

# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

## Welcome

We are delighted you are here. Whoever you are and wherever you might be on your spiritual journey, we hope your experience here will encourage and strengthen you. We are sure that your presence here today strengthens and encourages others.

Every weekend we offer several different services of worship (Saturday at 5:30 p.m., and Sunday at 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 and 8 p.m.), each with its own character. At 9 a.m. Sunday, there are two services happening simultaneously—one in the Fellowship Hall, and the other in the smaller brick chapel known as “Palmer Hall.”

The service in Palmer Hall involves conversational instruction about the worship experience in a more intimate space. The service in the Fellowship Hall is intended to be equally welcoming, without conversational instruction, and the setting feels to some more transcendent. Both of these services have important roles for children, and people of all ages are most welcome at any of our services. You might enjoy experimenting, in order to find the service that is most helpful to you.

All are welcome to receive Communion. There are instructions about receiving the bread and wine on page 9, but please do not worry about “doing it right.” The important thing is simply that you know that God welcomes you, and there is no telling how God might reach you in Communion. Just be open.

You are always welcome here.

Gary D. Jones, *Rector*

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Easter Day

April 16, 2017

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## Palmer Hall Chapel

### Holy Eucharist: Rite Two ☩ 9:00 a.m.

#### Welcome

**Prelude**      Prelude from *Prelude and Fugue in D Major*

J.S. Bach/Busoni

#### The Word of God

**Hymn 179 (verses 1, 4-6)**      Welcome, happy morning!      *Sung by all, standing.*      *Fortunatus*

**Opening Sentences**      Book of Common Prayer, page 355

*Celebrant*      Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*      The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

**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.

**Hymn 207**      Jesus Christ is risen today      *Sung by all.*      *Easter Hymn*

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 222

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Reading Colossians 3:1-4

*Please sit.*

**Reader** A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn S4 Alleluia

*Sung twice by all, standing.*

*Celtic Alleluia*



## The Gospel Matthew 28:1-10 *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.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon The Rev. Gene LeCouteur

*Please sit.*

## The Apostles Creed

*Said by all, standing.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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,

*People* **May the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen 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.

*The People may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

*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.**

*A form for occasional use in the Easter season*

*Adapted from Daily Prayers for all Seasons, Church Publishing, New York, 2014*

## 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 for announcements.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please sit.*

Prayer Book, page 360

## The Holy Communion

At the Offertory *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

arr. R.H. Terry

Cherub Choir; Palmer Hall Choir; Virginia Boys Choir; Dawn Childs, *flute*; Wei-Li Suen, *piano*

At the Presentation

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*At this time, 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 below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host:**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him; O praise him;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

*Children are invited to come forward and sit on the rug at the altar.*

**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 him 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.*

William Traftka

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

**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 St. Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.**

*Celebrant* As now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*Silence is kept.*

Prayer Book, page 364

**Fraction Anthem**

William Traftka

*Cantor or choir will sing the first three phrases. All will join at "dona nobis..."*

*Cantor or ensemble:* Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world, *All:* do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

*Translation:* Grant us peace.

**Celebrant** The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### At the Communion of the People

*You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive Holy Communion. When you receive the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then move to one of the cups of consecrated wine. The cup closest to the bread is for drinking, and the smaller cup is only for those who choose to “intinct” or touch the tip of their bread to the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for the asking.*

### The Servant Song

*Sung by all, standing.*

1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you, in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

**Hymn 325** Let us break bread together on our knees

*Let Us Break Bread*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer Book, page 366

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Almighty and everliving God,  
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 Blessing

**Hymn 180** He is risen

*Sung by all*

*Unser Herrscher*

### Dismissal

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Postlude** “The Heavens are Telling” from *The Creation*

Joseph Haydn



## Participants

**Celebrant/Preacher:** Gene LeCouteur; **Deacon:** Michael Sweeney; **Candle Acolyte:** Elizabeth Thurmond; **Communion Acolyte:** Clarkie Ackerly; **Offertory Acolyte:** Amelia Cate; **Reader Acolyte:** Adell Hudson; **Chalice Bearers:** Chris Call, Meredith Covert, Melisa Hudson, Shelley Spalding; **Bread Bearers:** Beth Thurmond, Abigail Whorley; **Oblation Family:** Allen, Louanna, and Adelaide Goolsby; **Ushers/Greeters:** Matt and Luke Hudson; T., Greta, and Sadie Kidd; **Altar Guild:** Beth Thurmond

