



# The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 24, 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. A "soft space" is available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, one of the two side chapels in the church, during the summer, so that children and parents can continue to participate in the service if and when they need more room than a church pew provides. Children must be accompanied by a parent while using the soft space. 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 will guide you.

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation    *Please stand as you are able.*    The Book of Common Prayer, page 323

The Collect for Purity    page 323

The Summary of the Law    page 324

Kyrie, Trisagion or Gloria    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 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    *Please stand.*    page 332

Welcome and Announcements    *Please sit.*



# The Collect and Readings

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## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 175

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Prayer for Heroic Service

Prayer Book, page 839

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Acts 2:1-21 *Please sit.*

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

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the LORD's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'"

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 736

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

**28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

**The Gospel** John 20:19-23 *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

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."

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Flowers and Vigil Candle

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jeffrey Forbes Meadows by his parents, his brother and his brother's family; in memory of R. Lowndes Burke by his family; and in honor of Mary Holly and Rick Bigelow in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. The vigil candle in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit is given in memory of Ray Smith, Jr.

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John W.A. Jenkins; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Mary Ball

## The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available in the narthex (the church vestibule inside the Three Chopt Road entrance) and at Information Central, just outside the parish office.