



The Seventh Sunday of Easter:

The Sunday after Ascension Day

Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church ☿ Richmond, Virginia

Voluntary

Her children rise up and call her blessed

Margaret Vardell Sandresky

The Word of God

Hymn 214

Hail the day that sees him rise *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

Llanfair

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Said by all.

Prayer Book, page 355

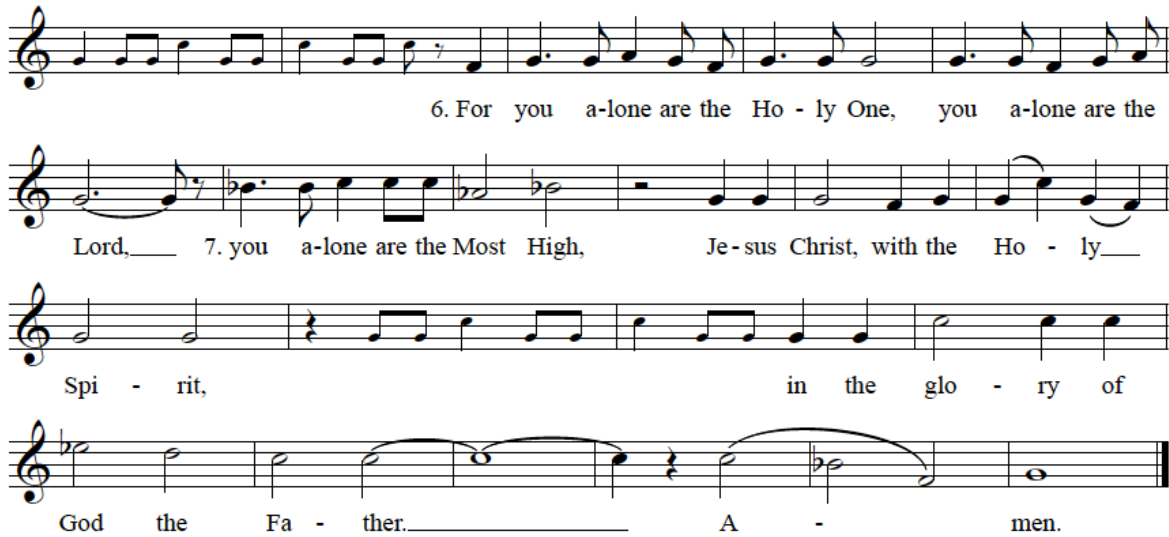
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

Sung by all, standing.

The Hymnal S-178, William Mathias

1. Glo - ry to God in the high- est,___ and
peace to his peo- ple on earth.____ 2. Lord God, heaven- ly King, al- might - y God and_
Fa- ther,___ we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise___ you for___ your glo - ry.
3. Lord Je- sus_ Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther,___ Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a- way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



The Collect of the Day

Prayer Book, page 226

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lesson Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

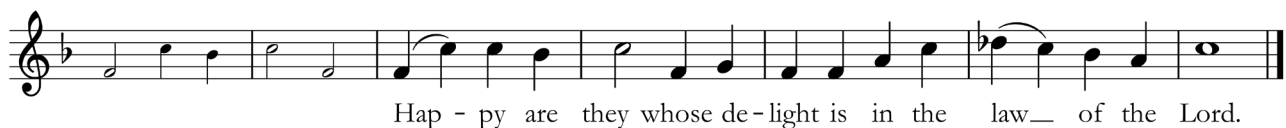
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 1

Prayer Book, page 585, antiphon: Diana Chou; chant: Lionel Dakers

The antiphon will be sung once by the choir, then repeated by all. The verses will be sung by the choir.



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *

nor lingered in the way of sinners,

nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper. *Antiphon*

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed. *Antiphon*
Silence is kept.

Hymn 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph *Sung by all, standing.*

In Babilone

The Gospel John 17:6-19 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. John D. Rohrs

The Nicene Creed *Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
 and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
 he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.

You may stand or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially ____]. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for ____.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant 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 Easter season, known as the Great Fifty Days, is the longest liturgical season in order to celebrate God's saving acts through Christ's risen life. In recognition of God's reconciling love, we abstain from confession until the season after Pentecost.

Blessing and Induction of St. Stephen's Choristers [9:00]

The congregation may sit. Choristers gather at the bottom of the chancel steps, facing the altar.

Director of Music I present these young people who desire to serve as choristers in this church and who have prepared themselves by study and practice for this ministry. I also present choristers who have earned medals through their diligent and faithful service and study this past year.

Rector Through the gift of music God reveals more than we can know by thought and word. Through music our offerings of praise and thanksgiving resound in every corner of the earth. As choristers of this church, will you be reverent in the house of God, and faithful in your leadership of worship?

Choristers We will.

Rector Will you be faithful and diligent in attending rehearsals and services, in learning and practicing, and in participating fully in the life of the choir?

Choristers We will.

Rector Will you respect others and honor your role as a leader in this community of faith?

Choristers We will.

Rector Will all of you who are family, friends, and teachers of these young people do all in your power to support their commitment to this ministry?

All **We will.**

Rector As the rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, I admit you into the St. Stephen's Choristers, and we recognize your faithful leadership. Wear these cottas and medals as symbols of your role as ministers in this church.

The Peace Please stand.

Prayer Book, page 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift online (scan this QR code) or in the offering plates as they come by.



At the Offertory

Lift up your heads [9:00] *Sung by the choir.* music: William Mathias; text: Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

God is gone up [11:15] *Sung by the choir.* music: Gerald Finzi; text: Edward Taylor

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:

The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:

Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out,

Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise!

Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,

And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,

In flakes of Glory down him to attend,

And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody

Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;

Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string

More to enravish as they this tune sing.

