



Palmer Hall Chapel

Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 9 a.m. ☩ The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to the Palmer Hall service

We are delighted you are here. Wherever you might be on your faith journey, we hope your experience here will strengthen and affirm you. We are sure that your presence among us today strengthens others, and we welcome you to join in everything that St. Stephen's offers. Every Sunday, we offer several different services of worship (at 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 and 8 p.m.), each with its own character. At 9 a.m., two services are happening simultaneously—one in the main church, and this one which takes place in Palmer Hall Chapel.

The Palmer Hall service for some feels especially welcoming to families, particularly those with babies and children. Both of the 9 a.m. services—this one, and the one in the main church—include important roles for children, and people of all ages are welcome at any service. In Palmer Hall, our worship space includes a “soft space.” This is an area with a rug, floor cushions, and children's books where children can move a bit more freely and comfortably than they can in rows of seating. Please accompany your child to the soft space if and when they want to visit it; this helps us ensure the safety and comfort of our whole community.

Both of the 9 a.m. services include Holy Eucharist. All are welcome at the altar in this place. 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, touching the edge of the bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms on the front of your chest. Children who have been baptized are welcome to receive communion. The important thing is that you know God welcomes you and that this church welcomes you. Please come back often.

Prelude Living Hope

Phil Wickham, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome

The Word of God

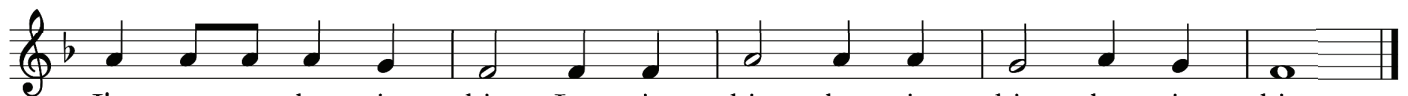
Opening hymn This little light of mine *Sung by all, standing.* Traditional spiritual



1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit-tle light of mine,
2. Je - sus_ gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine. Je - sus_ gave it to me,
3. Ev-'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Ev-'ry - where I go,



I'm gon - na let it shine. This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. Je - sus_ gave it to me,
I'm gon - na let it shine. Ev - 'ry - where I go,



I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Opening Prayer

Deacon Arise, shine, for the Light of God has come!
People **The glory of God shines over all.**
Deacon From the rising of the sun until its setting,
People **Your name is great, O God!**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Feast of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 36:5-10 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 632

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
**6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.**
7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, ***
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Gospel Song

Come, Lord Jesus (vs. 3-4)

The Rev. Carey Landry

Sung by all, standing, before and after the Gospel.



3. Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, won - der - ful Coun - se - lor,
4. Come, O Migh - ty God, come, O Migh - ty God,



won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, come and be born in our hearts.
come, O Migh - ty God, come and be born in our hearts.

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

Reader

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Reader

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Wondering

The Rev. Cate Anthony

The children are invited to gather on the center rug.

The Creed

Said by all, standing.

**I believe in God above,
I believe in Jesus' love.
I believe God's Spirit too,
comes to tell me what to do.**

**I believe that I can be
kind and good,
dear Lord, like thee.**

The Prayers of the People

Please remain standing.

From *Common Worship*, Church of England

Deacon

Let us worship the Savior with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father. The magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of wonder for your works. Lord of glory,

People

Hear our prayer.

Deacon The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh: Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds. [We pray also for the blessings of our lives, especially...]
Lord of glory,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ: Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world. We remember especially all those affected by fire in Southern California and those who suffer in the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all places of conflict.
Lord of glory,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death: Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless and all who suffer.
Lord of glory,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: Father, protect in your love our neighbors, our families, and this community of which we are a part. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world. We pray especially for our country and President-elect Donald Trump on the eve of his inauguration.
Lord of glory,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed, [especially...].

You are invited to add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

Deacon In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Birthday Blessing

Prayer Book, page 830

All **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

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.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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 (use the QR code, or text STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256), or in the offering plates as they come by.



Offertory

Cornerstone

Jonas Myrin, arr. Mark Hayes

**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 children are invited to follow the ushers forward to sit on the rug in front of the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving*Common Worship, Church of England*

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 thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, — Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me."

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember Jesus' death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

Prayer Book, page 364

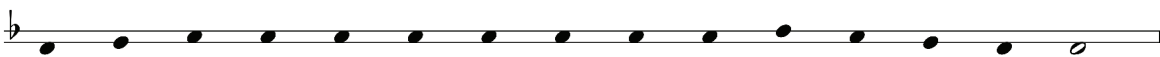
Celebrant and People

**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.**

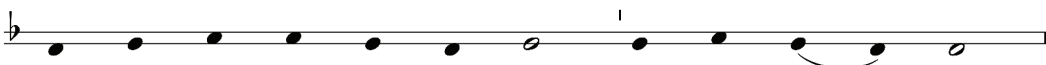
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Mason Martens

Cantor 

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

All 

There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

At the Communion of the People

Communion will be served at two stations, standing. All are welcome to come forward. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister. If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms on the front of your chest.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *Please stand.*

All **God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing Song Go Now in Peace *Sung by all, standing.* Natalie Sleeth
**Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Hymn 529 In Christ there is no East or West *Sung by all, standing.* *McKee*

Dismissal Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude How deep the Father's love for us Stuart Townsend, arr. Mark Hayes



Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony

DEACON: The Rev. Abby Kocher

MUSICIAN: David Kim, *piano*

Music note

Today's hymns in Palmer Hall have been chosen in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. "This little light of mine," which is thought to have roots as a traditional spiritual, took on new life in the 1960s as a well-known and beloved anthem of the Civil Rights Movement. As Freedom Singer Rutha Mae Harris explained to NPR, singing the song's joyful words and music gave her and her fellow activists comfort and courage in the face of danger, steadying their nerves: "Music was an anchor. It kept us from being afraid... It played a very important role in the movement."

The tune of "In Christ there is no East or West," McKee, also has ties to the spiritual tradition. The version we use from The Hymnal 1982, our hymnal at St. Stephen's Church, was adapted and arranged by the celebrated Black American composer and songwriter, Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). The hymn's words, written by John Oxenham, emphasize the message of Christian unity and the "great fellowship of love... whate'er your race may be."

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, Liz Brengel, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, 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 Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Hedley Hines Davey, Chris Davis, Alan Demascus, Ham DeRosa, Terry Dickinson, Eddie Doyle, Barbara Hall Dunn, Guy Frank, Julia G., Nancy Gauldin, Yvette Gerardin, Frank Ginty, Janis Hall, 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, Jane Kelly, Donna Kessler, Dana King, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Laura Lewandowski, Linda Lewis, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Barbara Mathison, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Lydia Melton, Jack Miller, John Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Blair Barre Morris, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Iralin Peple, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Tom Rader, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Alison Roussy, Brenda Quinn, Jason R., Jennifer Reed, 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, Dorothy Suskind, Jim Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Tom Turney, Kenneth Valke, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Jane Wallace, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Nelson Williams, Trevor Wilson, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young, *Mitt Younts*. **For the blessings of this life**, especially for the birth of *Eleanor Adams Nexsen to Lindsay and Gray Nexsen*. **For those expecting a child**, especially 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 Church in the Province of the West Indies*. **For ReWork Richmond**. **For an end to gun violence**. **For the victims of the wildfires in California**. **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.

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