

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

All Saint's Day

November 04, 2018

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

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*The Collect for the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

J. Bland

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you

may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 119:1-8

*J. Bland

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
 and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

Hebrews 9:11-14

*C. Dickens

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Holy Gospel Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Prayers of the People

*C. Dickens

LEADER In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
For the Church of God, that we may be filled with love, generosity
and truth so to transform our communities and our world;

PEOPLE **May your transforming Spirit guide us.**

LEADER For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all
nations;

PEOPLE **May your transforming Spirit give them
compassion and good judgment, and guide them in the ways
of justice and peace.**

LEADER For all who hold authority in your Church, that they
may know you and humbly teach in your light;

PEOPLE **May your transforming Spirit inspire them with
creativity, renew their energy, and fill them with wisdom and
love.**

LEADER For blessings on all of our human endeavors, and for
the just and proper use of the beauty and abundance of creation;

PEOPLE **May your Spirit of transformation guide us in
freeing your world from poverty, famine and oppression.**

LEADER For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially
_____, and for those we now name in our hearts;

PEOPLE May your transforming Spirit bring hope and healing to all who suffer.

LEADER For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially _____, and for those we now name in our hearts;

PEOPLE May your Spirit of transformation shine perpetual light on all the saints who have gone before us.

Oh God, in your infinite generosity you have created a world with resources to sustain all of your children with abundance of food, work and recreation. Transform us to humbly receive and joyfully share your bounty with others. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

*The Confession of Sin

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LEADER May the transforming peace of Christ be always with you.

PEOPLE And also with you.

RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

The Offertory

At the Offertory *all stand*

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

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PRAYER LIST

Jerome Burns	Willie Campbell	Mary Cox	Amani Dailey
Benjamin Ford	Mina Forte	Annie & George	Henderson
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ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Roland Lewis, Jr.
Stephanie Bland

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Ritchie Memorial, Claremont
St. David's, Chesterfield County

St. Timothy's, Clarksville

PARISH NOTES

FLORA: Offered by newlyweds, Michele & Tim Talbot

FELLOWSHIP: Men's Club

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

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Don't forget to return today for the 10:30A.M **Men's Day** service.



Bishop Hollerith will visit on Sunday, November 11th for the 10:30 am service.

The Jewels / Family Dinner celebration will be Sunday, November 18, 2018 after the 10:30am service.

If you celebrated your 80th birthday this year, please let us know by giving a photo and short biography to the church office or www.ststephensepiscopal@yahoo.com



You are cordially invited to the Annual Fall Concert presented by the VSU Concert Choir on Sunday, November 18th at 4pm (following the Jewels/Family Dinner) here at St. Stephen's

The Vestry is asking for donations of new men's hats, gloves, scarves and socks to help those in the community as the temperature drops.



Stewardship

is heart work



Pledge cards will be collected by Sunday, November 18th. If you need another form, they can be found in the narthex.

The joint Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, November 20th, at 7pm at Oak Street AME Church, 25 W. Wythe St, Petersburg, VA



The Annual Parochial meeting will follow the 10:30 am service on December 9th, 2018

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work,
but neither are you free to abandon it

~the Talmud

Vestry

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