

**The Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday, January 3, 2021**  
**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**Richmond, Virginia**

**Welcome**

The Rev. Gary D. Jones, rector

**The Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas**

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

**The Homily** The Rev. Gary D. Jones

**The Prayers**

**The Peace**

**Celebrant**     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**        **And also with you.**

**Musical Interlude:** Silent night

Treesa Gold, violin

Brent te Velde, piano

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

from the Order of the Holy Cross, Grahamstown, South Africa

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

## **Closing music**

Recitative and "Glory to God" from *Messiah* by G.F. Handel

Violin 1: Ellen Riccio

Violin 2: Treesa Gold

Viola: Kimberly Ryan

Cello: Stephanie Barrett

Trumpet: Michael Davison

Abby Outlaw, soprano solo

Soprano: Stephanie Hill, Abby Outlaw, Kelsey Snyder

Alto: Martha Prewitt, Alyssa Shevchuk

Tenor: Chris Edwards, Matt Hassmer, Margee Krebs, Joe McDonald

Bass: Malcolm Hines, Travis Krickovic, Christopher Lindbloom, James McClure, Jim Smith-Parham

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You are invited to come to St. Stephen's between noon and 2 p.m., or 5 and 7 p.m., to pray and to receive Holy Communion. Details about safety requirements (including masks), entrance and exit points, how to sign up for a time to receive, and other information, are at **[ststephensRVA.org/Christmas](http://ststephensRVA.org/Christmas)**.