

THE KALENDAR

S. Stephen's Church
in Providence

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

2 JANUARY 2022

SOLEMN MASS

10 AM

Missa Brevis in C, K. 220 (Spatzen-Messe)

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

NOTE: Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in front of you in the pew rack.

THE OPENING RITE

VOLUNTARY – *Jul, Op. 36 No. 2*

Otto Olsson (1879 - 1964)

HYMN 124 – “What star is this, with beams so bright”

Puer nobis

INTROIT – *Dum medium silentium (Please remain standing)*

Tone VII

When as all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: thine almighty word, O Lord leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne. *Ps.* The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength... Glory be... When as all the world was in profoundest quietness...

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.
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 *(Second Sunday after Christmas)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING – *Jeremiah 31:7-14 (Please be seated)*

Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.’”

Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and E'phraim is my first-born.

“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands afar off; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more.

Then shall the maidens rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, says the Lord.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85; 1–9 – *Bendixisti, Domine.*

Alan Hemmings (1934-2018)

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; *
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, *
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
4 Turn us then, O God our Saviour, * and let thine anger cease from us.
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? *
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
6 Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, *
that thy people may rejoice in thee?
7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD, * and grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say; *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn
not again unto foolishness.
9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; *
that glory may dwell in our land.

EPISTLE READING – *Ephesians 1:3-6; 15-19a*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and

blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA – *Dominus regnavit (Please stand)*

Tone VI

Intoned by Cantor, then sung by All



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
V. The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL – *Matthew 2:1-12*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet:

‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will govern my people Israel.’”

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it

came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

Fr. Straley

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-geth-er 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 *(Please remain standing)*

The Deacon bids the prayers, saying

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
 who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us:
 help us to know thee, to worship and to serve thee.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor, thou orderest all things with thy wisdom:
 help the Church to reveal the mystery of thy love and fill her with the Spirit of
 truth.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God, the government is upon thy shoulders:
 guide the leaders of the nations and bring in thy kingdom of justice and
 righteousness.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, thou dost call us to live together in unity:
protect by thy mercy all thy children, bless our families, and renew our
communities.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, thou dost bring reconciliation through the cross:
by thy healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit:
hear our prayer, receive our praises, and fill our lives. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution are omitted this morning.

THE PEACE (*All stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements may be made. The people are seated for the Offertory.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON – *Benedic, anima mea*

Tone II

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forgot not all his benefits: who maketh thee
young and lusty as an eagle.

ANTHEM – *Bethlehem Down*

Peter Warlock (1894-1930)

When He is King we will give Him a King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes, said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music,
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem Down.

Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)

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

HYMN 78 – “O little town of Bethlehem”

Forest Green

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, because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. 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 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 Joseph her spouse, 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 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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb
of God, that takest away the sins of the
world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of
God, that takest away the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.*

THE INVITATION – ECCE AGNUS DEI

Celebrant ☩ Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON – *Domine, Dominus noster*

Tone I

Take the young Child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young Child's life.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please come forward to the altar rail and then return to your pew via the passageway on the right. If you are unable to come to the altar, communion will be brought to you. 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.

HYMN 112 – “In the bleak midwinter”

Cranham

THE CLOSING RITE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(Kneeling as you are able)*

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.**

BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL *(Please stand)*

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE LAST GOSPEL

Please remain standing.

A genuflection is made at the words in capitals.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(Here genuflect)* **AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 119 – “As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold” *Dix*

VOLUNTARY – *Fuga über den Choral "Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern,*
Op. 40 No. 1 Max Reger (1873-1916)

Soloists at the Mass:

Lori Harrison, soprano; Celia Russo, alto

Grant Randall, tenor; Devon Russo, bass

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