



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5, 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

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.*

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand.*

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Please kneel after the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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The Distribution of Holy Communion

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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing and Dismissal

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The Collect and Readings

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The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 174

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson 1 John 5:1-6 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 98 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 727

1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,

when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity. *Silence is kept.*

The Gospel John 15:9-17 *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, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of George V. Moncure Jr. by his family.

Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. William S. Stanley; **READER AND CHALICE BEARER:** Anne Pinion

The Parish Prayer List

Charles Adams, Becky Anthony, *Abigail Palmer 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, *Brooklyn Dalton*, Chris Davis, Ken Dibble, Mary Fish, Guy Frank, Frank Ginty, Grace, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marion Hargrove, Marianne Harmuth, Reese Harrington, Katie Hellebush, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, *Deborah Hodgson-Lyons*, 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, King Charles III, Stoney Koschak, Margee Krebs, *Jim and Diedra Kriewald*, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, 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, 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 Toebe, 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, *Paul Leddington Wright*, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life, including those who are being confirmed, received, or are reaffirming their faith today. For those who have died, especially Nancy Davis, Anne Heath Hardage, Nancy Edmunds Morris, and Tolar Nolley. For those expecting a child, especially Emily and Andrew Morris. For our missionaries, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. 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. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Mary Feldman at mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org.

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