



Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, February 7, 2021 *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Year B)*

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

The Word of God

Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen.**

The Gospel Mark 1:29-39

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Homily The Rev. Gary Jones

The Prayers of the People

Leader Let us pray to God who is our rock,
a very present help in trouble, saying,

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader O Lord our God, when we are beset by change and by storms,
may we stand firm on that sure foundation which is Christ our Lord.
Strengthen all who look for hope and guidance, and support all who doubt
or whose faith is wavering at this time.

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader We pray for all leaders,
all who influence the minds of others,
all those who are setting standards for our society,
that what they teach may be on a firm foundation.

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader We pray for our homes and our loved ones,
for security and protection.
We pray for all who are ill and all who are dependent on others.

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader We remember all who feel as if their lives have crumbled this week,
those who have lost home, loved ones, or possessions.
We pray for those who have become unemployed and all who have
debts they cannot repay.

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, grateful that in your power and in your love they rejoice in eternal life.
Grant that with them we may one day rejoice in your kingdom.

People **Be our strong rock, O Lord.**

Leader Lord God, you have set us on a high rock and made our footing sure. Grant that we might build our lives on this foundation and trust in your loving and unshakeable presence. **Amen.**

The Peace

Prayer Book, page 360

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, page 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us

to that heavenly country where, with blessed Stephen, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Prayer Book, page 364

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Prayer Book, page 365

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Anthem *Oculi omnium*

Eric Whitacre

Stephanie Hill Blackwood, soprano

*Oculi omnium ad te spectant; Domine tu das eis escam eorum in tempore opportuno.
Aperis tu manum tuam, et implebis omne animal benedictione tua.
Sanctifica nos, quaesumus, per verbum et orationem;
Istisque tuis donis, quae de tua bonitate sumus percepturi, benedicito.
Per Jesum Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.*

The eyes of all look towards thee, O Lord;
thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand and fillest every living thing with thy blessing.
Sanctify us, we beseech thee, through word and prayer;
and give thy blessing to these thy gifts,
which of thy bounty we are about to receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion today

You are invited to come to the church to sit, pray, and if you wish, to receive Communion (bread only). Since the number of people permitted in the church is limited, we ask that you sign up in advance. Go to ststephensRVA.org/onlineworship for a link to sign up. Masks must be worn at all times except when you are consuming the bread. This opportunity is available from noon until 2:00 p.m. and again between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Conversation with the homilist

Join the Rev. Will Stanley and the Rev. Gary Jones for a Zoom discussion of Gary's homily, beginning at 10 a.m. The link is available at ststephensRVA.org/onlineworship.

Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony; **HOMILIST:** The Rev. Gary Jones; **MUSICIANS:** **Soprano:** Stephanie Hill Blackwood, Abby Outlaw, Kelsey Snyder; **Alto:** Katie Fessler, Claudia Kessel, Martha Prewitt, Alyssa Shevchuk; **Tenor:** Chris Edwards, Matt Hassmer, Margee Krebs, Joe McDonald; **Bass:** Malcolm Hines, Travis Krickovic, Christopher Lindbloom, Ian Richardson, Jim Smith-Parham; Greg Vick, organ; Brent te Velde, piano

Thank you to St. Stephen's Altar Guild and Flower Guild, and to all who have been serving as greeters and eucharistic ministers.

Lent at St. Stephen's

Information about Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and Lent is available on our Web site at ststephensRVA.org/lent. A video service for Ash Wednesday will be posted to our Web site on the morning of February 17.

Staff and volunteers have prepared **Lent bags** containing items for Shrove Tuesday (pancake mix, syrup, and Mardi Gras beads), for Ash Wednesday (a small container of ashes for you to use at home, along with guidance about how to use them), and all-ages resources for Lent. No sign-up is needed to pick up one of these free bags. They will be available:

- outside the church during Communion periods this Sunday and next Sunday, Noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
- just outside the double glass doors to the parish house, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday