

# SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND



SOLEMN EVENSONG  
AND  
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

26 MARCH 2023

**W**ELCOME TO SAINT STEPHEN'S – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Fr. Benjamin*

Fr. Benjamin Straley, *Rector*



## BEFORE THE SERVICE

*Andrew Scanlon plays*

*Les cloches de Hinckley*, from *Pièces de Fantaisie*, OP. 55      Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*, BWV 656      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

*Prelude & Fugue on 'O Traurigkeit, O Herzeleid'*      Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*¶ All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

## PRECES & RESPONSES *¶ Sung by the choir.*

*¶* O Lord, *✠* open thou our lips.

*℞* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*¶* O God, *✠* make speed to save us.

*℞* O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's Name be praised.

*¶ The people are seated as the choir sings*

## PSALM 145

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

I will magnify thee, O God, my King :

and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I give thanks unto thee :

and praise thy Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised :

there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise thy works unto another :

and declare thy power.

As for me, I will be talking of thy worship :

thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;

So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts :

and I will also tell of thy greatness.

The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed :

and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

The LORD is gracious, and merciful :

long-suffering, and of great goodness.

The LORD is loving unto every man :  
and his mercy is over all his works.  
All thy works praise thee, O LORD :  
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.  
They shew the glory of thy kingdom :  
and talk of thy power;  
That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom :  
might be known unto men.  
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom :  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.  
The LORD upholdeth all such as fall :  
and lifteth up all those that are down.  
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O LORD :  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand :  
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.  
The LORD is righteous in all his ways :  
and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him :  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.  
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.  
The LORD preserveth all them that love him :  
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD :  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.  
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 16:23-32*

**T**hus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes; they speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to every one who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.'" For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to perceive and to hear his word, or who has given heed to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of

the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. "Am I a God at hand, says the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams which they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Ba'al? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer which breaks the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, says the LORD, who steal my words from one another. Behold, I am against the prophets, says the LORD, who use their tongues and say, 'Says the LORD.' Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the LORD, and who tell them and lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or charge them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the LORD.

*¶ All stand for the singing of*

**HYMN 167**

HORSLEY

**MAGNIFICAT**

*Evening Service in G minor*

Henry Purcell (c. 1659–1695)

**M**y soul ✠ doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers. Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be &c.

**A**nd he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

*¶ All stand as the choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS***Evening Service in G minor*

Henry Purcell

**L**ord, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people : To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be &c.

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** *¶ Sung by all.*

**I** believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The Holy Catholic Church: the Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, ✠ And the Life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS** *¶ Sung by the choir.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*Answer* And with thy spirit.

*Priest* Let us pray.

*¶ The people kneel as the choir sings*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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. Amen.

*℣.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*℟.* And grant us thy salvation.

*℣.* O Lord, save the State.

*℟.* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*℣.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*℟.* And make thy chose people joyful.

*℣.* O Lord, save thy people.

*℟.* And bless thine inheritance.

*℣.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*℟.* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*℣.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*℟.* And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**O** Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE SECOND COLLECT

**O** God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE THIRD COLLECT

**L**ighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend **U**s from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE GRACE

**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.**

## THE ANTHEM

Jonathan Battishill (1738–1801)

**O** Lord, look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: Where is thy zeal and thy strength, thy mercies toward me? Are they restrained? *Isaiah 63:15*

*¶ An offering will be taken during the Anthem for the music program at S. Stephen's. Our evening choral services are funded entirely outside our operating budget through the generosity of our parishioners, friends, and visitors. We appreciate your support.*

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# BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*¶ The people kneel when the bell is rung after which all sing*

## O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

WAREHAM



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| 1. O saving victim, opening wide<br>The gate of heaven to man below,<br>Our foes press on from every side,<br>Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. | 2. All praise and thanks to thee ascend<br>For evermore, blest One in Three;<br>O grant us life that shall not end,<br>In our true native land with thee. Amen. |
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*¶ Here follows a period of silence after which all sing*

## TANTUM ERGO

GRAFTON



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| 1. Therefore we, before him bending,<br>This great Sacrament revere;<br>Types and shadows have their ending,<br>For the newer rite is here;<br>Faith, our outward sense befriending,<br>Makes our inward vision clear. | 2. Glory let us give and blessing<br>To the Father and the Son,<br>Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,<br>While eternal ages run;<br>Ever too his love confessing<br>Who from both with both is One. Amen. |
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*℣* Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.

*℞* Containing in itself all sweetness.

*Priest* Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

*¶ The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the Congregation with the Blessed Sacrament.*

**THE DIVINE PRAISES** *¶ Said by the Priest and repeated by the Congregation.*

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Incarnate Word.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

*¶ The bell is rung as the Priest places the Sacrament back in the tabernacle and all stand as the choir sings*

**PSALM 117**

*Laudate Dominum*

arr. Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960)

*Antiphon* Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations:

praise him all ye peoples.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us:

and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be &c.

*Antiphon* Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude in C minor, BWV 546/1*

J.S. Bach

*All are welcome and encouraged to attend a reception after the service which will take place in the Guild Hall.*

# SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2023

*All are warmly invited to attend.*

## **PALM SUNDAY | 2 APRIL**

Blessings of the Palms & Low Mass 8 am  
Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, & Solemn Mass 10 am  
*Music by Thomas Weelkes and Herbert Howells*

## **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK | 3 APRIL**

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm  
Low Mass 6 pm

## **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK | 4 APRIL**

Noonday Prayer 12 noon  
Low Mass 12:10 pm

## **SPY WEDNESDAY | 5 APRIL**

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm  
Low Mass 6 pm

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6 APRIL**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm  
*Music by Olivier Messiaen, Grayston Ives, and Orlande de Lassus*  
Night Watch with the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY | 7 APRIL**

Solemn Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross 12 noon  
*Music by Tomás Luis de Victoria and King John of Portugal*  
Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

## **HOLY SATURDAY | 8 APRIL**

The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter 7:30 pm  
*Music by Grayston Ives, Edward Bairstow, Samuel Scheidt, and Louis Vierne*

## **EASTER DAY | 9 APRIL**

Morning Prayer & Low Mass 8 am  
Sunday School 9:55 am  
Solemn High Mass & Procession with Brass & Timpani 10 am  
*Music by Flor Peeters, Edward Bairstow, Samuel Scheidt, and Charles-Marie Widor*  
Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 am



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The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Straley, *Rector*  
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The Rev'd Mtr. Veronica Tierney, *Assisting Priest*  
L. Graham Schultz, *Organist & Choirmaster*  
Andrew Lonardo, *Sexton*  
Kiersten Marek, *Nursery Childcare Provider*  
James Busby, *Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus*



A hearty welcome to our recitalist and accompanist for this afternoon's service, Andrew Scanlon, FAGO. Mr. Scanlon currently serves as Associate Organist & Choirmaster at Church of the Advent, Boston.



We are pleased to announce that The Rev'd Fr. Andrew Mead, OBE, will serve as this year's Triduum preacher, namely for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. In addition to being sometime Interim Rector of S. Stephen's, Fr. Mead has served as Rector of both St. Thomas, Fifth Avenue and Church of the Advent, Boston.



Please mark your calendars for our next Evensong & Benediction on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. The Schola will sing music by Scott Dettra, C.V. Stanford, and Edward Elgar. Owen Reid, Associate Director of Music of Saint Paul's Church & Choir School, Harvard Square, will offer an organ recital at 3:30 pm. All are welcome. A reception will follow the service.



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