

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

23 JANUARY 2022

SOLEMN MASS

10 AM

Mass in C (Windhaager Messe, WAB 25) for alto solo and French horns
Anton Bruckner (1824–1896)

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

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY – *Symphony No. 5*
4. *Adagietto*

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911)
arr. for organ by Purcell J. Mansfield

HYMN 616 – “Hail to the Lord’s anointed”

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

INTROIT – *Adorate Deum (Please remain standing)*

Tone VII

All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him: Syon heard, and was exceeding joyful, and the daughters of Juda were glad. *Ps.* The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. Glory be... All ye angels of God, fall down, and worship before him...

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

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus Pater Omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe; Dominus Deus Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum sancto Spiritu, ✠ in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

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 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 *(Third Sunday after the Epiphany)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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 – *Nehemiah 8:2-10 (Please be seated)*

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden pulpit which they had made

for the purpose; and beside him stood six elders Mattithi'ah, Shema, Anai'ah, Uri'ah, Hilki'ah, and Ma-asei'ah on his right hand; and seven others Pedai'ah, Mish'a-el, Malchi'jah, Hashum, Hash-bad'danah, Zechari'ah, and Meshul'lam on his left hand. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebi'ah, Jamin, Akkub, Shab'bethai, Hodi'ah, Ma-asei'ah, Keli'ta, Azari'ah, Jo'zabad, Hanan, Pelai'ah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly; and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemi'ah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 113 – *Laudate, pueri*

chant: Frederick A. Gore Ousley (1825-1889)

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants; * O praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the Name of the LORD * from this time forth for evermore.

3 The LORD'S Name is praised *

from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God, that hath his dwelling so high, *

and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth.

6 He taketh up the simple out of the dust, * and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

7 That he may set him with the princes, * even with the princes of his people.

8 He maketh the barren woman to keep house, *

and to be a joyful mother of children.

EPISTLE READING – *1 Corinthians 12:12-27*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not

make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single organ, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Dominus regnavit (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Intoned by Cantor, then sung by All



V. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *Luke 4:14-21*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Deacon ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Straley

THE NICENE CREED – *please stand*

I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si-ble and in - vi - si-ble; And in One Lord Je - sus Christ,
the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore_ all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, ver - y God of ver - y God, be - got - ten, not made,
be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,
here genuflect or bow
and was in - car-nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, and was made man;
here rise
and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late;
he suf-fer-ed and was bur - i - ed; and the third day he rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures,
and as - cend - ed in - to hea - ven, and sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
and he shall come a - gain with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead;

whose king-dom shall have_ no end. And I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Ghost the Lord,
 and Giv-er of Life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther
 and the Son to-geth-er is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri-fi-ed; who spake by the Pro-phets.
 And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A-pos-tol-ic Church;
 I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins;
 and I look for the re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Please remain standing)*

Deacon

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. *(Silence is held, so that we may offer our own private prayer intentions.)*

Hear us, Lord;
For thy mercy is great.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for the faithful witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we remember this day, and of all thy saints. *(Silence)*

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. *(Silence)*

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.

CONFESSION

Have mercy upon us, **most merciful Father,**
for we have sinned most grievously against thee;
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 *(All stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements may be made. The people are seated for the Offertory.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Dextera Domini*

Tone II

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

OFFERTORY MOTET – *O praise the Lord*

Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

O praise the Lord, all ye people; praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen. (Psalm 117)

All stand for the hymn as the offering is brought forward, and the gifts, altar, & people are censed.

HYMN 437 – “Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

Birmingham

ORATE, FRATRES *(Please remain standing)*

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, 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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus
Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt caeli et
terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*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 B *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

Almighty 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."



Celebrant

There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -

rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

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 Son, 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,

People and 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

*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.*

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 – *Comedite pinguis*

Tone I

Eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom
nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye sorry, for
the joy of the Lord is your strength..

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Please come forward to the crossing via the center aisle. 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 321 – “My God, thy table now is spread”

Rockingham

THE CLOSING RITE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Kneeling as you are able)*

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.**

May 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 Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 539 – “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Tidings

VOLUNTARY – *Scherzo, Op.65, No.10*

Max Reger (1873-1916)

Soloists at the Mass:
Beth Kershaw Shirley, alto
Marina Krickler, Laura Crook Brisson, French horn

The flowers adorning the High Altar today are given to the glory of God by Sharon Lloyd Clark in memory of her husband John Arthur Clark.

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