



# CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Easter Day

April 1, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we especially cherish. We are glad you are here.

## Prelude

*Southwind*

Irish melody, arr. Blake

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

## Opening

"The Easter Challenge"

Joyce Rupp

Every year it happens:

earth shakes her sleepy head,

still a bit wintered and dull,

and feels new life stirring.

Every year cocoons give up their treasures,

fresh shoots push through brown leaves,

seemingly dead branches shine with green,

and singing birds find their way home.

Every year we hear the stories:

empty tomb, surprised grievers,

runners with news and revelation,

unexpected encounters,

conversations on the road,

tales of nets filling with fish,

and breakfast on a seashore.

And every year

the dull and dead in us

meets our Easter challenge:

to be open to the unexpected,

to believe beyond our security,

to welcome God in every form,

and trust in our own greening.

## Hymn 207

Jesus Christ is risen today

*Sung by all.*

*Easter Hymn*

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our - tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## A Prayer for the Evening

For the quietness that surrounds us  
and your promise of peace deep within us,  
for the stillness of sleep for our bodies  
and the hope of healing for our souls,  
thanks be to you, O God. **Amen.**

### The Reading Mark 16:1-8

*Please sit.*

**Reader** A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

### Reflection Allison Seay

*Two minutes of silence follow.*

### Music for Meditation *The Field*

Amy and Cory Blake

### Prayers for Ourselves and Others

*Please stand.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray for the church and the world.

*Please remain standing. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

**Leader** In the work we do this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ teach us.**

**Leader** In the challenges we face this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ guide us.**

**Leader** Through the people we meet this day,

**People** **May the risen Christ renew us.**

**Leader** As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,

**People** **May the Spirit of the risen Christ strengthen us.**

**Leader** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

**People** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

**Leader** We remember all who have died, [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

*During the silence, members of the congregation may pray for others.*

**Leader** Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People** **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

**Leader** Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

**Celebrant** Grant us, O God, so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection. **Amen.**

### Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

*During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time thereafter, you are welcome to proceed to any of the stations of votive candles to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer.*

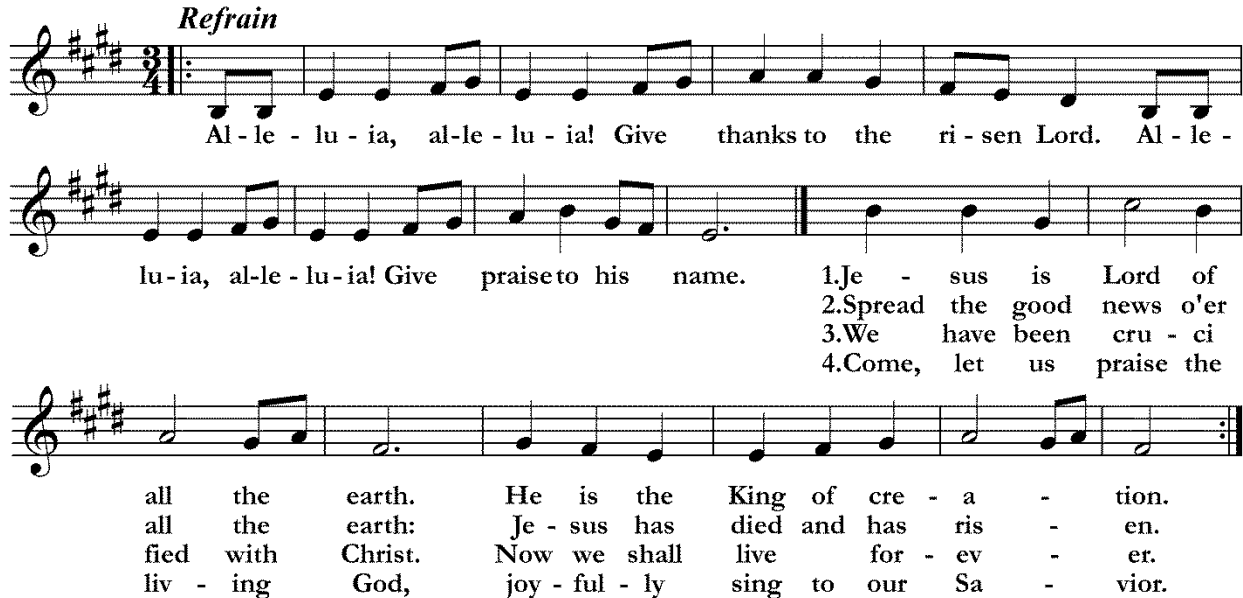
## Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia!

