

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, VA 23803

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Dedicated on June 2, 1918



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

CHURCH SERVICES

8:00 A.M Sunday

10:30A.M. Sunday

1:00 P.M. Wednesday

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Bible 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*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 7, 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 397

'Now thank we all our God'

*The Opening Acclamation

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*The Collect for Purity

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*The Gloria

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Song of Praise

LEVAS 245

'We have come into His house'

*The Collect for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

***Genesis 2:18-24**

*J. Bland / N. Ross

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

***Psalm 8**

*J. Bland

1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

* **Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*C. Dickens / J. Thompson

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his

powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Gradual

Hymn 376

‘Joyful, joyful we adore thee’

***The Holy Gospel Mark 10:2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

*Prayers of the People

*C. Dickens / J. Thompson

Priest: Holy God, in whom we find our refuge and our hope, hear us as we offer our prayers on behalf of all that is yours, saying: My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

You have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church the grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together but encouraging one another in Christ. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Illumine the minds of the leaders of the world with the wisdom that shines like the brightness of the skies. Help us to remember that the future is in your hands and hidden from human view, that we might place our faith less in our clouded understanding than in your divine guidance. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

In this time of wars and rumors of war, earthquake and famine, and of nation rising against nation, we pray for the welfare of the world and for the faith to see that these troubles are but the birthpangs of your coming kingdom of peace. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Put your laws in the hearts of this community and write them on our minds, that we may approach one another with true hearts in full assurance of faith. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

We commend to you those who have departed before us, especially _____. Help us to remember that in your love, all of us, those here and those gone before us, rest in hope. My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices.

Priest: Loving God, you have inscribed your holy will upon our hearts and minds: Grant us grace to hold fast to the confession of our hope, without wavering, in the assurance of your faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The 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

The Musical Offertory LEVAS 189

‘Great is thy faithfulness’

*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

Communion hymn

Hymn 152

‘Let us break bread together’

Choral Response ***'On Eagle's Wings'***

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

The Recessional

Hymn 657

'Love's divine'

*The Dismissal

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The Postlude

Organ

PRAYER LIST

<i>Jerome Burns</i>	<i>Willie Campbell</i>	<i>Mary Cox</i>	<i>Amani Dailey</i>
<i>Benjamin Ford</i>	<i>Mina Forte</i>	<i>Annie & George Henderson</i>	
<i>Eleanor Johnson</i>	<i>Maureen Norman</i>	<i>Helen Pulliam</i>	<i>Jeanette Ransom</i>
<i>Brandon Seymour</i>	<i>Porcher Taylor</i>	<i>Olivia Theriot</i>	<i>Mildred Townes</i>
<i>Laverne Venable</i>	<i>Gary Young</i>		

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Eleanor Johnson, Sunrise Senior Living, 19310 Club House Rd.
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ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Tiara Harrison
Jeanette Ransom

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Emmanuel, Cape Charles
St. James', Cartersville

PARISH NOTES

FLORA: Offered by Rev. & Mrs. Foster

FELLOWSHIP: The Normans

NEXT SUNDAY: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31



The **ECW** meeting has been postponed to next Sunday, October 14th after the 10:30A.M service.



St. Stephen's Men's Day will be Sunday, November 4, 2018.
The scheduled guest speaker is Dr. Farid I. Muhammad.

The **Peabody High School Alumni Association, Inc.** is sponsoring a 'Community Clothes Give-a-Way on Friday &

Saturday, October 26th/27th from 10am-2pm at the former Peabody Middle School.

Join **CT & Friends** at their 'Faith to Carry On' concert on Sunday, October 14th at 3pm at St. Stephen's. This concert is free and open to the public.

The **Petersburg Symphony Orchestra** will present its openingn concert Sunday, October 28th at the Petersburg High School at 4pm. Admission-Adults \$18, Sr. Citizens \$15 and Students \$10.

Go to www.petersburgsymphony.org for additional information.

Interested in serving on the **Vestry**? Please speak with Rev. Foster or any Vestry member if you have any questions.

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

