



# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☙ Richmond, Virginia

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*Welcome to St. Stephen's Church. We are so glad you are here. This service of Holy Eucharist follows the order found in the Book of Common Prayer (the red book in the pew rack) beginning on page 323. This bulletin provides page numbers and other information to guide you through the service.*

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	The Book of Common Prayer, page 323
The Collect for Purity		page 323
The Summary of the Law		page 324
Kyrie, Trisagion or Gloria		page 324
The Collect of the Day	<i>Found on page 3.</i>	
The First Lesson	<i>Found on page 3; please sit.</i>	
The Psalm	<i>Found on page 3; please remain seated and read responsively.</i>	
The Gospel	<i>Found on page 3-4; please stand.</i>	
The Sermon	<i>Please sit.</i>	
The Nicene Creed	<i>Please stand.</i>	page 326
The Prayers of the People	<i>Please kneel as you are able.</i>	pages 328-330
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The Peace	<i>Please stand.</i>	page 332
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Please sit.</i>	

# The Holy Communion

## At the Presentation of Alms

*All comes from God, so from all God has given into our care, we offer gifts from our gratitude. You may place an offering in the offering plate as it comes by, or give electronically by scanning this QR code.*



*All things come of thee, O Lord.  
And of Thine own have we given thee.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**    *Please stand.*

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*Please kneel after the Sanctus.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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**The Prayer of Humble Access**

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## The Distribution of Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the Communion rail in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, and you may stand or kneel to receive. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use the smaller cup. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest. If you need us to bring the sacrament to you, please let the usher know.*

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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**The Blessing and Dismissal**

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# The Collect and Readings

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## The Collect of the Day

The Book of Common Prayer, page 173

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lesson** 1 John 3:16-24 *Please sit.*

**Reader** A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 23** *Said in unison, seated.*

King James Version

**1 The LORD is my shepherd;**

**I shall not want.**

**2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:**

**he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**3 He restoreth my soul:**

**he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:**

**for thou art with me;**

**thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**The Gospel** John 10:11-18 *Please stand and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Celebrant** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## Memorial Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Frackleton by their family.

## Participants

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; READER AND CHALICE BEARER: Iffet Araniti-Davis

## The Parish Prayer List

Becky Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Sandra Barnthouse, Nancy Beale, Nancy Beeler, Kay Best, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, *Julia Bouck*, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Liz Brengel, Elaine Brown, Pat Brown, Turner Bruneau, Sturges Bryan, Patti Bullen, Ann Campbell, Scott Carnohan, Percy Cochran, Stephanie Coleman, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Michelle Crim, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Chris Davis, Nancy Davis, Ken Dibble, Mary Fish, Guy Frank, Frank Ginty, Grace, Mary Hancock, Rodger Hardy, Marion Hargrove, Marianne Harmuth, Reese Harrington, Katie Hellebush, Bob Hines, King Charles III, Tom Hodges, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie and Tom Imeson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Gouthum Karadi, the Katz family, Jane Kelly, Donna Kessler, Dana King, Stoney Koschak, Margee Krebs, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Ross Mackenzie, Peggy Maguire, Nick Martina, Karen and Steve Matteo, Barbara Mathison, Michael McCabe, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Jenks McCorry, Melissa, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, Hoyt Minyard, Susan Minyard, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Anne P., Tricia Payne, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Richard Rennolds, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Brenda Quinn, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, Frances Scales, T. Logan Scott, Charlie Seilheimer, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Aiden Thomas Smith, Josh Spain, Daniel & Charlene Spears, Reilly Starr, Joy Stevenson, Hew Stith, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Ron Swain, Jim Teachey, Will Thompson, Tim, Nelson Toebbe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Crystal Vines, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Ozzie Wade, Suzanne Wallace, Baird Weisleder, Tom White, Betty Williams, Nelson Williams, Mary Wiltshire, Trevor Wingate, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For those expecting a child, especially Emily and Andrew Morris. For our missionaries,** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for *the Anglican Church of Australia*. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For ReWork Richmond. For an end to gun violence. For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Senior Airman Cooper Murphy, US Army Special Forces.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

*In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email Mary Feldman at [mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:mfeldman@ststephensRVA.org).*