



# The Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 12, 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**      The day of resurrection      *Ellacombe*, arr. Cynthia Dobrinki, adapt. Paul Honaker

## The Word of God

**Hymn 206**      O sons and daughters, let us sing      *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*      *O filii et filiae*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Celebrant**      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People**      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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.**

**Song of Praise**      God's Paschal Lamb      *Sung by all, standing.*      *Sine Nomine*



1. God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us; there - fore with  
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no  
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though A - dam's



joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we  
more do - min - ion o - ver him; through him we die to  
sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall



share the bread of truth.  
sin and live to God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all be made a - live.

### The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 224

**Celebrant**      The Lord be with you.

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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Please sit.*

**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 16** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 599

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my LORD,  
my good above all other.”

**2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 209** We walk by faith, and not by sight

*Sung by all, standing.*

*St. Botolph*

**The Gospel** John 20:19-31 *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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. William L. Sachs

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

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

*Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

**Leader** In the work we do this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ teach us.**

**Leader** In the challenges we face this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ guide us.**

**Leader** Through the people we meet this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ renew us.**

**Leader** As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world, especially to those who suffer in all places of conflict, at home and abroad,

**People** **May the risen Christ compel us.**

**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** We remember all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*During the silence, members of the congregation may pray for others.*

**Leader** Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People** **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Leader** Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**Celebrant** Grant us, O God, so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection. **Amen.**

*The Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days, is the longest liturgical season in order to celebrate God's saving acts through Christ's risen life. In recognition of God's reconciling love, we abstain from confession until the season after Pentecost.*

## 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. 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 STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256.*



## At the Offertory

**Hymn 318** Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face [9:00]

*Sung by all, seated.*

*Nyack*

Rise up, my love, my fair one [11:15]

*Sung by the choir.* text: Song of Solomon 2:10-12; music: Healey Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

**At the Presentation**

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here be -  
 low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heav - nly  
 hos:: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. O praise him; O  
 praise him; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**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-125, Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may stand 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,**

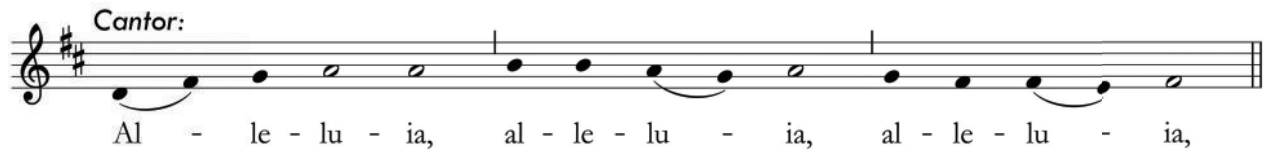
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.  
A period of silence is kept.

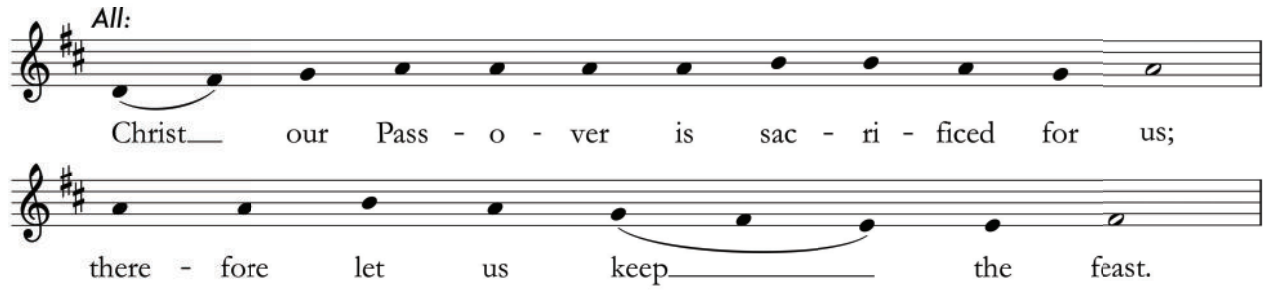
The Hymnal S-154, David Hurd

**Cantor:**




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

**All:**



Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### 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 over your chest.

### Music at Communion

**Anthem** Peace I leave with you [11:15] *Sung by the choir.*

music: Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.

Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.

**Hymn 212** Awake, arise, lift up your voice *Sung by all, seated.*

*Richmond*

### 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* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people  
in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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

**Hymn 210** The day of resurrection *Sung by all, standing.*

*Ellacombe*

**Dismissal**

Prayer Book, page 366

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

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary** Improvisation

Robert McCormick



## Participants

9:00 | **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **DEACON:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **SUBDEACON:** Pat Githens; **READER:** Liam Kastelberg; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **INTERCESSOR:** Wortie Ferrell; **ASSISTING PRIEST:** The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Iffet Araniti-Davis, Mary Ball, Clarice Dibble, Barbara Massey; **ACOLYTES:** Charlie Boyle, Lee Driscoll, Tabitha Johnson, Dalton Mika, Amy Phillips, Lucy Phillips; **LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR:** Marty Easton; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Handbell Choir, Paul Honaker, *director*; St. Stephen's Hymn Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou and Robert McCormick, *organ*; **VERGER:** Ben Emerson

11:15 | **CELEBRANT:** The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins; **DEACON:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **SUBDEACON:** Clarice Dibble; **READER:** Gayle Royals; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **INTERCESSOR:** Marilyn Kirkpatrick; **ASSISTING PRIEST:** The Rev. John D. Rohrs; **CHALICE BEARERS:** Tony Anthony, Braxton Hill, Mary Virginia Scott, Margaret Tucker; **ACOLYTES:** Preston Cochran, Abigail Moore, Anna Rohrs, Tom Rohrs, Will Rohrs; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Handbell Choir, Paul Honaker, *director*; St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards and Robert McCormick, *directors*; Diana Chou and Robert McCormick, *organ*; **VERGER:** Dave Davis

## Parish Prayer List

Loretta Albertis, 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, David Harrell, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Anna Hurdle, Alan Jameson, John Turner Jenkins, Lena Jones, Justin Jones-Nickerson, Jane Kelly, Linda Lewis, Ashley Loughan, 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, Tina Millner, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Susan Moore, Lee W. Mumford, Shelby Nichols, 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, Jamey Price, Julia Putney-Brandt, Brick Quinn, Cary Ragland, Luke Robertson, Jennifer Reed, Aleta Richards, Emery Rivera, Ryan Rohadfox, Bette Shiflett, Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Aaron Spicer, Margie Spicer, Regena Stith, Beth Thomas, Bruce 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, J. Morgan Wright, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life**, especially for the births of *Charles Joseph Baker V to Ellie and Charlie Baker and Lucy Dollings Barrett to Grace and Richard Barrett, Jr.* **For those who have died**, especially *Robley D. Bates and Phillip McLaughlin.* **For those expecting a child**, especially Preston and Cate Kendig and Megan and Tim Watson. **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 *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.* **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, Caroline Finn, and Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

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