## The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Jennifer Andrews and family, Robert Baker, Madeline Barker, Ann Barlow, Quinn Batdorff, Mary Beatty, Lynn Berkness, Joe, Zachary and Hannah Bevis, Henry E. Blagden, Sanford Boisseau, Amy Boles, Liz Brengel, Joe Broadhurst, Rod Brown, Suzanne Brown Charles and Cammy Bryan, Joannie Burgoyne, Trish Campbell, Beverly Chinnis, Dasani Clements, Grace Coleman, Stephanie Coleman, Berkeley Cone, Matthew Costello and Ida Costello, Floyd Cotton, Tom Coulbourn, Beth Davis, Gordon Davis, Alex Del Bueno, Kathy Deloyht, Leslie Douthat, Stan Evans and family, Alana Fernandez, Lang Gibson, Julia Gudell, the Haas Family, Will Hamilton, Br. Christopher Hamlett, O.P., Dot Harshbarger, *Amelia Han*, Lolly Hetherington, *Maggie Hilliard*, Chris Hines, Jim Hoffman, Steven Holton, Louis Hopkins, Hill Hopper, Jennifer Hulsey and her family, Lisa Hummel, Pim Jager, Tom Janney, Mary Jones, Jessica Joseph, Linda Kelly, Bryan Kessler, Dustin Kloss, Carolyn Lindell, Drayton MacInnis Linen, Stephen Spencer Linen, Ruth and Lou Lipira, Carol Jane Locher, Jan Locher, Mary Longstaff, Sara Mackey, Camille McMurray, Kathleen McSweeney, Jennifer Michlow-Judd, Lelia Moran, the Sam and Erin Mosley family, Ray Moss, Daisy Olivia Nye, Pam O'Berry, Kate Keith Pearsall, Rob Pearsall, Al Pierce, Wilde Poole and family, Patsy Porter, Dan Prince, Richard Pugh, Carter Reid, Panny Rhodes, Marjorie Ritter, Lily Robertson, Paula Romanaux, Paul Roper, Caroline Rose, Lori Rowland, Jean Royalty, Kevin Royalty Mac Ruffin, Scarlett Sams, Tommy Scales, Heather Schroeder, Suzi Schumacher, T. Logan Scott, Chris and Meghan Sheraden, John and Mary Slocum, Bradford Smith, Brooke Spotswood, Diane Murdock Smith, Jeff Stover, John Stowe, J.E.B. Stuart IV, Gerald Sutzer, Eleson Tanton, Yvonne Travis, Stukie Valentine, Rosalie Vaughan, Jeanie Verther, Peter Von Szilassy, Hannah Davis Wade and Thomas Wade, Catherine Curran Walters, Mitzi Welton, Robin Williams, William Wilson, Eunice Wyatt, Alex, Alice, Beverly, Ellie, Kenny, Tonya, Winifred. **For those expecting a child:** Blair and Will Bigelow, Lindsey and Marshall Bigelow, Maggie and Matt Nick, Catherine and Andrew Yoho. **For the blessings of this life,** especially for the birth of *Katherine Hamilton Ayers* to Erin and Alexander Ayers. **For those who have died,** *Louise Lewis Toms*. **For our mission partners in Azua,** Padre Manuel Estevez and the congregations of Reconciliación and San Jorge. **For our missionaries** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we give thanks for *the Resurrection of our Lord*. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For peace and reconciliation in Egypt, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine. For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** PFC Talbott Holloway, LCpl Henry M. Matthews III, PVT Zane Patrick, Lt. David Gant Shuford, Jr., 1ST LT Russell Timmons.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

*In order to keep our prayer list up-to-date and to facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print the names on the prayer list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list for more (or less) than the three-month period, please call the office or email Gene LeCouteur at [glecouteur@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:glecouteur@ststephensRVA.org).*

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The Coloring Page—Take this home and as you color remember what we learned in Palmer Hall today.

## *An Angel tells Mary Magdalene Jesus is risen*

