

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us!

For any assistance or to pick up a Welcome Brochure and Visitor Card,
please see an usher. We'll be in touch with you later in the week.

THE TWENTIETH AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER 23

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Please wear a mask throughout the service and in any building on campus.

Receiving Holy Communion

Please sanitize your hands before approaching the table when picking up your communion wafer. Once everyone has returned to their pew, the priest will bless the bread and everyone will consume it together. Please deposit the wafer cup in the labeled bin as you leave church.

HARP PRELUDE - Softly and Tenderly” and “Amazing Grace”

oth arr. by Louise Trotter

ENTRANCE HYMN – “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

408, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant:

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.***

THE GLORIA

S - 280, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People:

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.***

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant:
Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON - Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Job.

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 22:1-15

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

SECOND LESSON - Hebrews 4:12-16

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN –

“I’ve Decided to Make Jesus My Choice”

68, *LEVAS Hymnal*

THE GOSPEL - Mark 10:17-31

The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Bill Sachs

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People:

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

Deacon: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our own bishops, Bill, our Interim Rector, and Emmetri, our Deacon.

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

Deacon: 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.***

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

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

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

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

Deacon: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Kaylin Hart and David Johnson.

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

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

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

Deacon: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially:

Barbara Cook	Martha Turner	Steve Carroll
Benjamin Ryan	Melanie Chambers	Phyllis Byrne
Bill Browning	Nadine	Evelyn Rogers
Buddy Clark	Patrick Edrington	Cheryl Moore
Carol Galloway	Ray Johns	Priscilla Cook
Catherine	Robert Dodd	Wayne Gallimore
Eddie Clark	Sally Jebson	Jean Isaacson
Haley Clark	Sonja Johns	Ed & Jane Curry
Jeanette Goss	Stephen Brown	Christopher Gaines
Joe Leary	Ed Bell	The Hart Family
Kirsten Brannon	Allahvel Fitzpatrick	Amy Keady

The congregation may add their own petitions, followed by silence.

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy.

People: ***Hear our prayer***

Deacon: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit all staff members of our schools and the students entrusted to them, that they may all grow in the knowledge of your truth, and with us, they may show forth knowledge of your truth not only with their lips but in their lives.

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy.

People: ***Hear our prayer***

Deacon: We pray for healthcare workers, first responders, law enforcement, essential workers, and for all others who minister to the suffering. We ask you to grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy.

People: ***Hear our prayer***

Deacon: We pray for those in the military and for those serving our country at home and abroad, especially:

Abigail Brannon	Michael Sprinkel
Allahvel Fitzpatrick, Jr.	Matthew Stevens
Braeden Woodside	Nate Cotter
Carrington Travers	Samuel McCabe
David A. Hoffman	Taylor Craddock
Jessica Helsel	

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy.

People: ***Hear our prayer***

Deacon: We remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy.

Deacon: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer**

Deacon: Let us pray with thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially:

Oct. 11: Sally Jebson

Oct. 14: Jon Whitman

Silence.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon and People:

***Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
In thought word and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. ~
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY - "Be Still"

Kauffman/Gokelman

At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord,
People: ***and of Thine own have we given Thee.***

At 10:30 AM (*At the Presentation of the gifts*)

THE DOXOLOGY

380 (v. 3), Hymnal 1982

Celebrant and People sing:

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

S - 125, Hymnal 1982

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

Celebrant:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

S - 155, Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

NOTE: *Please sanitize your hands before picking up your communion bread. Then return to your seat, and we'll all partake together at the same time.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

145, LEVAS Hymnal

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

72, LEVAS Hymnal

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN – “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

470, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

ORGAN POSTLUDE - “Nearer, My God to Thee”

arr. Gordon Young

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 10 at 5 PM (rain or shine), on the front lawn. All are invited to receive blessings and healing prayers. Treats will be provided after the service. Please be sure to have your pet properly restrained and bring a bag to pick up accidents. Invite your friends and neighbors!

Holiday Closings

The church office and the Food Closet will be closed on Monday, Oct. 11 in observance of Columbus Day.

Youth Group

The youth are meeting this Sunday after the 10:30 AM service in the Youth Area. We will have pizza and continue with our service project for the church. All youth 6th grade through 12th grade are welcome to participate!

Choirs

Praise Choir rehearses this Wednesday at 5 PM in the choir room. All children, grades 1-8, are invited.

St. Dunstan's Bell Choir rehearses this Thursday at 7 PM in the choir room. All teens and adults are invited.

Chancel Choir gets vested in the choir room at 9 AM on Sunday, then begins rehearsal at 9:15 sharp in the church. We welcome singers who would like to help us prepare for Christmas. This is an adult choir age 16 years and older.

Food Closet Buy-A -Bird Campaign

The Thanksgiving Buy-A-Bird Campaign for the Food Closet Thanksgiving Program has now begun and we need your help. Monetary donations are needed to cover the cost of \$20 per turkey. Please do not donate turkeys.

Beginning October 25, through Thanksgiving, applicants will apply for a Thanksgiving meal at Sam's Place. If approved, they will receive a bag of fixings/side dishes (provided by SWIFT, Inc.), that day, along with a voucher for a turkey from Safeway. At their convenience, they will go to Safeway and pick up their turkey directly.

Donate Online:

“ststephensculpeper.net/culpeper-food-closet/food-closet-thanksgiving-program,” or make checks payable to:

The Culpeper Food Closet, P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, VA 22701. (write "Thanksgiving" on the memo line)

Stephen's Friends Bible Study

Bible Study meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week. The group follows the Forward Day-by-Day publication (available through the church office), and goes into detail on the daily reading. Message Lina for details at: lfrank_lina@msn.com or 540-497-4180.

Food Closet Need of the Week

- Drinks (bottled water, Gatorade, soda)
- Individually wrapped snacks
- Canned Fruit
- Instant oatmeal

Drop off donations at the Food Closet: Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 11:30 AM

Send monetary donations to:

The Culpeper Food Closet
P.O. Box 343, Culpeper, VA 22701

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

Oct. 17: Barbara Rosica
Oct. 18: Jodi Place
Oct. 20: Mary DeJarnette
Oct. 20: Bryon
& Barbara Cook

Join us Every Week

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion in the church
10:15 AM Nursery: infant - kindergarten
9:00 AM Adult Sunday school - Parish Hall & Zoom
9:15 AM Choir Practice
10:30 AM Holy Communion in the church & Facebook Live
11:45 AM Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Tuesday

7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew in the Parish Hall
7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Lectio Divina on Zoom

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study - Rector's office & Zoom
12:15 PM Healing & Holy Communion in the church

Saturday

10:00 AM Daughters of the King (The first Saturday of the month)

Serving Today

Clergy: The Rev. Bill Sachs and The Rev. Deacon Emmetri Beane
8:00 Reader: Bob Brotzman
10:30 Reader: Kitty Whitman
Acolytes: Grace Warner and Jack Warner
Music: Linda Long

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