

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 MAY 2022

**SOLEMN MASS & HOLY BAPTISM**

**10 AM**

*Missa Tu es pastor ovium.*

Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

*Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Sung portions of the liturgy which have an "S" before the hymnal number are found in the front section of the hymnal.*

## THE OPENING RITE

**VOLUNTARY** – *Messe à la usage des Couvents* François Couperin (1688-1733)  
*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth*  
*Benedictus qui venit*

**HYMN 492** – “Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness” *Finnian*

**INTROIT** – *Misericordia Domini (please remain standing)* Tone VII

The loving-kindness of the Lord filleth the whole world, alleluia: by the word of the Lord the heavens were stablished, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becometh well the just to be thankful. Glory be... The loving-kindness of the Lord ...

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** *Hymnal S-72*

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*Hymnal S-74*

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

*Celebrant* One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

## 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.

## CONFESSION

*The Deacon then says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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 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.**

## 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 ✠ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY – *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING – *Acts 13:15-16, 26-33 (Please be seated)*

When Paul and Barnabus came to Antioch of Pisid'ia, they went on the sabbath day into the synagogue, and after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say it." So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said:

"Men of Israel, and you that fear God, listen: Brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning him. Though they could

charge him with nothing deserving death, yet they asked Pilate to have him killed. And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead; and for many days he appeared to those who came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 100** – *Jubilate Deo*

Thomas Attwood (1783-1856)

O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: \* serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. 2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; \* we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;\* be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. 4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; \* and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

**EPISTLE READING** – *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA** – *Redemptionem (Please stand)*

Tone VI

*First intoned by Cantor, then sung by all.*



✓. The Lord hath sent redemption: unto his people. Alleluia. ✓. I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine. **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *John 10:22-30*

*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.**

It was the feast of the Dedication at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered round him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY**

Fr. Straley

**PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE** *(remain seated)*

*The Celebrant says*

Beloved in the Lord, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which this child is to be made a member of Christ’s Body, the Church. By the working of this holy sacrament, ordained by Christ himself, this child will die to sin and be raised to newness of life, receiving the fullness of God’s grace that she may faithfully serve him all the days of her life.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

I present Juniper Lucia to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant bids the congregation stand, and addresses them, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People*     **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
✠ and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

*Hymnal S-75*

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for June, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions, as the Clergy, Godparents, and Parents make their way from the Crossing to the Font with the Candidate.*

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**



## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the ✠ Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

Juniper Lucia Randall, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on her head, marking on her forehead the sign of the cross with holy oil of Chrism and saying*

June, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*A Baptismal Candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying*

Let your light so shine before men: that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*As he returns to the altar from the baptismal font, the Celebrant sprinkles the congregation with water as a reminder of their own baptisms. The choir sings the following antiphon.*

## **VIDI AQUAM**

Tone VII

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...

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Please be seated. Announcements may be made.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Deus, Deus meus***

Tone II

O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee: and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.

### **OFFERTORY MOTET – *Little Lamb***

William Cutter (b.1956)

*Songs of Innocence - The Lamb*

Little lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee,  
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,

By the stream and o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;

Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Little lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,

For He calls Himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, and He is mild.  
He became a little child.  
I a child, and thou a lamb,  
We are called by His name.  
Little lamb, God bless thee.

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

*All stand for the hymn as the gifts are brought forward, and the altar, gifts, and people are censured.*

**HYMN 296** – “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

*Engelberg*

### **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. 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, Domine  
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.*

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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."



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. "



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 praise thee, we bless thee, we give thanks  
to thee, and we pray to thee, O Lord our God.

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,

*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 – CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*Intoned by the Celebrant and repeated by all*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Ego sum pastor bonus*

Tone I

I am the good Shepherd, alleluia: and know my sheep and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*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 the possibility of baptism, or any other questions.  
Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.*

**HYMN 645** – “The King of love my shepherd is”

*St. Columba*

### **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 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, ✠ 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.

*People*

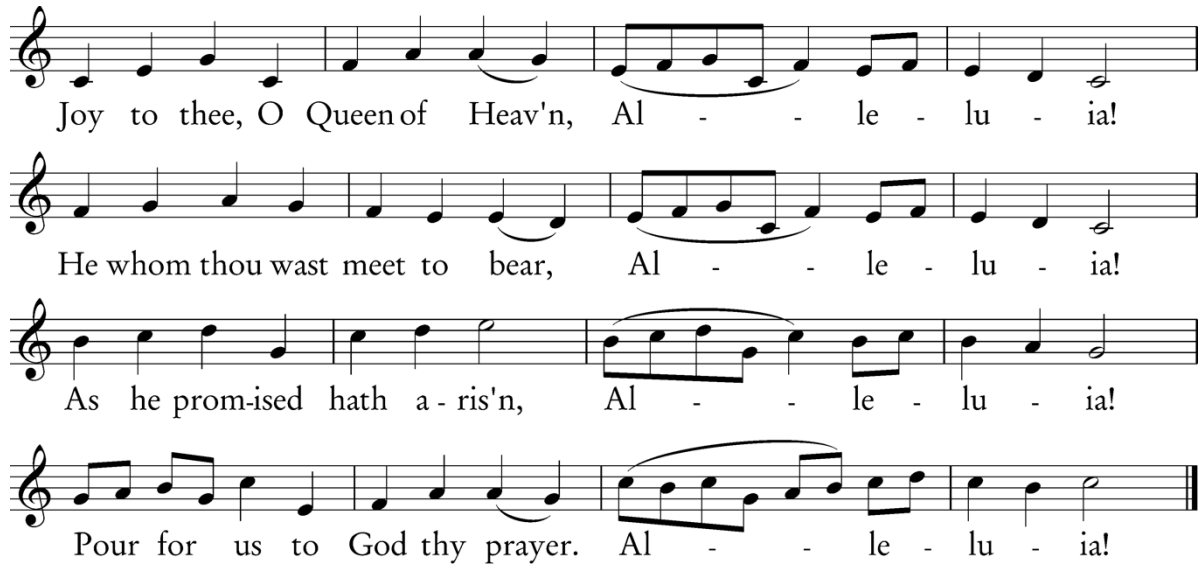


**HYMN 208** – “The strife is o’er, the battle done”

*Victory*

*During the hymn, the sacred ministers make their way to the Lady Chapel for the following Marian devotion. The congregation remains standing to sing:*

## REGINA CAELI



Joy to thee, O Queen of Heav'n, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
As he prom-ised hath a - ris'n, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Al - - le - lu - ia!

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.**

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