



# The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025 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 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We hope to see you again soon!

**Voluntary** Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Anna Laura Page

## The Word of God

**Hymn 193** That Easter day with joy was bright *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*Puer nobis*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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** God's Paschal Lamb *Sung by all, standing. Sine nomine, arr. Michael Burkhardt and Brent te Velde*

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore with  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though A - dam's

joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we  
more do - min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to  
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of truth.  
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all be made a - live.

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 218

**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, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**      Revelation 1:4-8      *Please sit.*

**Reader**      A reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Reader**      The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 150**      *At 9:00, said responsively by whole verse, seated.*  
*At 11:15, sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation.*

Prayer Book, page 807  
chant: George Talbot

1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; \*  
praise him in the firmament of his power.

**2 Praise him for his mighty acts; \***  
**praise him for his excellent greatness.**

3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; \*  
praise him with lyre and harp.

**4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; \***  
**praise him with strings and pipe.**

5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; \*  
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

**6 Let everything that has breath \***  
**praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

*Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 209**      We walk by faith, and not by sight      *Sung by all, standing.*

*St. Botolph*

**The Gospel**      John 20:19-31      *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Deacon**      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.  
*Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

Leader    In the work we do this day,  
People    **May the risen Christ teach us.**

Leader    In the challenges we face this day,  
People    **May the risen Christ guide us.**

Leader    Through the people we meet this day,  
People    **May the risen Christ renew us.**

Leader    As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world, remembering especially those who suffer in  
the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all other places of conflict,  
People    **May the risen Christ compel us.**

Leader    We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world,  
People    **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader    We remember all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].  
*During the silence, members of the congregation may pray for others.*

Leader    Give to the departed eternal rest;  
People    **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader    Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant    Grant us, O God, so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Christ in the joy of his  
resurrection. **Amen.**

*The Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days, is the longest liturgical season in order to celebrate God's saving acts through Christ's risen life. In recognition of God's reconciling love, we abstain from confession until the season after Pentecost.*

**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 in an offering plate as they come by or make a gift online by scanning the QR code or texting STSTEPHENSVA to 73256.*



### At the Offertory

**Hymn 424** For the fruit of all creation [9:00] *Sung by all, seated.*

*East Acklam*

For the beauty of the earth [11:15] *Sung by the choir.*

text: F.S. Pierpoint; music: Mervyn Cousins

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
 For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

For the beauty of the hour, of the day and of the night,  
 Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and brain's delight,  
 For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our world so freely given,  
 Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

### At the Presentation

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise him, all creatures here be -  
 low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav-'nly  
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him; O  
 praise him; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*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** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

*Sung by all.*

Richard Proulx, arr. Brent te Velde

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heaven\_\_\_\_\_ and earth\_\_\_\_\_ are full\_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*Remain standing.*

**Celebrant**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Celebrant and People**

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

### Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Stephen, Blessed Mary, Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.*

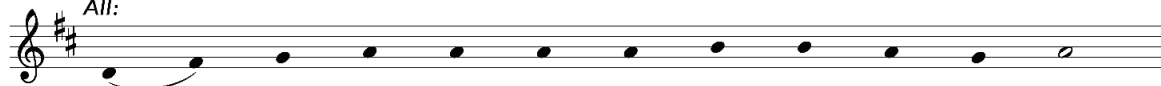
The Hymnal S-154, David Hurd

**Cantor:**




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,


**All:**



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;



there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### 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], and in both side chapels. 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, cross one hand over the other, 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**     *O sacrum convivium* [11:15]     *Sung by the choir.*     text: St. Thomas Aquinas; music: Stephanie Martin  
*O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;  
recolitur memoria passionis ejus;  
mens impletur gratia;  
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.*     *Translation:*     O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,  
the memory of his Passion is renewed,  
the mind is filled with grace,  
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

**Hymn 318**     Here, O my Lord     *Sung by all, seated.*     *Nyack*

## 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**     **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

**Hymn 208 (vs. 1-2, 4-5)**     Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done     *Sung by all, standing.*     *Victory*

## Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

**Deacon**     Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**People**     **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary**     At Easter-tide     Charles Villiers Stanford



## Memorial

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leigh Frackleton by their family.

## Participants

9 A.M. | **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **DEACON:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **SUBDEACON:** Al Albiston; **LAY READER:** Anna Rohrs; **PREACHER:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **INTERCESSOR:** Kristen Estes; **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Barbara Massey; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Pat Githens, Elizabeth Spell, Anne Townsend, Deborah Waters; **ACOLYTES:** Lee Driscoll, Wyatt Hobbs, Dalton Mika, Anna Rohrs; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Handbell Choir, Paul Honaker, *director*; St. Stephen's Hymn Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Andy Luke

11:15 A.M. | **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **DEACON:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **SUBDEACON:** Clarice Dibble; **LAY READER/INTERCESSOR:** Stephanie Peramas; **PREACHER:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **ASSISTING PRIEST:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Alisa Booze Troetschel, Connie Lankford, Barbara Massey, Chip Tompkins; **ACOLYTES:** Thomas Bowen-Rees, Charlie Boyle, Rosie Ferrell, Ada Mathews; **LAY EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR:** Marty Easton; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Handbell Choir, Paul Honaker, *director*; St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards and Brent te Velde, *directors*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Dave Davis

## The Parish Prayer List

Charles Adams, Abigail Palmer Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Patricia Atkins-Smith, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Nancy Beeler, Robert Bjorkholm, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Liz Brengel, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, Pat Brown, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, Matt Boyd, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, Paula Chambers, Dan Clements, Helen Clendenin, Percy Cochran, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Stephanie Copeland, John Corey, Randy Correll, Michelle Crim, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Chris Davis, Ham DeRosa, Terry Dickinson, Davis Dunn Dillard, Eddie Doyle, Barbara Hall Dunn, Guy Frank, *Sam Fuller*, Julia G., Yvette Gerardin, Frank Ginty, Rick Greenwood, Janis Hall, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Deborah Hodgson-Lyons, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie and Tom Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Brian Jones, Lena Jones, Gouthum Karadi, Jane Kelly, Dana King, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Laura Lewandowski, Linda Lewis, Eva Lindsay, Sharon Livsie, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Barbara Mathison, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Melanie, Jack Miller, John Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Mary Beth Noel, Lynn Parli, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ernest Perry, Courtney Phillips, Scott Pittman, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Tom Rader, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Sara Ritter, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Alison Roussy, Brenda Quinn, Jason R., Jennifer Reed, Kaley Rosenthal, Richard Sanger, Robert Sass, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, T. Logan Scott, Charlie Seilheimer, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Jim and Mary Beth Shannon, Torrey Shuford, Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Ben Sparks, Reilly Starr, Dorothy Suskind, Margaret Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Tom Turney, Kenneth Valke, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Nelson Williams, Trevor Wilson, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Keith Witherspoon, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life**, *especially for the baptisms of Blake Carter Francis, Graham Thomas McCorey, and Charlotte Lawrence Morris.* **For those expecting a child**, especially Natalie and Lewis Jones, Stuart and Melissa Kegan, Elizabeth and Matson Roberts. **For those who have died**, *especially Pope Francis and Anne Boggs.* **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 the Province of the Indian Ocean.* **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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