

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

228 Halifax Street, Petersburg, Virginia 23803



The Reverend Bill Queen Jr., Interim Rector

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ***October 10, 2021***

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:30 a.m.

Formation: The Alien Episcopalians-
Approaches to Christianity

Per Bishop Haynes' guidelines -

MASKS ARE REQUIRED for everyone, including while singing
SOCIAL DISTANCING must be observed, even while receiving Communion
SERVICE LENGTH IS SHORTENED, there will be less singing
OFFERING PLATES NOT PASSED, see tables at each entrance
ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN for Covid-19 contact tracing

Prelude

Organ

bell rings to announce worship

Processional

Hymnbook 488 (1st verse)

'Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart'

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Aleisha Manson

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,
and fill my mouth with arguments.
I would learn what he would answer me,
and understand what he would say to me.
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
No; but he would give heed to me.
There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:1-15

A. Manson

(spoken responsively by **half-verse** breaking at asterisk)

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry
and from the words of my distress?

- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;
all my bones are out of joint; *
my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Hebrews 4:12-16

A. Manson

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Hymnbook 683 (1st verse)

‘O for a closer walk with God’

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE

Offertory Sentence

Musical Offertory	Lift Every Voice 108 (1 st verse) <i>'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus'</i>
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Communion

Please follow the Greeter's instructions of forming a socially-distanced single line in the center aisle to receive the host and returning to your seat by the side aisles.

**Please tell a Greeter if you are unable to walk to the altar rail and would like Communion brought to you in your pew.*

Communion Hymn	Hymnbook 707 (1 st verse) <i>'Take my life and let it be'</i>
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Recessional

Hymnbook 680 (1st verse)
'O God, our help in ages past'

Dismissal

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Postlude

Organ

PRAYER LIST

Antonio Belmar, Jr.	Pam Bolt	Jerome Burns	Mary Cox
Marie C. Jones	Sarah Dickens		George Henderson
James Love & family		Jeanette Ransom & family	
Porcher Taylor, Jr.	Olivia Theriot		Laverne Venable

ST. STEPHEN'S CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Jeanette Ransom

JoAnn Johnson

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS

Emmanuel, Chatham

St. John's, Chase City

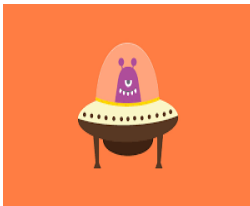


PARISH NOTES

FLOWERS: Offered to the Glory of God by Nancy Ross In

NEXT SUNDAY: Numbers 11:14, 16-17, 24-25a / Psalm 112:1-7 /
1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27-31a / Luke 10:1, 17-20

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**The Alien Episcopalians** formation continues today at 11:30 am; this will be our final session on comparing different branches of Christianity.

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Our Interim Events continue next Sunday at 11:30 am; the topic will be **Leadership**

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Diocese of Southern Virginia, Episcopal Church Women General Fall Meeting will be conducted via Zoom on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcuurqTsjG9Gfi0QG-j9X2JoqEpsJNeal>

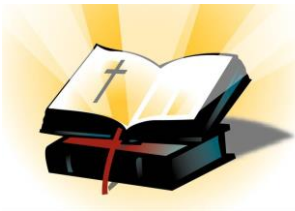
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Support the virtual Walk Against Hunger this year by:

- \*Walking at your own pace, on your own schedule
- \*Walking in your neighborhood

\* Encouraging others to Get Active and Support the Walk!  
To register, donate or for additional information contact the  
Hope Center at 804-722-0321 or dcuhopecenter.org



Noonday Prayers every Wednesday from noon to 12:30 on Zoom.

We follow the *Book of Common Prayer* pp 103 - 107, with the addition of the Psalms and Gospel for that day from the Daily Office Lectionary, *Book of Common Prayer* pp 935 - 1001, and a short meditation.

The daily readings can be accessed any time at [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily\\_readings\\_anytime.php](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/daily_readings_anytime.php)

The Zoom link for this service is sent out every week along with the Sunday service Zoom link.



Access FAITH @ HOME for this week for all ages: [https://www.dofaithathome.org/blog/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-week-of-october-10-2021/?mc\\_cid=f045e65855&mc\\_eid=5376a05154](https://www.dofaithathome.org/blog/twentieth-sunday-after-pentecost-week-of-october-10-2021/?mc_cid=f045e65855&mc_eid=5376a05154)

Or sign up here to receive the email directly every week: <https://www.dofaithathome.org/>

## Notes

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