

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*

Easter Day

April 1, 2018

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.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:14-17, 21-24 *Confitemini Domino*

Read responsively, seated.

Prayer Book, page 760

14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**

16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

17 **I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.**

21 I will give thanks to you, for you
answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 **The same stone which the builders
rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the LORD's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 **On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Hymn S4 Alleluia

Sung twice by all, standing.

Celtic Alleluia



The Gospel Mark 16:1-8 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

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

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Michael Sweeney

Please sit.

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,

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.**

The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Please sit.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory *Sing Out with Joy!*

Mark Patterson

Cherub Choir; Palmer Hall Choir; Middle School Choir

At the Presentation

Sung by all, standing.

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

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 S125

Sung by all.

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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.

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/choir: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,

All: **Dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem.** (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.

Hymn after Communion

1. This is the day, this is the day.
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.
2. We are the Church, we are the Church,
Of the living God, of the living God.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in Him, and be glad in Him.
We are the Church of the living God.
We will rejoice and be glad in Him.
We are the Church, we are the Church
Of the living God.
3. This is the day, this is the day.
Of the risen Christ, of the risen Christ.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day of the risen Christ.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
Of the risen Christ.

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: William L. Sachs; **Preacher/Deacon:** Michael Sweeney; **Candle Acolyte:** Rosie Ferrell; **Communion Acolyte:** Adell Hudson; **Offertory Acolyte:** Amelia Cate Seibert; **Reader Acolyte:** Alice Kidd; **Chalice Bearers:** Allison Seay, Melisa Hudson, Greta Kidd, Aimee Perron-Seibert; **Oblation Family:** Meghan, Nate, and Claire Deal; **Ushers:** T. and Sadie Kidd; **Musicians:** Dawn Childs, Wei-Li Suen, *piano*, Cherub Choir, Palmer Hall Choir, Middle School Choir

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Jennifer Andrews and family, Jackie Atiyeh, Robert Baker, Ann Barlow, Michelle Barté; Lisa, Joel, Zachary and Hannah Bevis; Ellen Birch, Al Blanco, Doug Blue, Susan L. Booker, Liz Brengel, Joe Broadhurst, Pat Brown, Rod Brown, Suzanne Brown, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Kay Clary, Grace Coleman, Berkeley Cone, Barbara Cook, *Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke*, Marty Craddock, Anne Brown Davis, Gordon Davis, Henry de Formigny, Laura Chase and Adrien de Formigny, Alex Del Bueno, Kathy Deloyht, Leslie Douthat, Stephen Drake, Annie Gaines, Clyde Goode, Crystal Goodwin, Meredith Green, Larry Griffith, the Haas family, Mary Hastings, Micki Henderson, Reed Henderson, Lolly Hetherington, Carol and Denny Holland, Louis Hopkins, Denny Hutchison, Laura and Mark Jarrett, *Ola Jones*, Bryan Kessler, Donna Kessler, Lynn and Dan Kraftson, Carroll Laird, Howard H. Lamar, Jr., Caleb Lambert, Lucia Lloyd, Eleanor Lynch, Sara Mackey, Joan Massey, L. Newby Mauck, Janine McDonough, William Michaux, John Moses, H.J. Newcomb, Kate Keith Pearsall, Rob Pearsall, Al Pierce, Wilde Poole and family, Patsy Porter and family, Andrew Radford, Pamela Reid, Elsie Richards, Betty Ring, Janet Ritchie, Lily Robertson, Anne Rose, Caroline Rose, Adair Sigmon Ross, Barbara Sandler, Frances Scales, Tommy Scales, Heather Schroeder, Suzy Schumacher, T. Logan Scott, Usha Rani Shrivastava, Mary Frances Siersema, John Slocum, Mary Slocum, Brad Smith, Diane Murdock Smith, Jonathan Smith, Ellie Spitzer, J.E.B. Stuart IV, Linda Tinney, Jeanie Verther, Peter Von Szilassy, Samuel Oscar Wade, Rick Wheeler, William Wilson, Pete and Debbie Wimberly, Aimee Yowell, Alex, Alice, Charles, Levi, Kenny, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially David and Kara Addison, Jeb and Ibbie Britton, Brian and Beth Brubaker, Jack and Melissa Burke, Emmett and Ann Carlson, Andrew and Meghan Lawrence, Ed and Ruthie Ould, Jamie and Marty Ritter. **For all the blessings of this life**, especially for the birth of *Cora Michelle Foege to Amanda and Adam Foege*. **For those who have died**, especially *Charles Southall Jones*. **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. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For peace and reconciliation** in Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** GySgt Nicholas Green, LCpl Henry M. Matthews III, PVT Zane Patrick, and 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.

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

“When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.”

