

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia

WELCOME

Barbara Massey

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 488: Be thou my vision; *Slane*
St. Stephen's Virtual Choir; Greg Vick, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

[Page 355](#), The Book of Common Prayer
James Hoffman

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

[Page 233](#), The Book of Common Prayer (Proper 18)
Mimi Burke

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 13:8-14
Kathy Brock

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

INTERLUDE

Excerpt from *Ubi Caritas*

Flowers in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit by the Flower Guild @ St. Stephen's

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

Gordon Kerr

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Cate Anthony

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Ubi Caritas

Brent te Velde, piano

THE APOSTLES' CREED

[Page 96](#), The Book of Common Prayer

John Burke, Richard Dagger, Judy Hart

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Stevie Graham

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Form IV](#), page 388 in the Book of Common Prayer

Concluding Collect: For Labor Day, [Number 25, page 261](#)

Scott Sheble, Nancy Atkins, Freddy Moore, the Rev. Will Stanley

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially:

The ordination of The Rev. Cate Anthony
to the Sacred Order of Priests
September 5, 2020

The birth of
David Luckey Whitham
Son of Craig and Christina Whitham
Grandson of Catherine and Wayne Whitham
August 25, 2020

The birth of
Daniel Clary Goldman
Son of Margaret and Ashton Goldman
Grandson of Richard and Kay Clary
Born August 24, 2020

The marriage of
Rebecca Perry Moore and Malcolm Xavier Hines
September 6, 2020

We remember all who have died, especially:

Nancy Brogden Booker
January 25, 1936 – August 28, 2020

CLOSING ANTHEM
“If Ye Love Me”
Thomas Tallis
St. Stephen’s Virtual Choir

THE PEACE
Tilghman Packard

CLOSING WORDS
Excerpt from “A Ritual to Read to Each Other,” by William Stafford
Allison Seay

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Hymn 488, Be thou my vision; *Slane*; from The Hymnal 1982

Music for Meditation: Hymn 606, Where true love and charity dwell; *Ubi Caritas*; from The Hymnal 1982; Brent te Velde, piano

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