At the Presentation *Sung by all, standing.*

Lasst uns erfreuen

The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. O praise him; O praise him;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, page 367

The people remain standing.

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.**

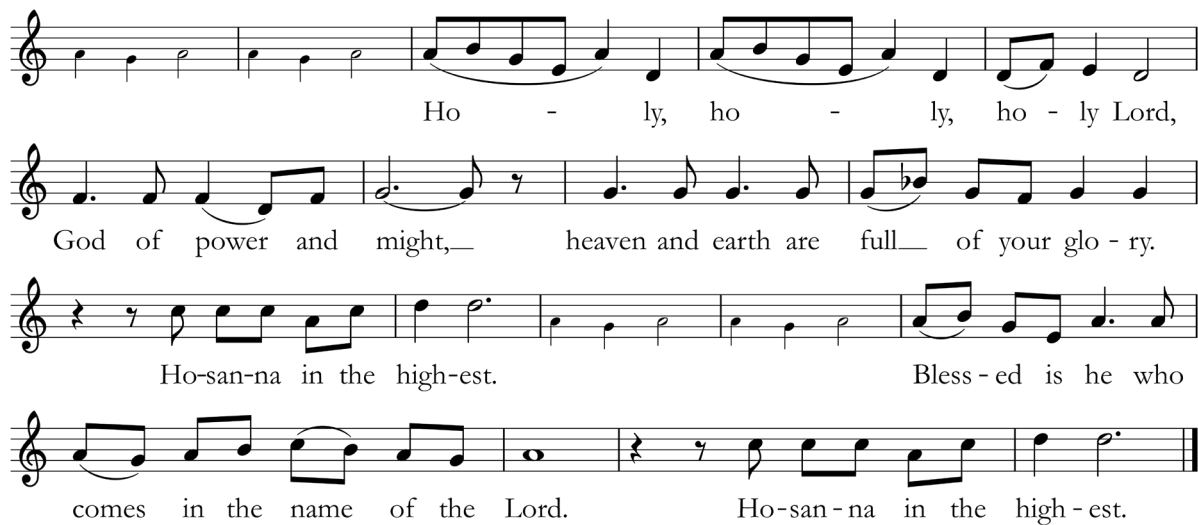
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *Here a proper preface is said.*

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:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

William Mathias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, — heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You may stand or kneel.

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.**

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

Celebrant and People

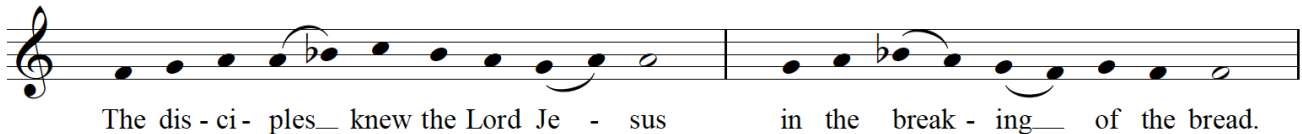
Prayer Book, page 364

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

The Breaking of the Bread *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

The cantor sings the antiphon, then all repeat. All sing the antiphon again after each verse.

Mason Martens



Cantor:

- 1 The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (*antiphon*)
- 2 One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (*antiphon*)

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the chancel steps (9:00), the high altar (11:15), or in one of the side chapels (kneeling or standing). The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. 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 one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.

Music at Communion

Anthem The Lord is my light [11:15] *Sung by the choir.* music: Peter Hallock; text: Psalm 27:1, 139:8, 63:4,7
The Lord is my light, the refuge of my life and my salvation; of whom then shall I be afraid? If I take the wings of the morning or go up into heaven, your right hand will hold me. In the shadow of your wings I will rejoice and bless your holy name; and I will sing of your glory, O Lord my strength, as long as I live

Hymn 604 When Christ was lifted from the earth *Sung by all, seated.*

San Rocco

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitors

When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is scheduled to visit a parishioner, the following is said.

Deacon N., we send you out to share Communion with N.

People **Carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Deacon We who are many are one body because we share one bread and one cup. **Amen.**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. You may stand or kneel.

All **Almighty and everliving God,**
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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The Blessing *The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.*

Hymn 420 When in our music God is glorified *Sung by all, standing.*

Engelberg

Dismissal

Prayer Book, page 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Voluntary Prelude on *Engelberg*

Craig Phillips



Flower Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Eloise Donkle Wells Atkinson by her family, and Nancy Davis by Dave, Ellie, and Iffet Davis.

Participants

9 A.M. // CELEBRANT: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; DEACON: The Rev. William L. Sachs; SUBDEACON: Nancy Emerson; READER/INTERCESSOR: Tony Anthony; PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Barbara Massey; CHALICE BEARERS: Kathy Brock, Bob Dibble, Clarice Dibble, Mim Oman; ACOLYTES: Parker Birdsey, Clarke Dillard, Lucy Phillips, Jack Purcell, Alice Schnell; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choristers and members of St. Stephen's Choir, Brent te Velde, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; VERGER: Ben Emerson

11:15 A.M. // CELEBRANT: The Rev. Cate Anthony; DEACON: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; SUBDEACON: Kathy Brock; READER/INTERCESSOR: Cotesworth Pinckney; PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; ASSISTING PRIEST: The Rev. William L. Sachs; CHALICE BEARERS: Charlie Caldwell, Betsy Fauntleroy, Scott Finn, Mim Oman; ACOLYTES: Preston Cochran, Josie Rempe, Pierce Rempe; LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR: Earl Roney; MUSICIANS: St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Diana Chou, *organ*; VERGER: Penn Rogers

The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available at Information Central (the table outside the parish office) and in the narthex (the church vestibule).

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