



The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 1, 2026 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 *Jesu, meine Zuversicht*, BWV 728
Jesu, meine Zuversicht

J. S. Bach
Johann Gottfried Walther

The Word of God

Hymn 448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high *Deus tuorum militum*
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

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation;
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The Decalogue *You may stand or kneel.* The Book of Common Prayer, page 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

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 choir sings the following once, then all repeat twice.

Alexander Archangelsky

The musical score is written for a choir in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a treble clef staff with lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and a bass clef staff. The second system also has two staves: a treble clef staff with lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy on us.' and a bass clef staff. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a steady bass line and a melody in the treble.

The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 218

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *A period of silence is kept.*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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.*

- 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.

Hymn 691 My faith looks up to thee *Sung by all, standing.*

Olivet

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

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

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

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. William S. Stanley

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form II

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.

You may stand or kneel.

In the course of the pause after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, remembering especially those who suffer in all places of conflict at home and abroad. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those people and places we name now.

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Leader I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, [especially _____]. Pray for a heart to perceive where Christ calls us to bless others each day of this life.

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed, [especially _____]. Pray for those who have died.

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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 STSTEPHENSRYA to 73256.



At the Offertory

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills [9:00]

Sung by the choir.

text: Psalm 121, King James Version;
music: Caleb Burhans;

I will lift mine eyes [11:15]

Sung by the choir.

text: Psalm 121, New American Standard Version,
music: Jake Runestad;

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

Gardiner

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

All things are thine; no gift_ have we, Lord of all gifts, to of - fer thee;
and hence with grate - ful hearts to - day_ thine own be - fore_ thy feet_ we lay.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, page 361

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-124, David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

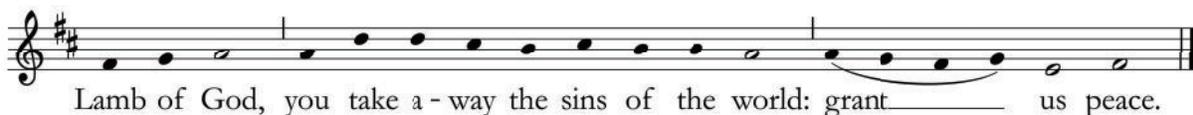
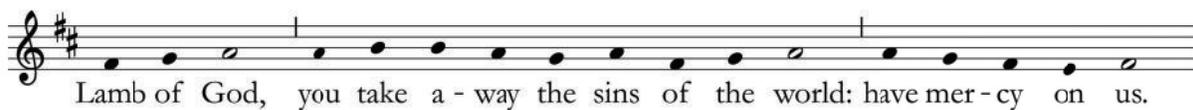
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

The Hymnal S-161, David Hurd



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

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 John 3:16 *Sung by the choir.* B. E. Boykin
For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Hymn 313 Let thy blood in mercy poured *Sung by all, seated.* *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*

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 **Almighty and everliving God,** Prayer Book, page 366
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer

The Book of Occasional Services

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 473 Lift high the cross *Sung by all, standing.* *Crucifer*

Dismissal Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, Opus 122/11 Johannes Brahms

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Participants

9:00//CELEBRANT: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; DEACON: The Rev. Judy Webb Davis; SUBDEACON: Ben Emerson; LAY READER: Abigail Moore; PREACHER: The Rev. William S. Stanley; INTERCESSOR: Deborah Waters; LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Kathy Brock; CHALICE BEARERS: Wortie Ferrell, Gibboney Huske, Barbara Massey, Alice Meadows; ACOLYTES: Rosie Ferrell, Ada Mathews, Betsy Proutt, Olivia Randolph, Isabel Schaaf, Tripp Schnell; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choristers and members of St. Stephen's Choir, Robert McCormick, *director*; Diana Chou and Robert McCormick, *organ*; VERGER: Andy Luke

11:15//CELEBRANT: The Rev. Judy Webb Davis; DEACON: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; SUBDEACON: Clarice Dibble; LAY READER: Mary Ball; PREACHER: The Rev. William S. Stanley; ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. Cate Anthony; CHALICE BEARERS: Howard Anderson, Iffet Araniti-Davis, Blair Nelsen, Elizabeth Spell; ACOLYTES: Wyatt Hobbs, Wilson Lucas, Avery Peay, Emma Peay, Carley Rose, Linley Rose; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou and Robert McCormick, *organ*; VERGER: Dave Davis

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.*

In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Kitty Ball at kball@ststephensRVA.org.

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