

Welcome to Saint Stephen's – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Benjamin

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS COMING WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Monday 13 September

Cyprian,
Bishop & Martyr of Carthage, 258
Evening Prayer 5:30
Low Mass 6:00

Tuesday 14 September

HOLY CROSS DAY
Noonday Prayer 12 noon
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Wednesday 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows
Evening Prayer 5:30
Low Mass 6:00 pm

Thursday 16 September

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c. 430
Noonday Prayer 12:00
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Friday 17 September

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 1179
Noonday Prayer 12:00
Low Mass 12:10 pm

Saturday 18 September

Edward Bouverie Pusey,
Priest, Tractarian, 1882
Morning Prayer 9:30 am
Low Requiem Mass 10 am
(Guild of All Souls)

Epiphany Soup Kitchen
(Meal Pickup Only)
2:30 – 4 pm

Next Sunday, 19 September

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am
Solemn Mass & Holy Baptism 10 am
Outdoor Coffee Hour 11:15 am

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12 September 2021

SOLEMN MASS

10 AM

Missa Preparate corda vestra
Steffano Bernardi (1576-1636)

*NOTE: Please turn all cell phones, pagers, and similar devices off,
or to silent mode, while you are in church.*

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY – *Concerto in A moll, BWV 593*
I. Allegro

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN 427 – “When morning gilds the skies”

Laudes Domine

INTROIT – *Da pacem (please remain standing)*

Tone VII

Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel. *Ps.* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be... Give peace...

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

sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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 *(Proper 19)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 50:4-9 *(Please be seated)*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded;

therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM – 116:1-9 *Dilexi, quoniam*

chant: C.H. Lloyd (1849-1919)

- MY delight is in the LORD; * because he hath heard the voice of my prayer;
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me; * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The snares of death compassed me round about, * and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
4 I found trouble and heaviness; then called I upon the Name of the LORD; * O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; * yea, our God is merciful.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple: * I was in misery, and he helped me.
7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; * for the LORD hath rewarded thee.
8 And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, * mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD * in the land of the living.

EPISTLE READING – James 3:1-12

Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness. For we all make many mistakes, and if any one makes no mistakes in what he says he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. If we put bits into the mouths of horses that they may obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Look at the ships also; though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So the tongue is a little member and boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by humankind, but no human being can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish? Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Timebunt gentes (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** *V.* The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 8:27-38

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 Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Eli'jah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell no one about him.

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."

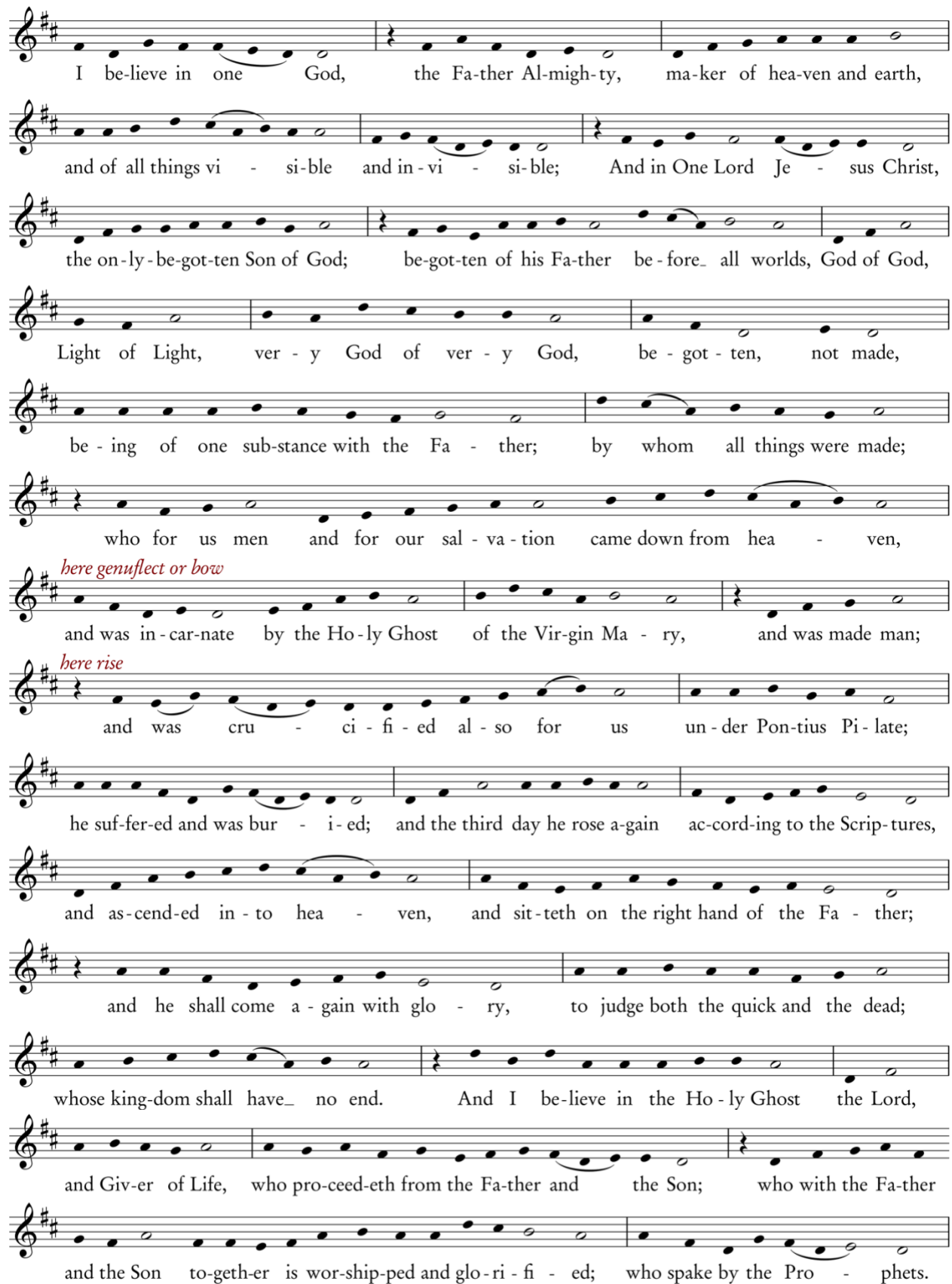
Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Fr. Benjamin

