

# THE KALENDAR

S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19 November 2023

SOLEMN MASS AT 10 AM

*Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

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

## THE OPENING RITE

### VOLUNTARY

*Benedictus*

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

### HYMN 596

KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

### INTROIT *Dicit Dominus*

TONE VII

Thus saith the Lord, I know the thoughts that I think toward you, thoughts of peace, and not of evil: ye shall call upon me and I shall hearken unto you, and will turn away your captivity from all the nations. *Ps.* Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Glory be &c. Thus saith 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.*

**K**yrie eleison.  
Christe 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.*

**G**loria 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.

**B**lessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly  
digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace  
and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in  
our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*

**B**e silent before the LORD GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. "At that time," says the LORD, "I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are thickening upon their lees, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on men, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealous wrath, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full, yea, sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### PSALM 90:1-8, 12 *Domine, refugium*

Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

**L**ord, thou hast been our refuge :  
from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were  
made :  
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.  
Thou turnest man to destruction :  
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.  
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday :  
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.  
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep :  
and fade away suddenly like the grass.  
In the morning it is green, and groweth up :  
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.  
For we consume away in thy displeasure :

and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.  
Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee :  
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.  
So teach us to number our days :  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

**THE EPISTLE**

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

**A**s to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

*Subdeacon* The Word of the Lord.

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

**ALLELUIA** *De profundis*

TONE VI

*Intoned by the cantor, then sung by all*



∇. Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

℞ **Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 25:14-15, 19-29*

*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.**

**J**esus said, "The king of God will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward,

saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.’ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.’”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

*The Rev'd Mtr. Veronica Tierney*

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

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory in the world.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in thy mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thine honor and glory.

✠ Lord, in thy mercy

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

✠ Lord, in thy mercy

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of thy salvation.

✠ Lord, in thy mercy

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to thy mercy all who have ✠ died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Stephen, our patron, and with all thy saints in thine eternal kingdom.

✠ Lord, in thy mercy

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

✠ *Celebrant*

**O** God, of whose mercy there is no end, and the treasure of whose bounty is infinite; we give thanks to thy divine majesty for the gifts of thy loving-kindness, humbly beseeching thee that the praise and thanksgiving which we begin here on earth we may, with all thy saints, continue in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

✠ *Deacon*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

✠ *Said by all, 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*

**A**lmighty 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.**

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**OFFERTORY ANTIPHON** *De profundis*

STONE II

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

*¶ 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/donate](http://sstephens.org/donate) or scan the QR code with your smart phone's camera.*



**AT THE OFFERTORY**

Maurice Greene (1696–1755)

**L**ord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; And verily every man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling; hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

*Text: from Psalm 39*

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



## 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.

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*

**S**anctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine  
Deus Sabaoth: Pleni sunt cæli 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.*

**A**ll glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat,

THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU.  
Do this in remembrance of me."



Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this;

FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD,  
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU,  
AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.  
Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."



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

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


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

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, 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.

## THE 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 *g Sung by the choir.*

**A**gnus 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 takes away the sins  
of the world, grant us thy peace.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Amen dico vobis*

TONE I

**V**erily I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and it shall be done unto you.

### HYMN 288

DIX

## THE CLOSING RITE

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *g 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.**

HYMN 397

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

VOLUNTARY

*Marche triomphale: Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

*¶ Please join us for Coffee Hour. All are welcome.*