

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

21 AUGUST 2022

SUNG MASS

10 AM

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
Healey Willan (1880–1968)

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

*We are pleased to have with us as our organist today Mr. David Heinze,
Associate Organist at our neighboring parish, Grace Episcopal Church.*

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY – *Präludium in G-Dur, BWV 541* *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

HYMN 371 – “Thou, whose almighty word” *Moscow*

INTROIT – *Inclina, Domine (please remain standing)* *Tone VII*

Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me, and hear me: O my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I have called daily upon thee. *Ps.* Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Glory be... Bow down, O Lord, thine ear to me...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

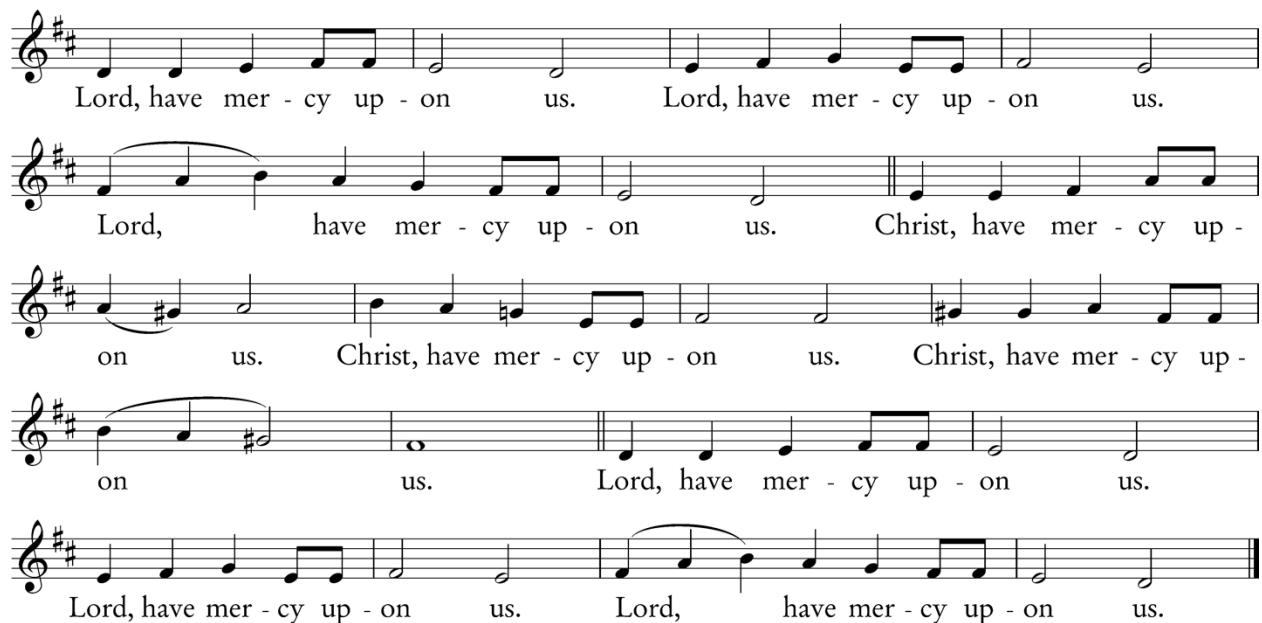
COLLECT FOR PURITY

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



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

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Celebrant *People*

Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy

thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God,

heaven - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - - - y.—

— O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,

Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that ta - kest a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. Thou that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly
O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - - ther. A - -
men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – *Isaiah 28:14-22 (Please be seated)*

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers, who rule this people in Jerusalem! Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we have an agreement; when the overwhelming scourge passes through it will not come to us; for we have made lies our refuge, and in falsehood we have taken shelter”; therefore thus says the Lord God, “Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘He who believes will not be in haste.’ And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the shelter.” Then your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overwhelming scourge passes through you will be beaten down by it. As often as it passes through it will take you; for morning by morning it will pass through, by day and by night; and it will be sheer terror to understand the message.

For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on it, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in it. For the Lord will rise up as on Mount Pera'zim, he will be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; to do his deed—strange is his deed! and to work his work—alien is his work! Now therefore do not scoff, lest your bonds be made strong; for I have heard a decree of destruction from the Lord God of hosts upon the whole land.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL – *Bonum est confiteri*

Tone V

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest. *V.* To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning: and of thy truth in the night season.

