

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia

WELCOME

Jim Price, member of St. Stephen's vestry

HYMN 671

Amazing grace!

St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

Hamed Barbarji, trumpet

Brent te Velde, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Tia Owen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Carol Fisher

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

John Barr, Kilpy Singer

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Cate Anthony

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Slane

Brent te Velde, piano

THE NICENE CREED

Setting by Calvin Hampton

Malcolm Hines, Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Abby Outloan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Young

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE,

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

The Rev. William S. Stanley, Patsy Barr, Peter Fisher, Catherine Owen, Jim Orville

CLOSING ANTHEM

"O How Amiable," setting of Psalm 84 by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Psalm 84 can be found on page 707 of the Book of Common Prayer.

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Hamed Barbarji, trumpet

Brent te Velde, organ

THE PEACE

Justin Frackleton

CLOSING

Amazing grace

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Hymn 671, Amazing grace! Tune: *New Britain*, from Hymnal 1982

Music for Meditation: *Slane* (public domain); Brent te Velde, piano

The Nicene Creed, S-105, setting by Calvin Hampton, from Hymnal 1982

The Prayers of the People, from the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of Ireland

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