

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Richmond, Virginia

WELCOME

Betsy Lee

HYMN 469

There's a wideness in God's mercy; *St. Helena*

St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

Anamarie Diaz, flute

Brent te Velde, organ

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

Cotes Pinckney

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

[Page 233](#), The Book of Common Prayer (Proper 23)

Libby Clarkson

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Tripp Hudgins

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

Ashley Hanley

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Gary Jones

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Hymn 645, The King of love my shepherd is, *St. Columba*

Brent te Velde, piano

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jay Hughes, Macon Clarkson, Tyronn Wilkins

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Claire Cottrell

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Melissa Hughes, Bridie Abbott, John Purcell, The Rev. Claudia Merritt

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

The birth of Elliott Innes Smith
to Louise Woltz Smith and Charles Lee Smith IV
August 22, 2020

The Baptism of John William Briney, Jr.
son of John William Briney and Elizabeth Lacy Quarles Briney
October 18, 2020

The Baptism of Claire Driscoll Melton
daughter of Whitney Melton and Andrew Koris Melton
October 18, 2020

The Baptism of Wilson Whitmore Riddle
son of Augusta Riddle and Colin Riddle
October 18, 2020

The Baptism of Yana Claire Wynne
daughter of Tsvetelina Stefanova Wynne and Robert Bennett Wynne
October 18, 2020

The Baptism of Robert Wilson Fox
son of George Humphreys Fox and Michelle Snyder Fox
October 18, 2020

The Marriage of Eliza Early Strickland and Lucian Allen Peacock III
October 4, 2020

The Marriage of Elizabeth Gray Downey and Adam Michael Dietz
October 17, 2020

CLOSING ANTHEM

“Even When God is Silent”

By Kim André Arnesen

St. Stephen's Virtual Choir

I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I feel it not.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.

THE PEACE

Conway Clarkson

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Hymn 469, There's a wideness in God's mercy; *St. Helena*; from The Hymnal 1982

Music for Meditation, Hymn 645, The King of love my shepherd is, *St. Columba*, from The Hymnal 1982

Music for Prayers of the People and closing credits, *Slane*, Hymn 482, from The Hymnal 1982

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