



# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

16 FEBRUARY 2025

MORNING PRAYER & LOW MASS

## 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 hath manifested forth his glory:

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 hath manifested forth his glory:  
**O come, let us adore him.**

PSALM I *Beatus vir, qui non abiit* ¶ *Read responsively by whole verse.*

**B**lessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor  
stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD :**

**and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.**

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side :  
that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

**His leaf also shall not wither :**

**and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them :

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the  
earth.

**Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement :**

**neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

But the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous :

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**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

*Jeremiah 17:5-8*

**T**hus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh  
his arm, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the  
desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of  
the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is the man who trusts in the  
LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends  
out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves  
remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to  
bear fruit."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**SURGE, ILLUMINARE** *¶ Said by all, standing*

Arise, shine for thy light is come, \*

and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth \*

and gross darkness the people:

But the Lord shall arise upon thee, \*

and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, \*

and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; \*

they shall not be shut day nor night.

They shall call thee, The city of the Lord, \*

The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, \*

wasting nor destruction within thy borders;

But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, \*

and thy gates Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy light by day; \*

neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:

But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, \* and thy God thy glory.

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 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 GRACE

**O** Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; 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**

**M**ay 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.**

**T**he 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

**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

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**K**hriste 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.

**O** God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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

*1 Corinthians 15:12–20*

**N**ow if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 6:17–26*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

**J**esus came down with the twelve apostles, and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you that hunger now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you that weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you that are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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*  
*and was made man;* | *bow)*  
**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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of thy coming, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**℟ Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean the Presiding Bishop, for Nicholas our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**℟ Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**℟ Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**℟ Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have ✠ died in the communion of thy Church, and those whose faith is known to thee alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to thee, O Lord.

**℟ Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen, our patron, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**℟ To thee, O Lord our God.**

**F**or thine is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

*℟ Celebrant*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*℟ Said by all, 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*

**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

*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 *¶ 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.**

**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; 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

**H**oly, 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.*

**A**lmighty God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks unto thee for the goodness and love which thou hast revealed unto us in creation; in the calling of Israel as thine own people; in thy Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, thy Son Jesus Christ. For in the fulness of time thou didst send him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, thou hast delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before thee. In him, thou hast brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*¶ Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*¶ The Celebrant continues*

And we offer unto thee, O Father, this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, presenting unto thee from thy creation, O Lord of all, this bread and this cup.

We beseech thee, gracious Father, to send thy Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to thy Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified ✠ by the Holy Spirit. At the last day, put all things in subjection under thy Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen our patron, and all thy saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of thy sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, 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,

**O**ur 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.*

## THE CLOSING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *g 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.

**M**ay 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### DISMISSAL *g Please stand.*

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

