



SAINT STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

MICHAELMAS: THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

29 September 2024

SOLEMN MASS AT 10 AM

Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd (c. 1540 – 1623)

THE OPENING RITE

¶ Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in front you in the pew rack.

VOLUNTARIES

Archangel Suite (2011)

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Gabriel – Messenger of the Annunciation

Raphael – Archangel of Healing

HYMN 282 *¶ Sung by all, standing.*

CÆLITES PLAUDANT

INTROIT *Benedicte Dominum*

TONE VII

O praise the Lord, all ye his Angels: excelling in power, that execute his commandment; and hearken unto the voice of his words. *Ps.* Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name. Glory be &c. O Praise the Lord. &c.

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.
Khriste eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *¶ Sung by the choir.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex cœlestis, 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 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.

Overlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

g Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place; and I did not know it." And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster* *Fauxbourdon* by Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies :
that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.
For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
What is man, that thou art mindful of him :
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower than the angels :
to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
All sheep and oxen :
yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Governor :

how excellent is thy Name in all the world! Glory be *etc.*

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 12:7-12

There arose war in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they were defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Rejoice then, O heaven and you that dwell therein! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. The serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus. And he stood on the sand of the sea.

Subdeacon The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *Sancte Michael*

TONE VI

Intoned by the cantor, then sung by all



⚔ Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle: that we perish not in the dreadful judgement.

⚔ **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Jesus saw Nathan'a-el coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!": Nathan'a-el said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Fr. Benjamin Straley

THE NICENE CREED *g Sung by all, standing*

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

g Deacon

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Father in heaven, by his blood Christ has ransomed us to thee. As the angels minister to thee in heaven, strengthen the Church to serve thee here on earth.

∇ Lord, hear us.

℞ Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven, when the angels greeted the birth of thy Son they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth.' Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

∇ Lord, hear us.

℞ Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven, thou givest thine angels charge over those who trust in thee to guard them in all their ways. Be with those in trouble, rescue them and show them thy salvation.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father in heaven, thine angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.' Enfold in thy love all who have come in faith ✠ to thy judgement seat in heaven.

℣ Lord, hear us.

℟ **Lord, graciously hear us.**

℟ *Celebrant*

O God, who in thine ineffable providence deignest to send thy holy angels for our safe-keeping; grant unto us thy humble servants, that we may ever be defended by their protection, and may rejoice in their eternal fellowship; through thy Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

℟ *Deacon*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

℟ *Celebrant & People, kneeling*

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

¶ The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of scripture after which the people sit.

¶ At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make an electronic gift today, please either visit sstephens.org/give or scan the QR code below.



OFFERTORY ANTIPHON *Stetit Angelus*

TONE II

An Angel stood by the altar of the temple, having a golden censer in his hand: and there was given unto him much incense, and the smoke of the incense ascended up to God, alleluia.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Richard Dering (c.1580–1630)

Factum est silentium in cælo, dum committeret bellum draco cum Michaelē Archangelo. Audita est vox milia milium dicentium, Salus, honor et virtus Omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.

There was silence in heaven while the dragon fought with the Archangel Michael. A sound was heard, thousands of thousands saying: salvation, honour and power to almighty God. Alleluia.

TEXT: Revelation 12:7–8, Matin Respond for Michaelmas

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

HYMN 618 *¶ Sung by all*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

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. For with thy co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, thou art one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Substance; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of thee, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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 *¶ All kneel.*

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,



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.

BREAKING OF BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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 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.

AGNUS DEI *♩ Sung by the choir.*

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Benedicte omnes Angeli*

TONE I

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: sing ye praises, and magnify him above all for ever.

HYMN 324 *♩ Sung by all.*

PICARDY

THE CLOSING RITE

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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL *¶ Please stand.*

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Michael, from Archangel Suite

Craig Phillips

'There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.' –Rev. 12:7

¶ Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Library. All are welcome.

