

# *Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church*

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*228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, VA 23803*

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*Organized in 1867*

*Dedicated on June 2, 1918*



*The Reverend Father Willis R. Foster, Sr., Rector  
John Thompson, Verger*

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

8:00 A.M Sunday  
9:15 A.M. Sunday  
10:30A.M. Sunday  
Noon Wednesday

Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Christian Education  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Lenten Study

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# **Mission Statement:**

*To meet the needs of the  
Church and Community*

# **Vision:**

*We are Stewards of God's Grace*

# **Core Values:**

*Actively Engage  
Clear & Timely Communication  
Integrity  
Transparency  
Trust*

***THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT***  
***March 18, 2018***  
***8:00\* am & 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II***

The Prelude

Organ

\*Silent Procession

*The Penitential Order		Page 351
*The Decalogue		Page 350
*The Confession of Sin		Page 352
*The Kyrie eleison	LEVAS 235 or	Page 356

\*The Collect for the Day

*Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**\* Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**\*S. Garner / M. Wallace**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of

Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**\*Psalter**

**Psalm 51:1-13**

**\*S. Garner**

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

\* **Hebrews 5:5-10**

\*J. Bland / J. Thompson

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Gradual

Hymn 337  
*'And now, O Father'*

**\*The Holy Gospel     John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

\*The Sermon

Father Foster

\*The Nicene Creed

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**Priest:** Eternal and loving God, through the glorification of your Son Jesus you have taught us to follow him through death into eternal life: Glorify your name in us, as we bring before you the concerns of the world, saying: Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Blessed Father, your Son Jesus has taught your Church that when a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it bears much fruit: Empower your people in our journey of sacrifice and compassion to follow Christ in such faithfulness that we may be glorified with him.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Almighty One, you have driven out the ruler of this world through the glorification of Jesus: Put your law of love within the hearts of all who hold authority among the nations, that they may hear of joy and gladness, so that the broken body of the world may rejoice. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Bring the joy of your saving help to all who suffer throughout the world, that they may hear of joy and gladness and be healed. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Gracious God, you have promised that all who serve your beloved will be honored in your sight: Have mercy upon this community, that all may know you, from the least to the greatest, and follow in the way that Christ has shown us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

Let our prayers ascend unto Jesus our eternal high priest, as we offer up our intercessions and supplications, especially for \_\_\_\_.

We thank you for the incarnation of your Son Jesus, who shares our sorrows and our joys. Hear our praise and thankfulness for all the blessings we enjoy, especially for \_\_\_\_.

We entrust into your life all of those who have surrendered their lives into your eternal keeping, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Create in us clean hearts, O God, **and renew a right spirit within us.**

**Priest:** Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, O God, as we follow Jesus in service to your world, that the salvation and glorification you have accomplished through his cross and resurrection may extend your eternal life throughout creation, now and forever. **Amen**

\*The Peace

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## **RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE**

\*The Offertory

\* At the Offertory

All things come of Thee O Lord and of Thine own  
have we given Thee. Amen

Musical Offertory

LEVAS 71

***'In times like these'***

\*The Eucharistic Prayer "A"

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\*Holy, Holy, Holy..."

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\*The Lord's Prayer

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\*The Breaking of the Bread

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\*Communion Hymn 474

***‘When I survey the wondrous cross’***

\*Post Communion Prayer

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Choral Response ***“Pass It On”***

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing; That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it: You spread His love to everyone, you want to pass it on.*

The Recessional

Hymn 441

***‘In the cross of Christ’***

\*The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Organ

**PRAYER LIST**

Ernestine Brown	Maureen Norman	Olivia Theriot	Jerome Burns
Mina Forte	Jeanette Ransom	Mildred Townes	Mary Cox
Annie Henderson	Willie Campbell	LaVerne Venable	Benjamin Ford
George Henderson	Brandon Seymour	Gary Young	Eleanor Johnson
Porcher Taylor	Amani Dailey	Helen Pulliam	

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# **ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS**

## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS**

Epiphany, Norfolk  
Good Shepherd, Norfolk  
Ballentine Home, Norfolk  
Center for Psychotherapy & Healing

### **PARISH NOTES**

**CANDLES:** Offered by Kenneth Lewis in Thanksgiving

**FELLOWSHIP:**

**NEXT SUNDAY: Liturgy of the Psalms**

Mark 11:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**Liturgy of the Word**

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47



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Because of the ideal pricing, there will be a limited number  
available.

Readers for  
The Passion According to Mark  
Sunday, March 25, 2018

READER 8:30	NARRATIVE	READER 10:30
Joyce Small	Narrator	Charles Palmer
Donald Birchette	Judas	Otha Myers
Chyrel Cutler / Joy Chapman	Disciples	Jerry Clarke / Bennie Wooten
Rev. Foster	Jesus	Rev. Foster
Joel Wallace	Peter	Michael Walker
Carol Jones / Sandra Garner	Accusers	Veronica & John Fountain
Patrice Gilliam	High Priest	Cassandra Coleman
Carol Jones / Sandra Garner	Chief Priests	Minnie Wallace / Nancy Ross
Robin Magee	Servant Girl	Laurie Gholson
Congregation	Bystanders	Congregation
Judy Bland	Pilate	Reggie Tabor
Duanne Foster	Pilate's Wife	Duanne Foster
Everyone	Congregation	Everyone
Chyrel Cutler / Joy Chapman	Soldiers	John Thompson / Leon Gholson
Clifton Dickens	Centurion	Jim Norman

The reading can be found on the church's website  
<http://ststephensbgva.org>

If you have any questions, please leave a message  
for Sandra Garner at the church



The Episcopal Church Executive Council approved a resolution at its January meeting “acknowledging the unfinished work of the 1968 Poor Peoples Campaign, celebrate the revival of the movement as the 2018 Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.”

You can get more information at The Episcopal Churches website:  
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/season-justice-engagement>

## Holy Week March 25<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>

March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

March 28<sup>th</sup> Tenebrae service 6pm

March 29<sup>th</sup> Eucharist  
Seder  
Stripping of the Altar

March 30 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross

Vestry  
Charles Palmer, Sr. Warden  
Cassandra Coleman, Jr. Warden  
Joy Chapman, Robin Magee, C. Martin Cutler,  
James Norman, Harriet Scruggs, Joyce Small, John Thompson



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