

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

20 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNG MASS

10 AM

*Service of Holy Communion*  
Paul Callaway (1909 – 1995)

## THE OPENING RITE

*Please stand when the bell is rung.*

**VOLUNTARY** – *Skitzze, D flat, Op. 58, № 3*  
*Kanon, B, Op. 56, № 6*

*Robert Schumann (1810 – 1856)*

**INTROIT** – *Salus populi*

Tone VII

I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God for ever and ever. *Ps.* Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth. Glory be... I am the saving health...

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high, and in 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 *(Proper 20)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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

### OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Jonah 3:10—4:11 (Please be seated)*

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, “I pray thee, LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the LORD said, “Do you do well to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. And the LORD God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” But God said to Jonah, “Do you do well to be angry for the plant?” And he said, “I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.” And the LORD said, “You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night. And should

not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 145:1-8** *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Tone V 1

- 1 I will magnify thee, O God, my King; \* and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I give thanks unto thee; \* and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord, and marvelous worthy to be praised; \* there is no end of his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works unto another, \* and declare thy power.
- 5 As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, \* thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
- 6 So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvelous acts; \* and I will also tell of thy greatness.
- 7 The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; \* and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The Lord is gracious and merciful; \* long-suffering, and of great goodness.

**EPISTLE READING** – *Philippians 1:21-30*

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you stand firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear omen to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict which you saw and now hear to be mine.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Alleluia. Alleluia. *V.* O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done. Alleluia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *Matthew 20:1-16*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

Jesus said, “For the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, “You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.” So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, “Why do you stand here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You go into the vineyard too.” And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, “Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.” And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?” So the last will be first, and the first last.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

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,* | *(Genuflect or bow)*  
*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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM III

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;  
**That thy Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:  
**That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in thy sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We praise thee for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen our patron, and  
 all thy saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant proceeds with the Intercessions List.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May ☩ their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Celebrant & People, 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 Priest 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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Si ambulavero*

Tone II

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me, O Lord: thou shalt stretch forth thy right hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

**ORATE, FRATRES** (*Please 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 & 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**

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.

**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

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

*Celebrant & People*

**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

*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.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Tu mandasti*

Tone I

Thou hast charged that we shall diligently keep thy commandments: O that my ways were made so direct, that I might keep thy statutes.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

### 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.**

*Please stand.*

### DISMISSAL

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** – *Skizze, F-moll, Op. 58*

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