



Palmer Hall Chapel

Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 9 a.m. ☩ All Saints' Sunday

Holy Baptism

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☩ Richmond, Virginia

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. Every Sunday, we offer several different services of worship (at 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 and 8 p.m.), each with its own character. At 9 a.m., two services are happening simultaneously—one in the main church, and this one which takes place in Palmer Hall Chapel.

The Palmer Hall service for some feels especially welcoming to families, particularly those with babies and children. Both of the 9 a.m. services—this one, and the one in the main church—include important roles for children, and people of all ages are welcome at any service. In Palmer Hall, our worship space includes a “soft space.” This is an area with a rug, floor cushions, and children's books where children can move a bit more freely and comfortably than they can in rows of seating. Please accompany your child to the soft space if and when they want to visit it; this helps us ensure the safety and comfort of our whole community.

Both of the 9 a.m. services include Holy Eucharist. All are welcome at the altar in this place. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to intinct, touching the edge of the bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms on the front of your chest. Children who have been baptized are welcome to receive communion. The important thing is that you know God welcomes you and that this church welcomes you. Please come back often.

Prelude

Welcome

The Word of God

Opening Hymn 287 For all the saints

Sine Nomine



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fort - ress and their might;— thou, Lord, their
3. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!— We feeb - ly

faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy name, O— Je - sus
Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;— thou, in the dark - ness
strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine yet all are— one in

be for - e - ver— blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
drear, the one— true— Light. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
thee, for all— are— thine. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Prayer

Deacon We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
People **Let us recognize his presence with us.**
Deacon As God's people we have gathered:
People **let us worship him together.**

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 245

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lesson Ephesians 1:11-23 *Please sit.*
Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

Psalms 32:1-8 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 624

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place;**
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

The Gospel Song

This little light of mine

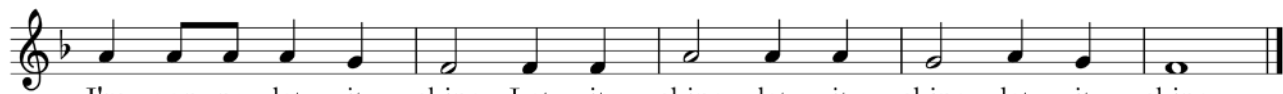
Sung by all, standing. Following the Gospel, all remain standing and repeat verse 1.



1. This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine. This lit-tle light of mine,
2. Je - sus_ gave it to me, I'm gon-na let it shine. Je - sus_ gave it to me,
3. Ev-'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine. Ev-'ry - where I go,



I'm gon - na let it shine. This lit - tle light of mine,
I'm gon - na let it shine. Je - sus_ gave it to me,
I'm gon - na let it shine. Ev - 'ry - where I go,



I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
I'm gon-na let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Gospel Luke 6:20-31 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Celebrant 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.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates *Remain seated.*

Prayer Book, page 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents of the Candidates

I present Thomas Richard Halladay to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Thomas David Brennan III to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Emaline Jeanne Brennan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present William Mo Jubran to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Question	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Answer	I will, with God's help.
Question	Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Answer	I will, with God's help.
Question	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer	I renounce them.
Question	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer	I do.
Question	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer	I do.
Question	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer	I do. <i>All stand.</i>

The Celebrant invites the congregation to stand and addresses them, saying

Celebrant	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People	We will.

Celebrant	Let us renew our own baptismal covenant, remembering the commitment to Christ made in baptism.
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The Baptismal Covenant *Remain standing.*

Prayer Book, page 304

Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Celebrant	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
Celebrant	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People	I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Celebrant	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People	I will, with God's help.
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People	I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
 People **I will, with God's help.**
 Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
 People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Prayer Book, page 305

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
 Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
 People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Christ by water and the Spirit, may live reborn in the freedom and power of his resurrection, and so we offer thanks for the blessings of life, [especially for _____], and we commend to you those who have died [remembering especially _____]; with all the saints we offer our prayers, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children are invited to come forward to the font for the baptism.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Please remain standing and face the font.

Prayer Book, page 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
 Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Prayer Book, page 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying
*N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

A priest then anoints the newly baptized with oil, saying

*N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

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.

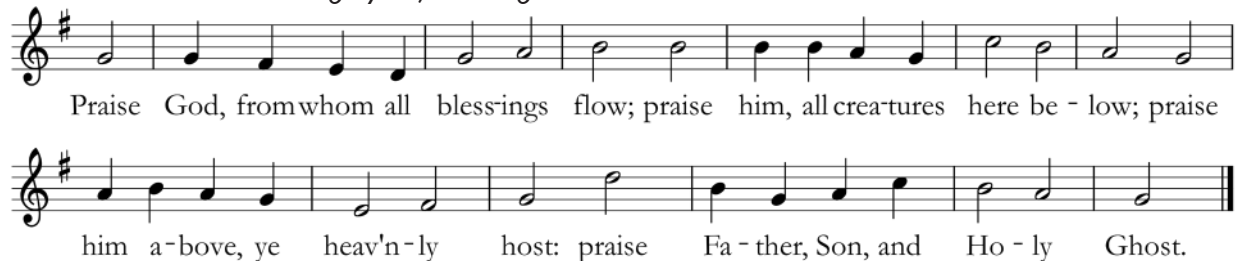


Offertory Music

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

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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

A New Zealand Prayer Book, Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant

The Lord is here.

People

God's Spirit is with us.

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 offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right indeed, it is our joy and delight, O holy, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we turned away from you, you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Through Christ Jesus you have made us your holy people. Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with the angels who sing "Glory," and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we proclaim your great and glorious name together:

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

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his followers' feet. "I am among you," he said, "as one who serves." On that night before he died, he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them saying: "Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks to you, and gave it to them saying: "This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. In this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith,

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again in glory.

Celebrant

God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these your gifts, that we who receive them may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

All Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.
Celebrant For you, O heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.
All All praise, glory and love be yours, O Holy God, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. 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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

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 Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love;
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing Song Go Now in Peace *Sung by all.*

Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Hymn 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

Grand Isle

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary



Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony

DEACON: The Rev. Abby Kocher

MUSICIAN: Kerry Court, *piano*

Presented for Holy Baptism

Thomas Richard Halladay, child of Clark William Halladay and Kristine Scherger Halladay

Thomas David Brennan III, child of Thomas David Brennan, Jr. and Alexandra Glancy Brennan

Emaline Jeanne Brennan, child of Thomas David Brennan, Jr. and Alexandra Glancy Brennan

William Mo Jubran, child of Georgia Thomas Jubran and Ali Mahmoud Jubran

The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available at Information Central outside the parish office.

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