

Worship from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia
June 21, 2020
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 7)

WELCOME

Allison Koschak, Senior Warden

HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

Brent te Velde, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Julee Spitzer

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Rev. Claudia W. Merritt

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-29

Drew Spitzer

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

THE HOMILY

*The Rev. Whitney Edwards, Chaplain
St. Christopher’s School*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“What a Wonderful World”

By Louis Armstrong
Hamed Barbarji, trumpet

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Earl Roney

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Catesby Lewis, Deborah Streicker, Mary Lewis, Eric Van Der Hyde, Riker Purcell

We entrust to God’s never-failing care:

Roderick D. Brown

June 9, 1933-June 13, 2020

CLOSING ANTHEM

Gaelic Blessing

By John Rutter

*St. Stephen’s Virtual Choir
Brent te Velde, organ*

CLOSING WORDS AND MUSIC

*Read by the Rev. Cate Anthony
Icon of Vibia Perpetua*

“Peace before us”

Brent te Velde, piano

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Hymn 665: All my hope on God is founded
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Hamed Barbarji, trumpet
Les Owen, videographer
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Prayers of the People
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“Peace Before Us” from Wonder, Love and Praise (Church Publishing)

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