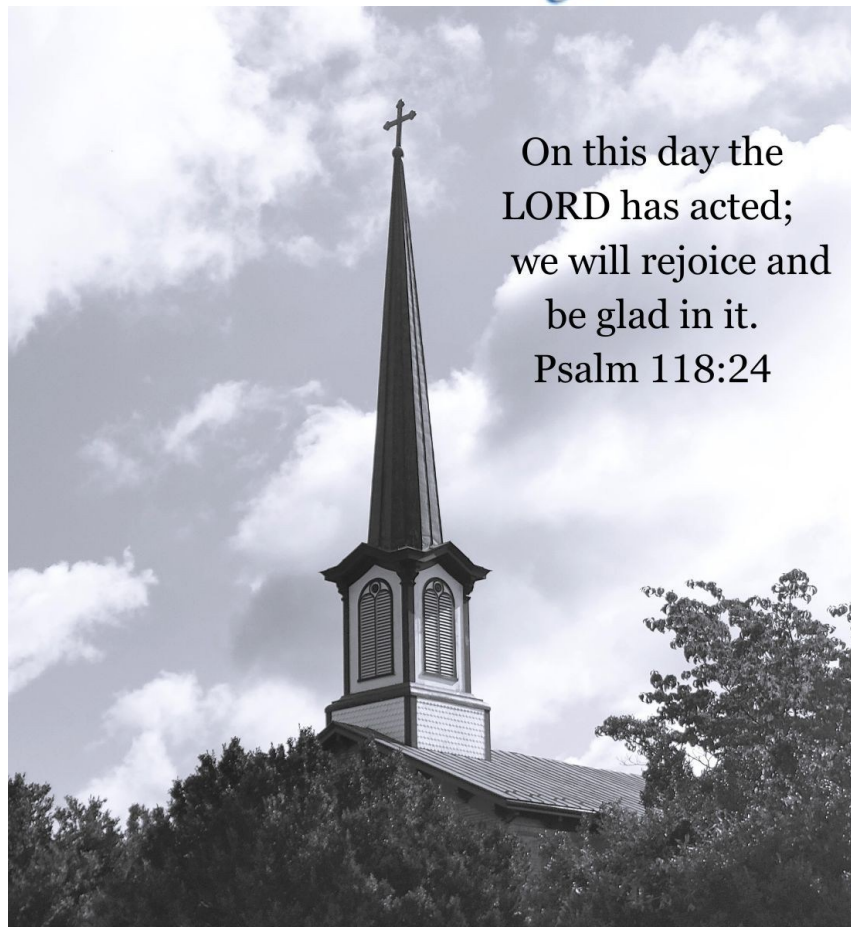


 **ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Welcomes You!



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

8:00 & 10:30 AM Holy Communion

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

Thank you for joining us!

Please fill out a visitor card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We'll be in touch with you later in the week.

Receiving Holy Communion

When you approach the altar rail, the clergy will place a wafer in your open hand with the blessing.

You can sip from the chalice or dip (intinct) the wafer, or not. Request gluten-free wafer if preferred. Or request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

JOIN US THIS WEEK: MAY 3 - 9

SERVING TODAY

SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Adult Forum
- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice
- 10:30 AM Holy Communion | Facebook Live
- 11:45 AM Coffee Hour Fellowship

MONDAY

- 10:00 AM DOK Quiet Hour

TUESDAY

- 7:30 PM Lectio Divina on Zoom

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

THURSDAY

- 1:00 PM Super Seniors
- 7:00 PM St. Dunstan's Choir
- 8:30 PM Compline

CLERGY:

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

READERS & CHALICE BEARERS:

- 8:00 AM Bob Brotzman
- 10:30 AM David Hill, Lina Frank

USHERS:

Kim Helsel, Kerri Bonfadini,
Peyton Cramer, Cindy Rickett

ACOLYTES

Grace Warner, Abram H

ALTAR GUILD:

Sandra Fulton, Joyce Ames,
Suzanne Delgado, June Barrett

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dr. Wonhee Kang

Chancel Choir

The altar flowers are given by St. Monnica Chapter of The Order of Daughters of the King in thanksgiving for St. Monnica, mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, and in memory of chapter members who have joined the great Communion of Saints: Barbara Stanley, Jean Lloyd, June Woody, Page Mitchell, Barbara Collins, and Julie Trenis.

Mission

Sharing what God has given with glad and generous hearts.

Vision

We will be a welcoming and inclusive family of faith rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ, informed by our history and tradition, hopeful for the future, and committed to living out our mission through connection to community.

PRELUDE - "Toulan"

Genevan Psalter

ENTRANCE HYMN - "Christ is made the sure foundation"

518, Hymnal 1982

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

*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 OF THE DAY

Celebrant:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

(Please be seated)

FIRST LESSON - ACTS 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

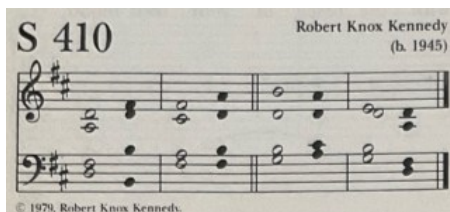
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE - PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

At 8:00 AM: *spoken antiphonally, breaking at the asterisk*

At 10:30 AM: *sung in unison*



In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to ↗ shame; *
deliver me in your ↗ righteousness.

Incline your ear to ↘ me; *
make haste to deliver ↘ me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my ⚔ stronghold; *

for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide ⚔ me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for ☞ me, *

for you are my tower of ☞ strength.

