

# *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**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Christian Education  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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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 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 13, 2018

8:00\* am & 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Prelude

Organ

## ***'All are Welcome'***

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space: as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

The Processional

Hymn 450

## ***'All hail the power of Jesus' name'***

\*The Opening Acclamation

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\*The Collect for Purity

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\*The Gloria

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\*The Collect for the Day

*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.*

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**\* Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

\*C. Dickens / J. Norman

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.

\*Psalter

**Psalm 1**

\*C. Dickens

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.

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.

**\* 1 John 5:9-13**

**\*S. Garner / M. Walker**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Gradual

LEVAS 99  
***'My hope is built'***

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."

**Priest:** Benevolent God, hear our prayers through Jesus who intercedes on behalf of the Church, and fulfill the joy of your Son by sending your blessing upon your creation, as we pray: As you have sent Christ into the world; so Christ has sent us into the world.

Gracious One, through Christ you have made your name known and your Church has been given everything from the Father: May we be one as Christ and the Father are one. As you have sent Christ into the world; **so Christ has sent us into the world.**

Provident One, you have given all nations the testimony of God in their hearts: Extend your providence to protect them from the evil one and to extend universally the liberating blessings of justice and peace. As you have sent Christ into the world; **so Christ has sent us into the world.**

Compassionate One, you have promised to lose nothing that you have made: Look upon all who suffer from illness, violence, poverty, or threat: Protect them in your name and sanctify them in your truth. As you have sent Christ into the world; **so Christ has sent us into the world.**

Ever-present One, you have planted this community like trees by streams of water: Empower us to bear fruit in due season and to make Christ's joy complete in this place. As you have sent Christ into the world; **so Christ has sent us into the world.**

Honor our prayers on behalf of those for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_.

Let your eternal life raise all who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. As you have sent Christ into the world; **so Christ has sent us into the world.**

\*Confession of Sin

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\*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 161

***'Go preach my gospel'***

\*The Eucharistic Prayer "B"

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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 693

***'Just as I am'***

\*Post Communion Prayer

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*Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage. Your mighty Defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name.*

*Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage, for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord: And rejoice for the vict'ry is yours.*

The Recessional                      Hymn 544  
**'Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun'**

\*The Dismissal                                      Page 366  
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	Gary Young
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St. Stephen's Men's Club Yard Sale  
Saturday, June 16, 2018  
8am – 12Noon  
Contact Clifton Dickens or  
Michael Joshua for additional information.



Youth/Graduate Recognition ~ Sunday, June 10, 2018  
See Robin Magee for details



June 17<sup>th</sup> will be the last 8:00 service for the summer

**\*\* Since July 2017 several parish hall tablecloths have gone missing. If you took them for cleaning, please return them ASAP.**

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

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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