



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are so glad you are here. This service of Holy Eucharist follows the order found in the Book of Common Prayer (the red book in the pew rack) beginning on page 323. This bulletin provides page numbers and other information to guide you through the service.

The Word of God

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| Opening Acclamation | <i>Please stand as you are able.</i> | The Book of Common Prayer, page 323 |
| The Collect for Purity | | page 323 |
| The Summary of the Law | | page 324 |
| Kyrie, Trisagion or Gloria | | page 324 |
| The Collect of the Day | <i>Found on page 3.</i> | |
| The First Lesson | <i>Found on page 3; please sit.</i> | |
| The Psalm | <i>Found on page 3; please remain seated and read responsively.</i> | |
| The Gospel | <i>Found on page 3-4; please stand.</i> | |
| The Sermon | <i>Please sit.</i> | |
| The Nicene Creed | <i>Please stand.</i> | page 326 |
| The Prayers of the People | <i>Please kneel as you are able.</i> | pages 328-330 |
| Confession and Absolution | | pages 331-332 |
| The Peace | <i>Please stand.</i> | page 332 |
| Welcome and Announcements | <i>Please sit.</i> | |

The Holy Communion

At the Presentation of Alms

All comes from God, so from all God has given into our care, we offer gifts from our gratitude. You may place an offering in the offering plate as it comes by, or give electronically by scanning this QR code.



**All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given thee.**

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| The Great Thanksgiving | <i>Please stand. Please kneel after the Sanctus.</i> | pages 340-343 |
| The Lord's Prayer | | page 336 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | page 337 |
| The Prayer of Humble Access | | page 337 |
| The Distribution of Holy Communion | <i>All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the Communion rail in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and you may stand or kneel to receive. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use the smaller cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest. If you need us to bring the sacrament to you, please let the usher know.</i> | |
| The Post-Communion Prayer | | page 339 |
| The Blessing and Dismissal | | page 339-340 |

The Collect and Readings

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The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 173

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson 1 John 4:7-21 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

Psalm 22:24-30 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 612

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: ***
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; ***
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Silence is kept.

The Gospel John 15:1-8 *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Memorial Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kingsbery and Carla Gay by their family.

Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. William L. Sachs; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Anne Pinion

The Parish Prayer List

*Charles Adams, Becky Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Sandra Barnthouse, Nancy Beale, Nancy Beeler, Kay Best, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Liz Brengel, Elaine Brown, Pat Brown, Turner Bruneau, Sturges Bryan, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, Percy Cochran, Stephanie Coleman, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Michelle Crim, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Chris Davis, Nancy Davis, Ken Dibble, Mary Fish, Guy Frank, Larry Fuccella, Frank Ginty, Grace, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marion Hargrove, Marianne Harmuth, Reese Harrington, Katie Hellebush, Bob Hines, King Charles III, Tom Hodges, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie and Tom Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Gouthum Karadi, the Katz family, Mary Jane Kelley, Jane Kelly, Donna Kessler, Dana King, Stoney Koschak, Margee Krebs, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Jodie Lockhart, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Karen and Steve Matteo, Barbara Mathison, Michael McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Jenks McCorry, Melissa, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Anne P., Tricia Payne, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Richard Rennolds, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Brenda Quinn, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, Frances Scales, T. Logan Scott, Charlie Seilheimer, Will Selden, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Reilly Starr, Joy Stevenson, Hew Stith, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Ron Swain, Jim Teachey, Will Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Ozzie Wade, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Betty Williams, Nelson Williams, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those who have died, especially Nancy Bruni, Teon Harvey, and Thomas Walker.***

For those expecting a child, especially Emily and Andrew Morris. For the blessings of this life, including the birth of Elizabeth Raye Einhaus, and the baptisms of Annabel Hart Corey, Henry Boushall Holzbach, Grace Covington Irby, Henry James Irby, Lauren Grace Maynard Irby, Basil Quinerly Jones, William Felix Mullery, Sawyer Everett Sheehan, Jane Branch Stephenson, James Chapman Thacker, and Briggs Boushall Valentine. For our missionaries, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For ReWork Richmond. For an end to gun violence. For peace and reconciliation in Haiti, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service: Senior Airman Cooper Murphy, US Army Special Forces.

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