Sung by all, standing.

Alleluia No.1

**Refrain**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ri - sen Lord. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

1. Je - sus is Lord of  
2. Spread the good news o'er  
3. We have been cru - ci  
4. Come, let us praise the

all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
all the earth: Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
fied with Christ. Now we shall live for - ev - er.  
liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

**The Grace** Now my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable; with these let us fill our hearts, and the God of heaven will be with us. **Amen.**

**The Peace** Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

*Alms basins are not passed through the congregation at this service.*

*For your offerings, alms basins are located at each entrance to the church.*

**At the Offertory** *Bread of the World*

Ana Hernández

## Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand.

Canon G

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant** O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

## Sanctus

Jacques Berthier

*The refrain will be repeated as the cantor sings the verses.*



**Celebrant** We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness.

Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

**All** **“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

**Celebrant** So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

**All** **“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”**

**Celebrant** So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant** Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all.

Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**Celebrant** As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**All** Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins

as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

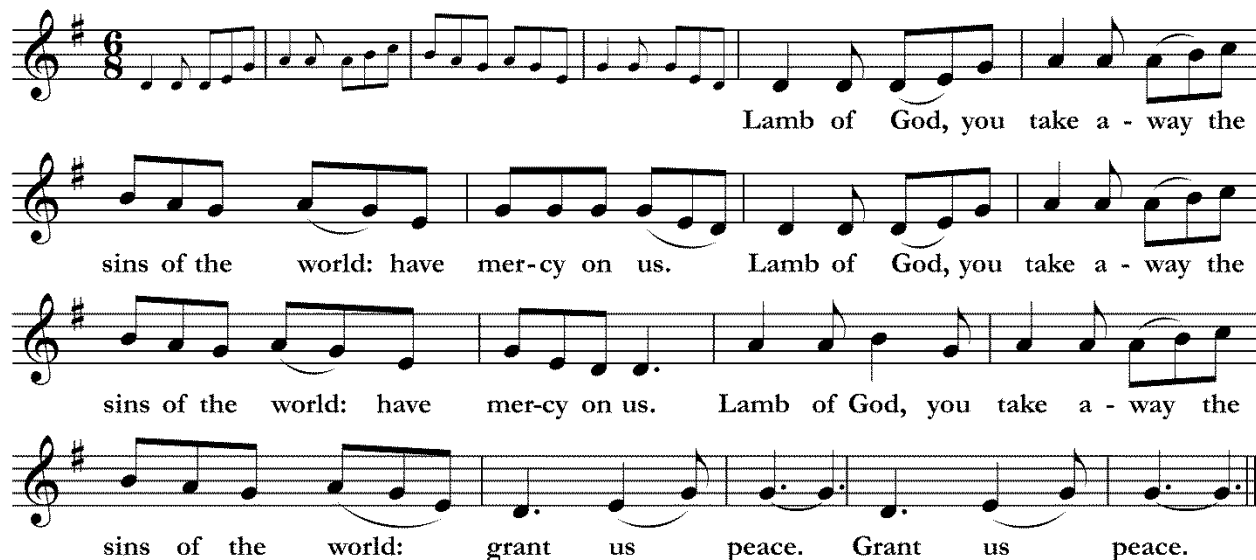
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

*Blarney Pilgrim, arr. