



The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 8 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

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

Opening Acclamation	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	The Book of Common Prayer, page 323
The Collect for Purity		page 323
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The Collect of the Day	<i>Found on page 3.</i>	
The First Lesson	<i>Found on page 3; please sit.</i>	
The Psalm	<i>Found on page 3; please remain seated and read responsively.</i>	
The Gospel	<i>Found on page 3-4; please stand.</i>	
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Welcome and Announcements	<i>Please sit.</i>	

At the Presentation of Alms

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts to sustain God's work in the world. If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code or text STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256.



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

The Holy Communion

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 Good Shepherd, 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 183

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Exodus 33:12-23 *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalms 99 *Said responsively by whole verse, seated.*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 728

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 **The LORD is great in Zion; ***

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice,**

you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God

and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,**

and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. *Silence is kept.*

The Gospel Matthew 22:15-22 *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Memorial

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gertrude Vanderhoof Albert and E. Dorse Albert by their daughter, Susan J. Albert.

Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; **LAY ASSISTANT MINISTERS:** Braxton Hill, Andy Luke

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.