



Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, February 28, 2021 *The Second Sunday in Lent (Year B)*

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

The Word of God

Hymn 707 Take my life and let it be

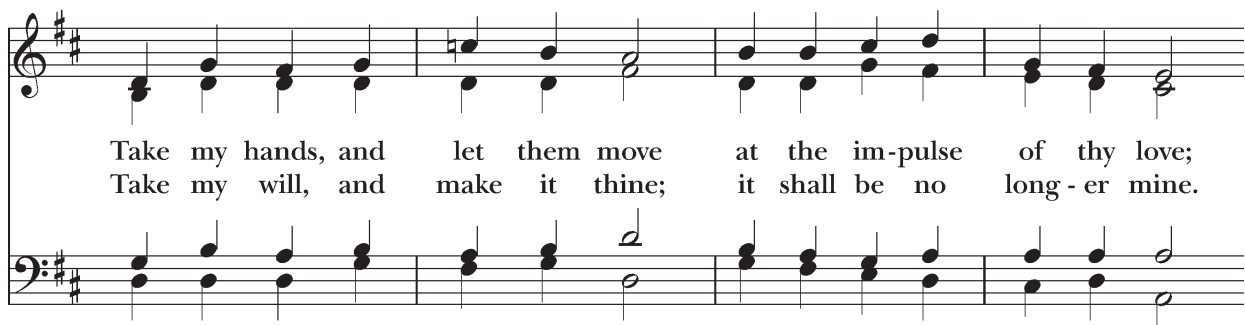
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1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Gospel Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Homily The Rev. Cate Anthony

The Prayers of the People, Form II

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- Leader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
- Leader* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
- Leader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.
- Leader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.
- Leader* I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.
- Leader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.
- 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.**
- Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

**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.**

**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.**

Prayer Book, page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

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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.

Solemn Prayer

Grant, Almighty God, that we may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Closing Anthem *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace* arr. Undine Smith Moore
We shall walk through the valley, and the shadow of death, we shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no sorrow there, if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace



The terrariums in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Gary D. Jones at St. Stephen's Church, by the flower guild.



Communion today

You are invited to come to the church to sit, pray, and if you wish, to receive Communion (bread only), between Noon and 2 p.m. or 5 and 7 p.m. Since the number of people permitted in the church is limited, we ask that you sign up in advance at ststephensRVA.org/onlineworship. Masks must be worn at all times except when you are consuming the bread.

Conversation with the homilist

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

Lent at St. Stephen's

Information about Lenten offerings at St. Stephen's is available at ststephensRVA.org/lent.

Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Gary Jones; **HOMILIST:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **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

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