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor." And Gideon said to him, "Pray, sir, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this befallen us? And where are all his wonderful deeds which our fathers

recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Mid'ian." And the Lord turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Mid'ian; do not I send you?" And he said to him, "Pray, Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manas'seh, and I am the least in my family." And the Lord said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall smite the Mid'ianites as one man." And he said to him, "If now I have found favor with thee, then show me a sign that it is thou who speakest with me. Do not depart from here, I pray thee, until I come to thee, and bring out my present, and set it before thee." And he said, "I will stay till you return."

So Gideon went into his house and prepared a kid, and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour; the meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to him under the oak and presented them. And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. Then the angel of the Lord reached out the tip of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes; and there sprang up fire from the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the Lord vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that he was the angel of the Lord; and Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord God! For now I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face." But the Lord said to him, "Peace be to you; do not fear, you shall not die." Then Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it, The Lord is peace.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 85: 7-13** – *Benedixisti, Domine* Chant: Alan Stephen Hemmings (1934-2018)

- 7 SHOW us thy mercy, O LORD, \* and grant us thy salvation.  
8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say; \*  
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints,  
that they turn not again unto foolishness.  
9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; \* that glory may dwell in our land.  
10 Mercy and truth are met together: \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, \*  
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.  
12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; \*  
and our land shall give her increase.  
13 Righteousness shall go before him, \* and shall direct his going in the way.

## EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## ALLELUIA – *Laudate Dominum (Please stand)*

Tone VI

*Intoned by Cantor, then sung by All*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
V. Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him all ye peoples. **Alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 5:1-11

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

While the people pressed upon Jesus to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it,

he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

Fr. Straley

### THE NICENE CREED – *please stand*

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,  
 and of all things vi - si-ble and in - vi - si-ble; And in One Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore\_ all worlds, God of God,  
 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 *(Please remain standing)*

### *Deacon*

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

### *Silence*

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 Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop,  
 and Nicholas, our 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, remembering especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers. (*Silence is held, so that we may offer our own private prayer intentions.*)

Hear us, Lord;  
**For thy mercy is great.**

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the faithful witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen our patron, and of all thy saints. (*Silence*)

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. (*Silence*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in thee.**

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

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept.*

## CONFESSION

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*

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 *(All stand)*

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

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

*Announcements may be made. The people are seated for the Offertory.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Perfice gressus*

Tone II

O hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not; incline thine ear to me, and hearken unto my words: shew thy marvellous loving kindness, O Lord; thou that are the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM – *There shall a star (Christus Op. 97)*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations. How brightly beams the morning star! With sudden radiance from afar With light and comfort glowing Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, Rightly leads us, Life bestowing. Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

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

### HYMN 643 – “My God, how wonderful thou art”

*Windsor*

### 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 II** *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

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,

*People and Celebrant*

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 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 ... 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.

## 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 – *Introibo*

Tone I

I will go unto the altar of God: even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to the crossing via the center aisle. 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 505 – “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

*O Heiliger Geist*

## THE CLOSING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Kneeling as you are able*)

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 amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

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

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

**HYMN 706** – “In your mercy, Lord, you called me”

*Halton Holgate*

**VOLUNTARY** – *Sonata I. in F minor, Op. 65.*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*4. Allegro assai vivace*

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