Into your hands I commend my ⚔ spirit, *

for you have redeemed me,

O Lord, O God of ⚔ truth.

My times are in your ☞ hand; *

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute ☞ me.

Make your face to shine upon your ☞ servant, *

and in your loving-kindness save ☞ me.

SECOND LESSON - 1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

(Please stand)

GRADUAL HYMN - "Open your ears, O faithful people"

536, Hymnal 1982

THE GOSPEL - JOHN 14:1-14

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you Lord Christ***

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Trent Moore

(Please stand)

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.*

(Please kneel as able)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia! So let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Risen Christ, to you we give undying praise."

Reader: Heavenly King, for us you endured the cross and the grave. When we were yet sinners, you redeemed and saved us. May we sing your eternal praises everywhere we go.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,
People: *to you we give undying praise.*

Reader: Incarnate Love, where hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, call forth new life by your touch. Bring forth life in the barren places of this world.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,
People: *to you we give undying praise.*

Reader: Author of Life, you are the ruler of creation. All things created on earth sing to your glory. From death of the winter, raise the fair beauty of earth.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Resurrected One, bring our neighbors from sadness to joy. Where they live in darkness, brighten their lives with a day of splendor and give to all that peace that passes human knowing.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Triumphant Lord, gladden the faces of all who are sad and fearful-hearted. May they rejoice in your victory over sin and pain-even as they share in your glorious triumph.

The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence.

Reader: Risen Christ,

***People:* to you we give undying praise.**

Reader: Risen Christ, let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Carol G	Wayne S	Butch D	Isabella S
Catherine	Bo C	Norma G	Billy D
Jeanette G	Sarah T	Barbara H	Sofia P
Kirsten B	Brad H	Jack S	Minni P
Martha T	Greg & Linda L	Chris T	Andrew P
Nadine	John H	Aaron F	Sharon O
Robert D	Ernest L	Thomas & Carol	
Sally J	Jack R	Jens T	
Marietta E	Mary F	Joe K	
Rick B	Michelle F	Jim M	

Silence

We pray for those in the military, law enforcement and first responders and their families, especially

Caleb B	Samuel M	Allahvel F	Rhys H
Jessica H	Braedon W	Matthew S	Ian A
Carrington T	Christopher J	Earl E	Julian M
Matthew G	Taylor C	Chris S	Steven F (and his
Abigail B	Taylor G	Wes W	troop)
Daniel V	John F, Jr	Walter W	Collin L
Peyton F	Ian M	Steven O	

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially:

May 4 Wonhee K & Seeun S	May 7 Rosa S
May 5 Faith D & Brian G	May 8 John K
May 5 Mary Ann K	

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Reader: Risen Christ, you have opened heaven's gate. You have freed us from the power of sin and death. Through your resurrection, you give us promise of resurrection to a holier state. Bless the dying and the dead.

Silence

Reader: Risen Christ,

People: ***to you we give undying praise.***

Reader: In our Diocese, we pray for Grace Church Goochland, Christ Church Charlottesville, St. John's McLean, and St. Mary's Fleeton. In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of North India (United).

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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 hearts;
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.*

THE ABSOLUTION

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.*

(Please stand)

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At 8:00 AM

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People: and of Thine own have we given Thee.

(Please stand)

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

(Please be seated)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Walk Humbly with Your God”

Robert J. Powell

(Please Stand)

THE DOXOLOGY

400, Hymnal 1982
(Tune Only)

Celebrant and People sing:

***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.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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.

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 pray,

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

AT 8:00 AM

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

AT 10:30 AM

S-155, Hymnal 1982

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(the congregation is invited to join in singing)*

“Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life”

487, Hymnal 1982

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

196, LEVAS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his only 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.***

(Please stand)

CLOSING HYMN

“The church’s one foundation”

525, Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the resurrection. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Middlebury”

Marilyn J. Keiser, b. 1941

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Sunday

Next Sunday, May 10th, will be our Youth Sunday service at 10:30 AM. This is a time when our children and youth will take over the service and serve as our ushers, readers, and musicians. We will also be honoring our senior and fifth graders during this service.

Super Seniors

This Thursday, May 9th, Super Seniors will be meeting from 1-3:00 PM in the Gathering room. All are welcomed to join in the fun!

Music and Arts Camp

Registration is now open for our Music and Arts camp which is July 20-24th. This is open to kids grades K-5th and is free to attend. Register now by scanning the QR code to the right, space is limited and it does fill up quickly. If you would like to volunteer that week, please let Karyn know.



Livestream Team

We are looking for volunteers to learn our new livestream system and be part of the livestream team. Contact the office if you are interested, we will have a training session soon.

Nursery Attendant

We are currently hiring for a nursery attendant. If you know anyone with a passion for childcare, send them our way! In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery. Please contact Karyn if you are able to help out.

Lectio Divina

This Tuesday, at 7:00 PM Lectio Divina continues their study of Esther with Esther 6:1-9. Contact Kitty or Briarly for more information or the Zoom link.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

All men are welcomed to join the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Wednesday mornings at 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall. They are currently doing a study on the book "The Year of Living Biblically." Contact Trice for more details.

Online Giving & Pledge

Scan this QR code to donate to St. Stephen's using your credit card, debit card or PayPal account or to make your 2026 Pledge.



Food Closet Needs of the Week

Poptarts, individual oatmeal packets, granola bars, cold cereal, canned fruit

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