



# The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. We welcome and include all people without exception and we extend a special greeting to any visitors. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Visitor guides are found in racks at the entrance doors. When you wish to be known here, please fill out a welcome card (found in each pew or online); you may drop the card into the offering plate as it is passed.

Children are very welcome in this service, and child care is also available for infants and children through age four in our nursery on the lower level near the main parking lot entrance; greeters are happy to guide you. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. We hope to see you again soon!

Voluntary *Hózhó*

Connor Chee

## The Word of God

Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul

*St. Thomas*

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in your pew rack.*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 355

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Song of Praise

*Sung by all, standing.*

The Hymnal S-236, John Rutter

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are wor-thy of  
praise; glo-ry to you. 2. Glory to you for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly Name  
we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. 3. Glo-ry to you  
in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you.  
4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex -  
alt you for ev - er. 5. Glory to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of



**The Collect of the Day**

Prayer Book, page 235

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *A period of silence is kept.*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Hebrews 7:23-28 *Please sit.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 126** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 782

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**4 The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. *A period of silence is kept.*

**Hymn 679** Surely it is God who saves me *Sung by all, standing.*

*Thomas Merton*

**The Gospel** Mark 10:46-52 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out

and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Rev. William L. Sachs

**The Nicene Creed** *Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the church and the world.

*You may stand or kneel. In the silence following each petition, please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader* Let us bring before God the leaders of our community, our nation, and the world, that they may be strengthened and guided by a spirit of compassion. We pray especially for an end to suffering in the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all places of conflict, that peace and justice might prevail.

*Leader* Let us bring before God the poor, the forgotten, and those who are marginalized, as we renew our commitment to the lonely and the unloved.

*Leader* Let us pray for our families and friends, for the departed, [especially \_\_\_\_\_] and for all who have requested our prayers.

*Leader* Let us ask God to use our prayerful intentions for the benefit of all who are with us now, people we know and love, as well as those who are strangers to us. May we be blessings to one another.

*Leader* Let us call to mind our reasons to be thankful, as we remember the life-giving way of gratitude. We offer our thanksgivings, [especially for \_\_\_\_\_].

*Celebrant* May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace.  
*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A period of silence is kept.*

*All*            **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*     Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**     *Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 360

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift online (scan the QR code) or in an offering plate as they come by.*



#### At the Offertory

**Hymn 431**     The stars declare his glory [9:00]

*Sung by all, seated.*

*Aldine*

**Anthem**        Christ hath a garden [11:15]

*Sung by the choir.*

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,  
A Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace  
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear  
Their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,  
Till the beloved Master come:

Like trees of spice his servants stand,  
There planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow  
To feed their beauty where they grow.

That he may come, and linger yet  
Among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen  
To walk amid the springing green.

#### At the Presentation

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Old 100th*

*The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving     Eucharistic Prayer 2

*Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*         **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.

*People*         **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus

*Sung by all.*

The Hymnal S-130, Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,—  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.—  
Hea - ven and earth are full,— full— of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes— in the name of the Lord.—  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may stand or kneel.*

## Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Blessed Stephen; Blessed Mary, Mother of God; and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

Prayer Book, page 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Breaking of the Bread** *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Sung by all.*

The Hymnal S-164, Franz Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### **At the Communion of the People**

*All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the chancel steps [9:00] or the high altar [11:15], or in one of the side chapels (kneeling or standing). The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. 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 one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.*

### **Music at Communion**

**Anthem** Taste and see *Sung by the choir.*

James E. Moore

#### *Refrain*

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise shall always be on my lips.  
My soul shall glory in the Lord,  
for he has been so good to me. *Refrain*



Glorify the Lord with me  
Together let us all praise his name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my troubles he set me free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
in him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

**Hymn 416** For the beauty of the earth

*Sung by all, seated*

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

### **Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors**

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to visit a parishioner, the following is said.*

*Deacon* *N.*, we send you out to share Communion with *N.*

*People* **Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Deacon* We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup. **Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *You may stand or kneel.*

*All* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer Book, page 365

**The Blessing** *The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.*

**Hymn 493** O for a thousand tongues to sing

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Azmon*

### **Dismissal**

Prayer Book, page 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Voluntary** Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens



## **Memorials**

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Herbert Stephen and Eleanor Hampton Casey, and W. Verner Casey by Caroline Brandt; and William Maury Hill and William Maury Hill Jr. by their family.

## **Participants**

9 A.M. // **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **DEACON:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **SUBDEACON:** Elizabeth Spell; **READER:** Will Rohrs; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **INTERCESSOR:** Audra Tuttle; **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Allison Koschak; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Kathy Brock, Beth Crews, Bill Gray; **ACOLYTES:** Hayes Carithers, Wyatt Hobbs, Dalton Mika, Abigail Moore, Anna Rohrs; **LAY EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR:** Cherly Blackwell; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Hymn Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Andy Luke

11:15 A.M. // **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **DEACON:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **SUBDEACON:** Andy Luke; **READER/ INTERCESSOR:** Bill Davis; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **ASSISTING PRIEST:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Iffet Araniti-Davis, Bill Davis, Mary Martin, Laurie Rogers; **ACOLYTES:** Thomas Bowen-Rees, Caroline Douthat, Ada Mathews, Betsy Spalding; **MUSICIANS:** Saints Singers (St. Christopher's and St. Catherine's Schools), Greg Vick and Annabelle Mills, *directors*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Penn Rogers

## The Parish Prayer List

Ken Abrams, Charles Adams, Abigail Palmer Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Nancy Beeler, Kay Best, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Granger Bradshaw, Liz Brengel, Leslie Brockman, Pat Brown, Turner Bruneau, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, Percy Cochran, Stephanie Coleman, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, John Corey, Randy Correll, Michelle Crim, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Hedley Hines Davey, Chris Davis, Ham DeRosa, Guy Frank, Nancy Gauldin, Yvette Gerardin, Frank Ginty, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Katie Hellebush, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Deborah Hodgson-Lyons, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie and Tom Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Gouthum Karadi, Zaccheaus Katta, Jane Kelly, Donna Kessler, Dana King, Hilda King, Jim and Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Sharon Livisie, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Barbara Mathison, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Knox McFerren, Gertrude McLean, Jack Miller, John Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Richard Rennolds, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Brenda Quinn, Robert Sass, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, T. Logan Scott, Charlie Seilheimer, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Jim and Mary Beth Shannon, *Chrys Sills*, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Reilly Starr, Joy Stevenson, Hew Stith, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Jim Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Will Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Jane Wallace, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Nelson Williams, Franklin Willis, Trevor Wilson, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those expecting a child**, especially Ali and Hatcher Crenshaw IV, Sarah and Andrew Klein, Meghan and Andrew Lawrence, and Sarah and Nathan Smith. **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 *Scottish Episcopal Church*. **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**: CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn and Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson.

*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](mailto:mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org).*

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