



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

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.

The Word of God

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| 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.

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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 182

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our LORD, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Exodus 32:7-14

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?' Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 51:1-11 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 656

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

The Gospel Luke 15:1-10 *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.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Braxton Hill

Flowers and Vigil Candle

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Calvert King Sr. by his family; and the Rev. E. Allen Coffey by his family; and in celebration of the marriage of Nathaniel Pendleton Rogers, Jr. and Winfred Miller Yeates. The Vigil Candle in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit is given in memory of Lucy Boswell Negus.

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. To ask that someone be added to the prayer list, contact Kitty Ball in the parish office, kball@ststephensRVA.org.