



# Palmer Hall Chapel

Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 9 a.m. ☞ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☞ Richmond, Virginia

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## 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. During the program year (September–May), Palmer Hall gathers at 9 a.m. for a time of worship, music, and fellowship. Please note: Sunday, May 18 is the last Palmer Hall service until September 7, 2025. The Palmer Hall “soft space” will move into the main church for the summer—please join us for worship there at 10 a.m. all summer long.

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### Prelude

Blessed Assurance

Phoebe P. Knapp

### Welcome

## The Word of God

### Opening Hymn

Hop up and jump up

*Sung by all, standing, several times.*

Shaker Canon



Hop up and jump up and whirl 'round whirl 'round; Ga-ther love, here it is  
all 'round all 'round; Here it is, flow - ing 'round,  
catch it as you whirl 'round; Reach up, reach down, all 'round all 'round.

### Opening Acclamation

Deacon Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

Deacon Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People **God's faithful love endures forever!**

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 225

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

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

**The First Lesson**      Revelation 21:1-6

*Reader* A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 148**      *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 805

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \***  
**praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \***  
**and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \***  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \***  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \***  
**creeping things and winged birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens, \***  
**old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
**Hallelujah!**

**The Gospel Song**

The Lord is my shepherd

*Sing with Joy*

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



**The Gospel**

John 13:31-35

Reader

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

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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, Form III**

*Please remain standing.*

Prayer Book, page 387

Celebrant

Let us pray for the church and the world.

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

Leader

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People

**That we all may be one.**

Leader

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
 People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

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 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
 People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially those who suffer in the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all other places of conflict,  
 People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give to the departed eternal rest.  
 People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
 People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

*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** traditional, arr. B.C. Dockery

There is a fountain

**At the Presentation***Sung by all, standing.**Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings 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 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, Prayer 2*

*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* Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with blessed Stephen, Mary, Mother of God, and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today 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

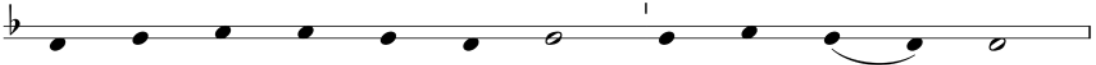
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from 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.*

Mason Martens, S-152

**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.

### **The Invitation**

**Celebrant**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **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            Loving God, we give you thanks  
                 for restoring us in your image  
                 and nourishing us with spiritual food  
                 in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood.  
                 Now send us forth  
                 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
                 that we may proclaim your love to the world  
                 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

Natalie Sleeth

**Hymn 376      Joyful, joyful, we adore thee                      *Sung by all.***

*Hymn to Joy*

### **Dismissal**

Prayer Book, page 366

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

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

**Postlude**            To God be the glory

William H. Doane



## **Participants**

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony

DEACON: The Rev. Abby Kocher

MUSICIAN: David Kim, *piano*



## 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, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, *Matt Boyd*, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, *Paula Chambers*, Helen Clendenin, 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., 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, Jeannie Knight, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Laura Lewandowski, Linda Lewis, 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, Jack Miller, John Miller, Mary Miller, Melanie Lohr Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Blair Barre Morris, Justin Jones-Nickerson, Lynn Parli, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Iralin Peple, 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, 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, Ben Sparks, Reilly Starr, Dorothy Suskind, Jim Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebe, Langdon Tollett, Tom Turney, Kenneth Valke, Crystal Vines, 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. **For those expecting a child**, especially Natalie and Lewis Jones, Sarah and Andrew Klein, and M.C. Moncure and Andrew Dillard. **For those who have died**, especially *Stephanie Coleman and Susan News*. **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 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 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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