



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

28 JULY 2024

MORNING PRAYER & LOW MASS AT 8 AM

MORNING PRAYER

¶ The Officiant may begin with a sentence of Scripture.

THE INVITATORY

Officiant O Lord, ✠ open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-7

Antiphon: The earth is the LORD'S for he made it:

O come, let us adore him.

O come, let us sing unto the LORD; :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, :

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth, :

and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, :

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, :

and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the LORD our God, :

and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.

**O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; :
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, :
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.**

Antiphon: The earth is the LORD'S for he made it:
O come, let us adore him.

PSALM 114 *In exitu Israel* ¶ *Read responsively by whole verse.*

When Israel came out of Egypt :
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

**Judah was his sanctuary :
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea saw that, and fled :
Jordan was driven back.

**The mountains skipped like rams :
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

**Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :
and ye little hills, like young sheep?**

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD :
at the presence of the God of Jacob;

**Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :
and the flint-stone into a springing well.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-15

Now when the LORD was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gilgal. And Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Eli'sha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." Eli'jah said to him, "Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli'sha,

and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." Then Eli'jah said to him, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Eli'jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces. And he took up the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Eli'jah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Eli'jah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other; and Eli'sha went over. Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him over against them, they said, "The spirit of Eli'jah rests on Eli'sha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTUS ES, DOMINE *¶ All stand*

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
and dwellest between the Cherubim; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; :

praised and exalted above all for ever.
Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; :
praised and exalted above all for ever.

THE SUFFRAGES

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

- ℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
℞ **And grant us thy salvation.**
℣. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
℞ **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℞ **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
℣. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
℞ **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
℣. Let thy way be known upon earth;
℞ **Thy saving health among all nations.**
℣. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
℞ **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
℣. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
℞ **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Intercession Paper for the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

Intercession Paper for the Guild of All Souls

May their souls, ✠ and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLES

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

LOW MASS

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie eleison.
Khriste eleison. Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**
Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.** Kyrie eleison.

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 Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, 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.

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

g Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16

I, Paul, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

Immediately after the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Beth-sa'ida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw him, and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Mtr. Veronica Tierney

NICENE CREED *¶ Said by all, standing*

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;**

*(Genuflect or
 bow)*

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.
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

In peace, we pray to thee, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of thy creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect, for Nicholas our own Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, O Lord;

For thy mercy is great.

We thank thee, O Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt thee, O God our King;

And praise thy Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have ✠ died, that they may have a place in thine eternal kingdom.

Lord, let thy loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in thee.

We pray to thee also for the forgiveness of our sins.

¶ All kneel and say together.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for we have sinned most grievously against thee; in thy compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by thy Spirit that we may live and serve thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *¶ The Celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

OFFERTORY PRAYERS *¶ All sit.*

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth hath given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation; through thy goodness we have this wine to offer: fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

ORATE, FRATRES *¶ All stand.*

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

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. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in 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

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 *¶ All kneel.*

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In thine infinite love thou didst make us for thyself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, thou didst mercifully send Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten and eternal Son, to share our humanity, to live and die as one of us, and to reconcile us unto thee, who art the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and there made an offering of himself in obedience to thy will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night in which he was betrayed unto suffering and death, 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.”



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his blessed death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, we offer unto thee these gifts. Sanctify them, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be for thy people the Body and Blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Do thou likewise ✠ sanctify us thy servants, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve thee in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the ever-blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, blessed Stephen our patron, and all thy saints into the joy of thine eternal kingdom. All this we ask through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom, 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,

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 BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: 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.**

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail. 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ¶ *All kneel.*

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.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy Spirit.**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL ¶ *Please stand.*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**