



# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 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.*

## 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
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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
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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

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Amos 8:4-7

**Reader** A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 113** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 756

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \*  
praise the Name of the LORD.

**2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \***  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down \*  
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

**4 The LORD is high above all nations, \***  
**and his glory above the heavens.**

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \*  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**6 He takes up the weak out of the dust \***  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, \*  
with the princes of his people.

**8 He makes the woman of a childless house \***  
**to be a joyful mother of children.**

**The Gospel** Luke 16:1-13 *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.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an

accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

*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 Dr. Walter Mayer and Dr. Robin Mayer by their family.

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Iffet Araniti-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).