

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7 MAY 2023

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MORNING PRAYER 8 AM  
LOW MASS 8:10 AM

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MORNING PRAYER

*Please stand when the bell is rung.*

*The Officiant may begin with a sentence of Scripture.*

*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.**

**INVITATORY: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER** *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; \*

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with old leaven,**

**neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; \***

**death hath no more dominion over him.**

**For in that he died, he died unto sin**

**once; \* but in that he liveth, he liveth**

**unto God.**

**Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,**

**\* but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, \***

**and become the first fruits of them that slept.**

**For since by man came death, \***

**by man came also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

**PSALM 66:1-8** – *Jubilate Deo (Read responsively by whole verse.)*

O be joyful in God, all ye lands :

sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.

**Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :**

**through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found  
liars**

**unto thee.**

For all the world shall worship thee :

sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

**O come hither, and behold the works of God :**

**how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.**

He turned the sea into dry land :

so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.

**He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :**

**and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.**

O praise our God, ye people :

and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holdeth our soul in life :**

**and suffereth not our feet to slip.**

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.**

**FIRST READING** – *Acts 17:1-15*

When Paul and Silas had passed through Amphip'olis and Apollo'nia, they came to Thessaloni'ca, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul went in, as was his custom, and for three weeks he argued with them from the scriptures, explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded, and joined Paul and Silas; as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked fellows of the rabble, they gathered a crowd, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the people. And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brethren before the city authorities, crying, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them; and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard this. And when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Beroe'a; and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessaloni'ca, for they received the word with all eagerness, examining the scriptures daily to see if these things were so. Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men. But when the Jews of Thessaloni'ca learned that the word of God was proclaimed by Paul at Beroe'a also, they came there too, stirring up and inciting the crowds. Then the brethren immediately sent Paul off on his way to

the sea, but Silas and Timothy remained there. Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him as soon as possible, they departed.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **TE DEUM LAUDAMUS** *(Please stand)*

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 Cherubim and Seraphim 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 adorable, 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 humble thyself to be born of a Virgin.**  
**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.**

### **THE SUFFRAGES** *(Please remain standing)*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy Spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

- V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
R. **Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
R. **And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**  
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
R. **O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
R. **As our trust is in thee.**  
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R. **Let me never be confounded.**

## A COLLECT FOR EASTER

O God, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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, and rise in glory. **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.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

## LOW MASS

### THE OPENING RITE

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION *(Standing)*

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

#### COLLECT FOR PURITY *(Standing)*

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 *(Standing)*

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 *(Standing)*

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie eleison.  
**Christe 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 *(Please remain standing)*

*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

### EPISTLE READING – *1 Peter 2:1–10*

Put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation; for you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE HOLY GOSPEL – *John 14:1-14*

*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 said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the

Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

Fr. Benjamin Straley

## NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

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 *(Please remain standing)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy mercy ✠ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

## OFFERTORY PRAYERS *(Please be seated)*

*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** *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

*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** *(Standing)*

*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, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

**SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS** *(Standing)*

**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** *(Kneeling or standing)*

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the

prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At supper with them he 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, for the remembrance of me. "



And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we give thanks to thee,  
and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.**

We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name. Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with

patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Kneeling)*

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 THE BREAD** *(Kneeling)*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **AGNUS DEI** *(Kneeling)*

**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.**

### **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 shouldest come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

### **THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*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 the possibility of baptism, or any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Please 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.

## 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.

## DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## REGINA CAELI

*Celebrant and People, standing.*

**O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia;  
Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia,  
Hath arisen, as he promised, alleluia:  
Pray for us to the Father, alleluia.**

✠ 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.

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