EPISTLE READING – *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-29*

You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers entreat that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to a judge who is God of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less shall we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. His voice then shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken, as of what has been made, in order that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Quoniam Deus (Please stand)*

Tone VI



V. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King over all the earth. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *Luke 13:22-30*

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.**

Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. And some one said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the householder has risen up and shut the door, you will begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us.' He will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity!' There you will weep and gnash your teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves thrust out. And men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Fr. Pearson

THE 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;**

*(Genuflect
or bow)*

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 – FORM VI *(Please remain standing)*

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.

In the silence that follows, we pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those in our hearts.

Hear us, Lord;
For thy mercy is great.

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

*In the silence that follows, we remember those with birthdays and anniversaries, as well as our
own thanksgivings.*

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.

In the silence that follows, we remember the recently departed, those whose year's mind falls this week, and all those whom we love but see no longer.

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.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the Celebrant.
Announcements may be made.*

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Exspectans exspectavi*

Tone II

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me: he heard my calling, and hath put a new song in my mouth, even thanksgiving unto our God.

Please stand for the hymn as the altar is prepared and the gifts and people are censed.

HYMN 525 – “The Church’s one Foundation”

Aurelia

ORATE, FRATRES

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

People **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

SURSUM CORDA & 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.**

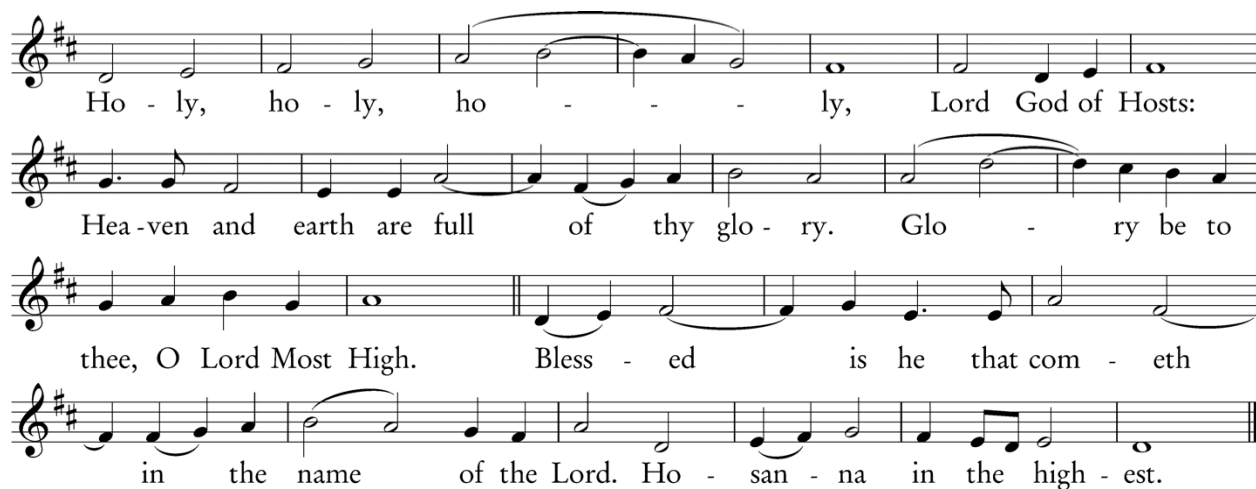
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS



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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 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;

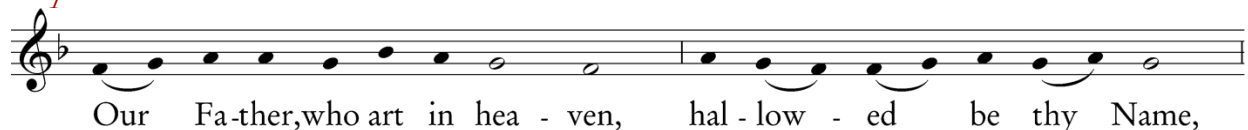
✠ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Hymnal, S 119

And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say

People & 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 – CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast

AGNUS DEI



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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *De fructu*

Tone I

The earth, O Lord, is filled with the fruit of thy works: that thou mayest bring food out of the earth, and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. And oil to make him a cheerful countenance: and bread to strengthen man's heart.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail and then return to your pew via the passageway on the right. If you are unable to come forward, communion can be brought to you in your pew. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

HYMN 615 – “Thy kingdom come! on bended knee”

St. Flavian

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

Please remain kneeling.

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 Ghost, be amongst 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.**

HYMN 690 – “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

VOLUNTARY – *Ceremonial March*

Herbert Sumson (1899-1995)

Please join us for lemonade and refreshments after Mass!

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