



# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 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

Prelude on *Slane*

Healey Willan

## The Word of God

Hymn 401

The God of Abraham praise

*Leoni*

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in your pew rack.*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### 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.**

### Gloria

*Sung by all.*

The Hymnal S-278, William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and  
Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.  
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 233

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Exodus 32:7-14 *Please sit.*

**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.

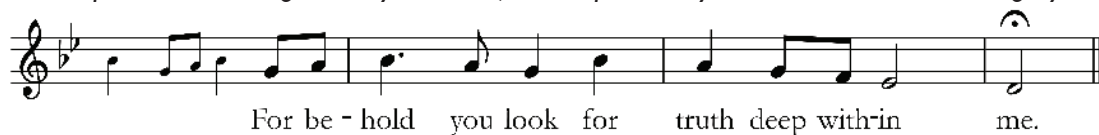
**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

### Psalm 51:1-11

Prayer Book, page 614; antiphon: Brent te Velde; chant: Bertram Luard-Selby

*The antiphon will be sung once by the choir, then repeated by all. The verses will be sung by the choir.*



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. **Antiphon**

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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

**Hymn 664** My shepherd will supply my need *Sung by all, standing as able.* *Resignation*

**The Gospel** Luke 15:1-10 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

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."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Rev. John D. Rohrs

**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.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray for the church and the world.

*You may remain standing or kneel. 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 Middle East, 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** Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence is kept.*

**All** **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand.*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Prayer Book, page 360

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## 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

Wondrous Love [9:00]

*Sung by the choir.*

American folk hymn, arr. Alice Parker

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

When I was sinking down,  
beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on.

Create in me a clean heart [11:15]

*Sung by the choir.*

text: Psalm 51:10-13; music: Dan Locklair

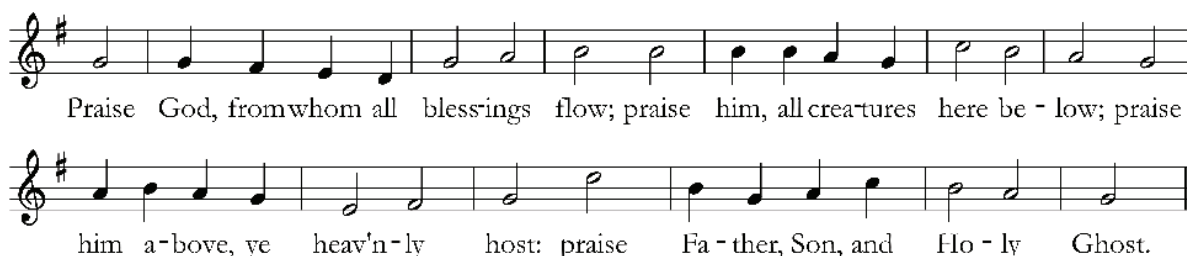
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

### At the Presentation

*Sung by all, standing as able.*

*Old 100th*

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



### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, page 367

*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.**

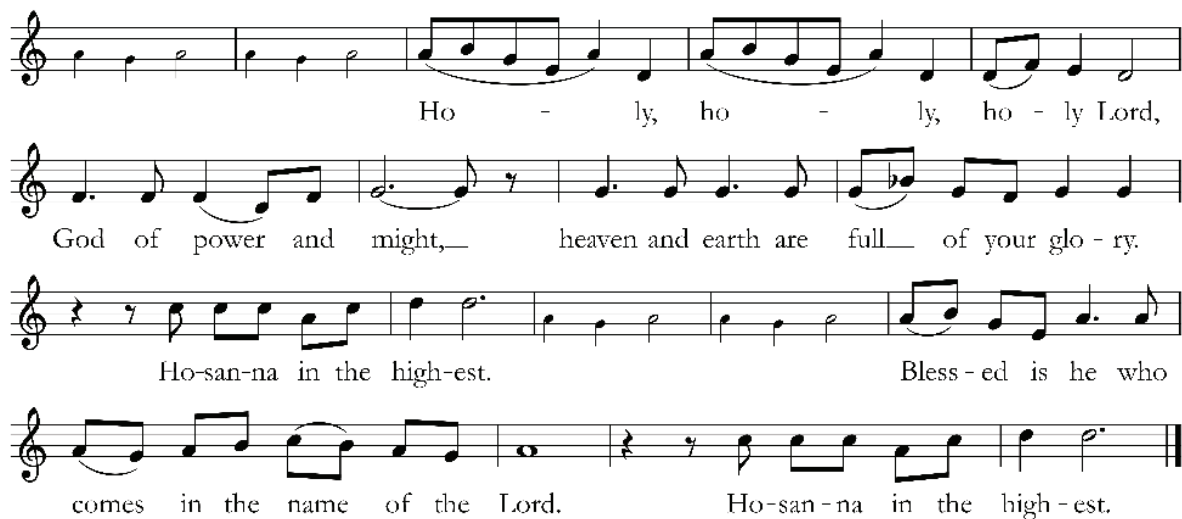
**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

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.*

The Hymnal S-128, William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, — heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*You may remain standing or kneel.*

### *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.**



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

**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-171*  
*The cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat. All sing the antiphon again after each verse. Mason Martens*



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

**Cantor** 1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*  
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

**Celebrant**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **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** God be in my head *Sung by the choir.* Alexander L'Estrange  
God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and at my departing.

**Hymn 439** What wondrous love is this *Sung by all, seated.* *Wondrous Love*

### **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** **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members**  
**of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**  
**and you have fed us with spiritual food**  
**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**  
**Send us now into the world in peace,**  
**and grant us strength and courage**  
**to love and serve you**  
**with gladness and singleness of heart;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer Book, page 365

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

**Hymn 448**    O love, how deep, how broad, how high    *Sung by all.*    *Deus tuorum militum*

**Dismissal**

Prayer Book, page 366

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

**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**    Processional

William Mathias



## 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.

## Participants

**9 A.M. | CELEBRANT:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **DEACON:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **SUBDEACON:** Elizabeth Spell; **LAY READER:** Jay Driscoll; **INTERCESSOR:** Sarah Bartenstein; **PREACHER:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Kristen Estes, Gibboney Huske, Kim Schmidt, Kim Spensieri; **ACOLYTES:** Lee Driscoll, Luke Hudson, Rosie Ferrell, Abigail Moore, Julia Hunter Williams; **MUSICIANS:** Members of St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Ben Emerson

**11:15 A.M. | CELEBRANT:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **DEACON:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **SUBDEACON:** Earl Roney; **LAY READER/INTERCESSOR:** Bill Coulter; **PREACHER:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **ASSISTING PRIEST:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Iffet Araniti-Davis, Pat Githens, Bill Gray, Stephanie Peramas; **ACOLYTES:** Hayes Carithers, Wilson Lucas, Abigail Moore, Dalton Mika, Isabel Schaaf; **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR:** Barbara Massey; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; **VERGER:** Dave Davis

## The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available at Information Central (the large table outside the parish office) and in the narthex (the vestibule inside the Three Chopt Road entrance to the church). To add someone to the prayer list, please contact Kitty Ball in the parish office, [kball@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:kball@ststephensRVA.org).

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