

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia

WELCOME

Shelley Spalding, member of St. Stephen's vestry

OPENING MUSIC

"For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter

St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

Brent te Velde, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Ben Emerson

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Marie Carter

God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 11:16-19, 25-30

The Rev. Martha Jenkins

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Claudia W. Merritt

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

“I Will Give You Rest” by Ian Richardson

Brent te Velde, piano

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bob Dibble, Sharon Machrone, Boufougne Zintseme, Josh Rockett, Durwood Usry, Clarice Dibble, John Gayle, Annie Ward Love

The Book of Common Prayer, page 304

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ernie McCombs

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

Hollyn Schoeffler, Michael Fajohn, Synthia Waymack, Stacia Schoeffler, Chip Tompkins, Brian Caperton, Sibyl Fajohn, Ed Schoeffler, Betsy Tompkins

The Book of Common Prayer, page 392

COLLECT FOR THE NATION

James Driscoll

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 258

THE PEACE

Ellie Spitzer

HYMN 719

O beautiful for spacious skies, *Materna*

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Brent te Velde, organ

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Hymn 719, O beautiful for spacious skies; *Materna*; from Hymnal 1982

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