

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

9 January 2022

SOLEMN MASS & CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION

10 AM

Service of Holy Communion in G minor
Searle Wright (1918 – 2004)

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 – *Praeludium in B-moll, BWV 544*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 120 – The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas

INTROIT – *Dilexisti (please remain standing)*

Tone VII

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. *Ps.* My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King
Glory be... Thou hast loved...

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Hymnal S-74

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

Hymnal S-74

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

Bishop 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.

KYRIE ELEISON

sung by the Choir

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 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 42:1-9 *(Please be seated)*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you, I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:21-30 *Misericordias Domini*

chant: Richard Massey (1798-1883)

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast, and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea, and his right hand in the floods. He shall call me, Thou art my Father, my God, and my strong salvation. And I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

EPISTLE READING – Acts 10:34-38

And Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Benedictus qui venit (Please stand)*

Tone VI

First intoned by Cantor, then sung by all.



∇. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord, who hath shewed us light. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Bishop Knisely

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

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

or I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

or I present this person who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop address the congregation 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 Bishop 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

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.**

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

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

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

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

Bishop 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 CANDIDATES

Hymnal S-75

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Bishop 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.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

For Confirmation

Becket DeShaw

Thom Finley

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. **Amen.**

For Reception

*Kathleen Gamez, Gregory Goins
Gregory DePardo, Jennifer DePardo*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

Elizabeth "Betsy" Dake

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Bishop then sprinkles the congregation with blessed holy water as a reminder of their own baptisms. The choir sings the following antiphon.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean. Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offenses. Glory be ... Thou shalt purge ...

THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated. Announcements may be made.

The loose offering taken today will be designated for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund which is used to help clergy and their families in need.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Benedictus qui venit*

Tone II

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord, we bless ye from the house of the Lord: God is the Lord who have shewed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

MOTET – *Jesus autem hodie*

Peter Maxwell Davies (1934 – 2016)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordanae. (Jesus now returns today to the Jordan.) When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father voice was heard in the place: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende* (This is my beloved Son). There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende*. Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende*.

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

HYMN 348 – Lord, we have come at your own invitation

O quanta qualia

ORATE, FRATRES

Bishop 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

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Bishop 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

sung by the choir

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 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 John the Baptist, 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 Bishop

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 – *Pascha nostrum*

The Bishop breaks the consecrated Host. Silence is kept. Then is sung

Bishop 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.

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Bishop ☩ 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 – *Omnes qui*

Tone I

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ: have put on Christ, 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 349 – Holy Spirit, Lord of love

Aberystwyth

THE CLOSING RITE

Please kneel if you are able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop 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.

THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Bishop Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the ☩ Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you
for ever.

People **Amen.**

DISMISSAL (*Please stand*)

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

As the procession departs, it is customary to genuflect towards the Bishop as he passes by, inviting him to impart his Episcopal Blessing.

HYMN 375 – Give praise and glory unto God

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

VOLUNTARY – *Fuga in B-moll, BWV 544*

J.S. Bach

*A reminder that there is no coffee hour after Mass today,
but we will be very glad to greet you at the doors and converse outside after Mass.*

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