



# The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

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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. You will notice that several pews have been removed from the Chapel of the Good Shepherd and a "soft space" provided for young children and their parents. This is a temporary relocation of this important offering for young families during the summer months. In the fall, the soft space returns to its location in Palmer Hall Chapel.

## 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 by whole verse.</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
The Confession of Sin		page 330
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 what God has given, we offer gifts to sustain God's work in the world. If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code or text STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256.*



All things come of thee, O Lord.  
And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving    Please stand.                                  pages 340-343  
Please kneel after the Sanctus.

The Lord's Prayer page 336The Breaking of the Bread page 337The Prayer of Humble Access page 337

## 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, extend your hands, one over another, 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 page 339The Blessing and Dismissal page 339-340

# The Collect and Readings

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## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 181

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**      Isaiah 58:9b-14

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

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**Reader**            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 103:1-8**      *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 733

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.

**8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**The Gospel** Luke 13:10-17 *Please stand as you are able and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**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 C. Coleman McGehee and Carden C. McGehee, Jr. by Caroline Brandt; and in memory of Carrie Marshall by Nancy Thompson and Wendy Tenhoeve.

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Iffet Araniti-Davis

## The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available inside the Three Chopt Road entrance to the church at at Information Central, outside the parish office.