THE NICENE CREED *(please stand)*



I be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth,
and of all things vi - si-ble and in - vi - si-ble; And in One Lord Je - sus Christ,
the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be - fore all worlds, God of God,
Light of Light, ver - y God of ver - y God, be - got - ten, not made,
be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from hea - ven,
here genuflect or bow
and was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, and was made man;
here rise
and was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late;
he suf-fer-ed and was bur - i - ed; and the third day he rose a-gain ac-cord-ing to the Scrip-tures,
and as-cend-ed in - to hea - ven, and sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
and he shall come a - gain with glo - ry, to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost the Lord,
and Giv-er of Life, who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther
and the Son to-gether is wor-ship-ped and glo-ri - fi - ed; who spake by the Pro - phets.

And I be - lieve one ho - ly Cath - o - lic and A - pos - tol - ic Church;
 I ac - know - ledge one Bap - tism for the re - mis - sion of sins;
 and I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM I *(Please remain standing)*

The Deacon bids the prayers, saying

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Providence, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have commended themselves to our prayers, those on our parish prayer list, and all those who are in our hearts and minds, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have ✠ died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles and martyrs, blessed Stephen our patron, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord, our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

On this 20th anniversary weekend of the September 11th terror attacks, we pray with heavy hearts to God the Father of all mercies and Good Shepherd of our souls:

O Almighty God, who bringest good out of evil and turnest even thy children's wrath towards thy promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and divers faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of thy Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Sanctificavit Moyses*

Tone II

Moses consecrated an altar unto the Lord, offering burnt offerings upon it, and sacrificing peace offerings; and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet-smelling savour unto the Lord God, in the sight of the children of Israel.

OFFERTORY MOTET

Roger Ducasse (1873-1954)

Crux fidelis, inter omnes arbor una
nobilis: nulla silva talem profert,
fronde, flore, germine. Dulce
lignum, dulces clavos, dulce pondus
sustinet. Amen.

*Faithful cross, above all other, One and only
noble tree: None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thy peer may be. Sweetest wood
and sweetest iron, Sweetest weight is hung on
thee! Amen.*

All stand for the hymn

PRESENTATION HYMN 525 – “The Church’s one foundation”

Aurelia

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, 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

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 II *(Please kneel if you are able to do so)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you;

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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

✠ By whom, and with whom, and in 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 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. Silence is kept. Then is sung

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Qui vult venire*

Tone I

He that will come after me, let him deny himself: and take up his cross, and follow me.

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 675 – “Take up your cross, the Savior said”

Bourbon

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 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 Ghost, be amongst 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.**

HYMN 473 – “Lift high the cross”

Crucifer

VOLUNTARY – *Concerto in A moll, BWV 593*
III. Allegro

J.S. Bach

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Charles Calverley, Sandra Calverley, Lola Campagna, Ruby Campagna, Fr. Norman Catir, Diana Clarke, Sarah Clarke, Ernie Drew, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Joan Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Conrad Johnson, Ann Brooke Mason, Beverly Myers, Rhoda Steinhart, and Christopher Whittingham.

Anniversaries: Richard & Robyn Noble (9/15/84); Ordination of Fr. Michael Pearson to the Sacred Order of Deacons (9/14/77).

Birthdays: Amanda Malone-Drew (9/13).

The faithful departed: *Year's mind:* Margaret Chase (9/13), George Finch (9/13).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for: The Anglican Church of Tanzania (9/12); The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (9/13); The Diocese in Europe – The Church of England (9/14); The Diocese of Evo – The Church of Nigeria (9/15); The Diocese of Exeter – The Church of England (9/16); The Diocese of Ezo – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (9/17); The Diocese of Faisalabad – The (united) Church of Pakistan (9/18).

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown; and The Church of the Redeemer, Providence.

GIVING TO S. STEPHEN'S

You can mail your pledge card back to the church office, leave it in the offering plate at the back of the church on Sunday, or pledge online (ssteophens.org/donate). Thank you for all the many ways in which you are already supporting S. Stephen's.

INSTALLATION OF THE RECTOR

On September 29th, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop of Rhode Island, will install Fr. Benjamin as the 19th Rector of S. Stephen's Church. The liturgy will begin at 6:00 PM, with reception to follow in the Great Hall. We welcome both members and guests to this celebratory event in the life of our parish.



WELCOME TO S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

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