THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church in Providence

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

22 May 2022

SOLEMN MASS 10 AM

Missa Ego flos campi Juan Gutièrrez Padilla (1590-1644)

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

VOLUNTARIES – Le Martyre de Saint-Sébastien

Choral

Claude Debussy (1862-1918) arr. George Faxon (1913-1992)

La Cour de Lys

Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

THE OPENING RITE

VIDI AQUAM (Please stand)

Tone VII

The congregation is sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptism.

Antiphon. I beheld water, which proceeded from the temple, on the right side thereof, alleluia: and all they to whom that water came were healed, every one, and they say alleluia, alleluia. Ps. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: and his mercy endureth for ever. Glory be... I beheld water...

Celebrant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

People And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

Celebrant O Lord, hear my prayer.

People And let my cry come unto thee.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Let us pray: Graciously hear us, O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, Everlasting God: and may it please Thee to send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 518 – "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

Tone VII

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia: utter it even unto the ends of the earth; the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise glorious. . . Glory be... With a voice of singing...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

KYRIE ELEISON

sung by the choir

Kyrie eleison.Lord, have mercy upon us.Christe eleison.Christ, have mercy upon us.Kyrie eleison.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 \blacksquare in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

FIRST READING – Acts 14:8-18 (Please be seated)

Now at Lystra there was a man sitting, who could not use his feet; he was a cripple from birth, who had never walked. He listened to Paul speaking; and Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And he sprang up and walked. And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycao'nian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, because he was the chief speaker, they called Hermes. And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the people. But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out among the multitude, crying, "Men, why are you doing this? We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways; yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." With these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us, * and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us; 2 That thy way may be known upon earth, * thy saving health among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee. 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad; * for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. 5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; * yea, let all the peoples praise thee. 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; * and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. 7 God shall bless us; * and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

EPISTLE READING – Revelation 21:22–22:5

And I saw no temple in the holy city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day—and there shall be no night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA – Surrexit Christus (Please stand)

Tone VI

Intoned by the Cantor, then sung by all



V. Christ is risen, and has shewed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious blood. **Alleluia.**

V. I come forth from the Father, and am come into the world again: again I leave the world and go to the Father. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 14:23-29

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 said to Judas (not Iscariot), "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. "These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe.

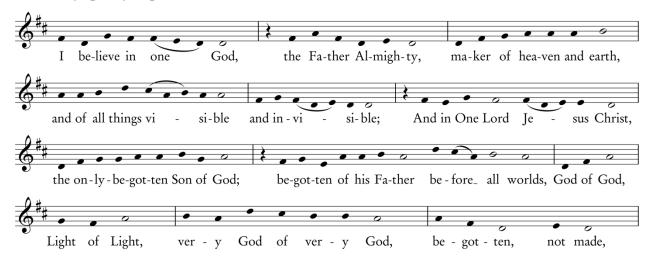
Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON Fr. Straley

Please stand.

THE NICENE CREED





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV (Please remain standing)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another, and serve the common good.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly, in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to thy mercy ♣ all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen our patron, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, in thy mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty God, we give thee high and hearty thanks for thy servant James, whom we honor this day: for his years of service in thy temple; for his devotion to thy Church, in which he has brought many to faith; for his delight in the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty; and for his heart of love in which we have known him as a faithful companion, a fellow pilgrim in our earthly journey of faith. And so we pray:

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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 – Benedicite, gentes

Tone II

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia.

ANTHEM – The woods and every sweet-smelling tree

John E. West (1863-1929)

The woods and every sweet-smelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God. I sat down under His shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love. For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from Him. Alleluia.

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

The hymn was composed by former organist of this parish, Thom Niel, and is sung today in thanksgiving for the many musicians who have enriched the life of this parish over the years.



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, to glorify thee, O Father, and to give thanks unto thee, for thou alone art God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before all time and for ever.

Music: Thom Niel, 1985

Fountain of life and Source of all goodness, thou hast made all things and didst fill them with thy blessing, creating them to rejoice in the splendor of thy radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before thee to serve thee night and day; and, beholding the glory of thy presence, they offer thee unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we praise thee, and glorify thy Name, saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

sung by the choir

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 D (Please kneel if you are able to do so)

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim thee, holy Lord, glorious in power, whose mighty works reveal thy wisdom and love. Thou hast formed us in thine own image, giving the whole world into our care, that in obedience unto thee, our Maker, we might rule and serve all thy creatures. When our disobedience took us far from thee, thou didst not abandon us to the power of death, but in thy mercy thou didst come to our help, that in seeking thee we might find thee. Again and again thou didst call us into covenant with thee, and through the prophets thou didst teach us to hope for salvation.

Thou didst so love the world, O Father, that in the fullness of time thou didst send thine only-begotten Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. That thy purpose might be fulfilled, he gave himself up unto death; and rising from the grave he destroyed death and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, bringing to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by thee, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end: At

supper with them he 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 in remembrance of me."

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Likewise, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this:

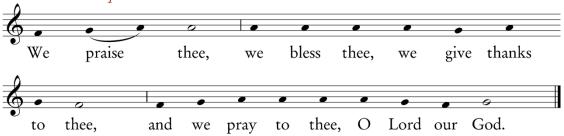
FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, for the remembrance of me. "

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And now, O Father, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering unto thee, from the gifts which thou hast given us, this bread and this cup, we praise thee and we bless thee.

Celebrant and People



We beseech thee, O Lord, that in thy goodness and mercy thy Holy Spirit may descend upon us and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and revealing them as holy gifts for thy holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant that all who share this bread and this cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of thy Name.

Remember, O Lord, thy one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the Blood of thy Christ. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with blessed Stephen our patron, and with all the saints who have found favor with thee in ages past. We praise thee in union with them and give thee glory through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ all honor and glory be unto thee, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant & People



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD - CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Intoned by the Celebrant and repeated by all



Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast.People Alleluia, alleluia.

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 – Spiritus, Sanctus, docebit vos

Tone I

The Holy Ghost shall teach you, alleluia, whatsoever I have said unto you, alleluia, alleluia.

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 292 - "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

Kingsfold

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 FOR EASTER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, *\mathbb{\mathbb{T}}\) the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand.

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

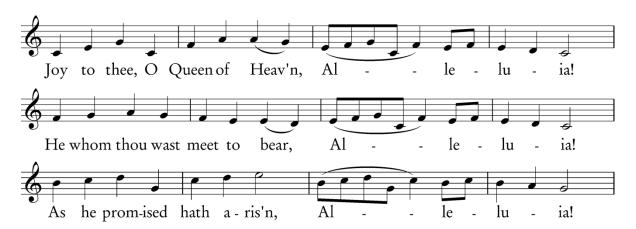


HYMN 420 - "When in our music God is glorified"

Engelberg

During the hymn, the sacred ministers make their way to the Lady Chapel for the following Marian devotion.

REGINA CAELI





- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R. For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who, by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give gladness unto the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, being holpen by the Virgin Mary, his Mother, may attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY – Toccata, Op. 104

Joseph Jongen

Soloists at Anthem: Deborah Abel, soprano; Aaron Sheehan, tenor

Please join us on the 2nd floor of the Guild House for our celebratory lunch honoring James Busby's 29 years at S. Stephen's Parish and his retirement in June! The Guild House is accessed through the doors at the back of the church, and elevator access to the 2nd floor is also available.

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