

# THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church  
in Providence

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

28 FEBRUARY 2021

SUNG MASS

10 AM

Kyrie IX, "O Pater excelsus"  
Plainsong Mass for a Mean  
John Sheppard (1515 – 1558)

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or to silent mode, while you are in church.*

## THE OPENING RITE

**VOLUNTARY** – *Miserere à 4*

William Byrd (1539 – 1623)

**INTROIT** – *Tibi dixit cor meum (Please stand)*

Tone VII

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face; thy face, Lord, will I seek: O hide not thou thy face from me. *Ps.* The Lord is my light, and my salvation: whom then shall I fear? Glory be...My heart hath...

## PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* ✠ Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

## DECALOGUE

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*After each commandment, the people respond*

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,  
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

*The Celebrant continues*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8, 9*

## CONFESSION

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders, spare thou those O God who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you ✠ absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Second Sunday in Lent*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING – *Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (Please be seated)*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come forth from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And God said to Abraham, “As for Sar'ai your wife, you shall not call her name Sar'ai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her; I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 16 – *Conserva me, Domine*

Tone I

6 The LORD himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup;

\* thou shalt maintain my lot.

7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground;

\* yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8 I will thank the LORD for giving me warning;

\* my reins also chasten me in the night season.

9 I have set the LORD always before me;

\* for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10 Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:

\* my flesh also shall rest in hope.

11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;

\* neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12 Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy,

\* and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

### **EPISTLE READING** – *Romans 4: 13-25*

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness.” But the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **TRACT** – *Commovisti (Please stand)*

Tone VIII

Thou hast moved the land, O Lord: and divided it. *V.* Heal the sores thereof: for it shaketh. *V.* That they may triumph because of the truth: that thy beloved may be delivered.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL** – *Mark 8: 31 - 38*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to

rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## SERMON

*Fr. Benjamin*

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
*and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;*  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

*(Genuflect or  
bow)*

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV

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, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord, in thy mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **THE PEACE** *(Please stand)*

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

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

*Announcements may be made.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** – *Meditabor*

Tone II

My delight shall be in thy commandments, which I have loved: my hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved.

### **HYMN 401** – The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

- 1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love:  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.
- 2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eaglewings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.
- 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.
- 4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!"  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” they ever cry:  
hail, Abraham’s Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

*Thomas Olivers (1725 – 1799)*

### **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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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.*

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I** *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole



world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, in remembrance of me."



Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
✠ By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost 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 Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## 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.*

## PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting  
in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are  
not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But  
thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us  
therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,**

and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## 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 – *Intellige*

Tone V

Consider my meditation: O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God: for unto thee will I make my prayer, O my God.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of thy Church, where thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to thee. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch thy Body, so the soul of thy servant may be healed by like faith in thee, whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through thy tender mercy, who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

## THE CLOSING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Kneeling*)

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.

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Go in peace and love the Lord.

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

**VOLUNTARY** – *Christe Redemptor*

John Bull (1562 – 1628)

Members of the Schola Cantorum:

Cory MacLean, Celia Russo, *means*  
Dylan Hillerbrand, Benjamin Salinas, *altos*  
Jason Connell, *tenors*  
Robert Henry, *bass*

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