

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, February 14, 2021 *The Last Sunday after the Epiphany (Year B)* St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

The Word of God

Hymn 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham



The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Homily Allison Seay

Leader

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

Prayer Book, page 392

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, [especially _____].

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, [especially _____].

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, [especially_____], that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Leader O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with

compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you

we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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;

Celebran

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

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

Prayer Book, page 364

All Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours.

Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be,

through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Anthem O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

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And lead us not into temptation,

and the power, and the glory,

but deliver us from evil.

for ever and ever. Amen.

For thine is the kingdom,

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 Allison Seay for a Zoom discussion of Allisons homily, beginning at 10 a.m. The link is available at ststephensRVA.org/onlineworship.

Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Gary Jones; HOMILIST: Allison Seay; ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. Will Stanley; 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; Brent te Velde, organ and piano

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

Lent at St. Stephen's

Information about 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, available just inside the church today, Noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

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