The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 9, 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Richmond, Virginia

WELCOME Blair Nelsen, St. Stephen's vestry member

OPENING HYMN Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns St. Stephen's Virtual Choir Brent te Velde, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY *Alice Goodwin*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *Zach Harrison*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 14:22-33 John Sherman, Anne Townsend

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became

frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

THE HOMILY *The Rev. William S. Stanley*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Prelude in C major, BWV 846, by J.S. Bach *Brent te Velde, piano*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Iona Abbey Worship Book Julian Ottley Calle Luke

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Cary Wyatt*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Church of Ireland The Rev. Claudia Merritt, Chris Abbott, Jean Oakey, Trey Packard, Kathryn Angus

CLOSING ANTHEM Illumina le tenebre by Joan Szymko St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

THE PEACE Hollyn Schoeffler

CLOSING Read by the Rev. Gary D. Jones +++

Hymn 645, Crown him with many crowns, from Hymnal 1982

Music for Meditation: Prelude in C major, BWV 846, by J.S. Bach; Brent te Velde, piano

Affirmation of Faith from Iona Abbey Worship Book

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

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