



# The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2026 at 10:00 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 a "soft space" is available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, one of the two side chapels in the church. It allows children and parents 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 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**

*Sanctus* from *Orbis factor*

Dobrinka Tabakova

## The Word of God

**Hymn 525**

The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

*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**

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Sung by all, standing.*

The Hymnal S-280, Robert Powell

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his people on  
earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y — God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you — for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have  
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**The Collect of the Day**

Prayer Book, page 230

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** Genesis 22:1-14 *Please sit.*

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 13** *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

Prayer Book, page 680

1 How long, O LORD? will you forget me for ever? \*  
 how long will you hide your face from me?

2 **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
 and grief in my heart, day after day? \***  
**how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
 give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

**4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.**

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

**6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the LORD Most High.** *Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 609** Where cross the crowded ways of life *Sung by all, standing.*

*Gardiner*

**The Gospel** Matthew 10:40-42 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. Judy Webb Davis

**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, Form III**

Prayer Book, page 387

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

*You may stand or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

**Leader** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People** **That we all may be one.**

**Leader** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

**Leader** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

**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 Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
 People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
 People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give to the departed eternal rest.  
 People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
 People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Peace** *Please stand.*

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** Litany to the Holy Spirit *Sung by the choir.* Text: Robert Herrick; Music: Peter Hurford  
 In the hour of my distress when temptations me oppress and when I my sins confess, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
 When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head, and with doubts discomfited, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!  
 When the house doth sigh and weep and the world is drowned with sleep, yet mine eyes the watch do keep, Sweet Spirit, comfort me!

**At the Presentation**

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Old 100th*

*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; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**The Great Thanksgiving** Eucharistic Prayer C, *Alternate Form*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

*Sung by all.*

The Hymnal S-129, Robert Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly— Lord, God of po - wer and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People*

**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant*

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People*

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant*

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat. All sing the antiphon again after each verse.* Jack Warren Burnam



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord. Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

- Cantor*
1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. *Antiphon*
  2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. *Antiphon*

*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 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

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| <b>Anthem</b> | <i>O sacrum convivium<br/>O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;<br/>recolitur memoria passionis ejus;<br/>mens impletur gratia;<br/>et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.</i> | <b>Sung by the choir.</b> | Text: Psalm 34:8; music: Stephanie Martin   |
|               |   | <i>Translation:</i>       | O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received,<br>the memory of his Passion is renewed,<br>the mind is filled with grace,<br>and a pledge of future glory is given to us. |

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| <b>Hymn 641</b> | Lord Jesus, think on me | <b>Sung by all, seated.</b> | <i>Southwell</i> |
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### Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors

When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to visit a parishioner, the following is said.

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| Deacon | <i>N.</i> , we send you out to share Communion with <i>N.</i>                          |
| People | <b>Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.</b> |
| Deacon | We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup. <b>Amen.</b>      |

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

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| <b>The Blessing</b> | <i>The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.</i> |
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| <b>Hymn 390</b> | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | <b>Sung by all, standing.</b> | <i>Lobe den Herren</i> |
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| <b>Dismissal</b> |  |  | Prayer Book, page 366 |
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| Deacon | Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. |
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| People | <b>Thanks be to God.</b> |
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| <b>Voluntary</b> | Prelude on <i>Lobe den Herren</i> |  | Craig Phillips |
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## Flower Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of W. Cabell Moore and Maggie Belle Moore by their family; H. Stephen Casey, Jr. and Paul E. Brandt by Caroline Brandt; and Harry G. Lee and Elizabeth C. Lee by their daughter.

## Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; DEACON: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; SUBDEACON: Allison Koschak; READER: Charlie Caldwell; PREACHER: The Rev. Judy Webb Davis; INTERCESSOR: Beth Crews; LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Barbara Massey; CHALICE BEARERS: Howard Anderson, Kathy Brock, Scott Finn, Kim Spensieri; ACOLYTES: Parker Birdsey, Maggie Boyd, Alice Kidd, Abigail Moore; LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR: Laurie Rogers; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards and Robert McCormick, *directors*; Diana Chou and Robert McCormick, *organists*; VERGER: Penn Rogers

## Parish Prayer List

Loretta Albertis, Kay Alley, Leilani Allwine, Patricia Atkins-Smith, 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., Reid Ebert, Kristen Estes, Jonathan Fava, Debbie Ferguson, Guy Frank, April Greenwood, Janis Hall, Rodger Hardy, Sara Hargrove, David Harrell, Emma Hassmer, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Ron Hunt, Anna Hurdle, Ginny Moncure Jamerson, Alan Jameson, John Turner Jenkins, Lena Jones, David Kean, Jane Kelly, Linda Lewis, Eva Lindsay, Ashley Loughan, Genie Lucyk, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Barbara Mathison, Adrienne Maxwell, Adelia Mayer, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Morgan McCall, Gertrude McLean, Nancy Meath, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Tina Millner, Susan Minyard, Lee W. Mumford, Shelby Nichols, Ashley Nickerson, Mary Beth Noel, Sallie Nolte, Pauline O'Neill, Jan Orgain, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ivan Peramas, 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, 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, Steve Wilson, Donna Williams, Steve Williams, Martha Wilson, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Rosalyn Wootton, Sue Wootton, Rick Wortham, J. Morgan Wright, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life**, especially for the *marriage of Giles Houston Thompson and Alexandra Frances Ferrell*. **For those expecting a child**, especially Mason and Claire Mairead, Coleman and Jessica Stewart, 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 *Anglican Church of Southern Africa*. **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**: Col. Matthew Bryce Dibble, USAF, CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn, and Caroline Finn.

*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](mailto:kball@ststephensRVA.org).*

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