



# The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026 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

- A Penitential Order    *Please kneel as you are able.*    The Book of Common Prayer, page 319
- Trisagion    page 324
- The Collect of the Day    *Found on page 3.*
- The First Lesson    *Found on page 3; please sit.*
- The Psalm    *Found on page 3; please remain seated and read responsively.*
- The Gospel    *Found on page 3-4; please stand.*
- The Sermon    *Please sit.*
- The Nicene Creed    *Please stand.*    page 326
- The Prayers of the People    *Please kneel as you are able.*    pages 328-330
- The Peace    *Please stand.*    page 332
- Welcome and Announcements    *Please sit.*

# The Holy Communion

## At the Presentation of Alms

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

The Great Thanksgiving *Please stand.*

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*Please kneel after the Sanctus.*

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Prayer of Humble Access

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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 Holy Spirit, and you may stand or kneel to receive. 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" 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

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The Blessing and Dismissal

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# The Collect and Readings

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## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 166

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson**     Genesis 12:1-4a     *Please sit.*

*Reader*     A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 121**     *Said in unison by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 473

**1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills; \*  
from whence cometh my help?**

**2 My help cometh even from the LORD, \*  
who hath made heaven and earth.**

**3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, \*  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.**

**4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**5 The LORD himself is thy keeper; \*  
the LORD is thy defence upon thy right hand;**

**6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, \*  
neither the moon by night.**

**7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil; \*  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.**

**8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**The Gospel**     John 3:1-17     *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. William S. Stanley; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Braxton Hill

## The Parish Prayer List

Loretta Albertis, Kay Alley, Leilani Allwine, Patricia Atkins-Smith, Sue Atkinson, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Linda Bennett, Christine Boeteger, Emma Bolduc, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Gene Bowles, Sturges Brian, Kathy Brock, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, Pat Brown, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, Matt Boyd, Patti Bullen, Tammy Carleton, Scott Carnohan, Paula Chambers, Michael Click, Nancy Cole, Sarah Cole, Susan Collier, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Kathy Conrad, John Corey, Tracy Councill, Don Cowles, Michelle Crim, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Debbie Cuseo, Chris Davis, Patricia Delany, Ham DeRosa, Terry Dickinson, Davis Dunn Dillard, Stephen Drake Sr., Kristen Estes, Jonathan Fava, Debbie Ferguson, Guy Frank, April Greenwood, Janis Hall, Rodger Hardy, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Anna Hurdle, Alan Jamesieson, John Turner Jenkins, Lena Jones, Justin Jones-Nickerson, Jane Kelly, Dana King, Linda Lewis, Genie Lucyk, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Barbara Mathison, Adrienne Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Morgan McCall, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Nancy Meath, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, B. Millner, Tina Millner, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Susan Moore, Carolyn Mae Morgan, Lee W. Mumford, Ashley Nickerson, Mary Beth Noel, Sallie Nolte, Jan Orgain, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ernest Perry, Courtney Phillips, Scott Pittman, Wilde Poole and family, Lyn Presson, Alma Price, Brick Quinn, Cary Ragland, Luke Robertson, Jennifer Reed, Aleta Richards, Ryan Rohadfox, Kaley Rosenthal, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, Melissa Schick, Bob Schmidt, T. Logan Scott, Todd Shelton, Bette Shiflett, Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Regena Stith, Beth Thomas, Margaret Thompson, Brian Trollope, Kenneth Valke, Pam W., Timothy W., Ozzie Wade, Suzanne Wallace, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Donna Williams, Steve Williams, Martha Wilson, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Rosalyn Wootten, Sue Wootton, Rick Wortham, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life**, especially the birth of *Richard Minor Hamrick V to Richard and Shania Hamrick*. **For those who have died**, especially *Rachel Estep and John Purcell*. **For those expecting a child**, especially Ian Hayes and Corinne Torres, Preston and Cate Kendig. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*. **For ReWork Richmond**. **For an end to gun violence**. **For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Iran, Israel/Palestine, Nigeria, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service**: CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn and Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

To add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with Kitty Ball at [kball@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:kball@ststephensRVA.org).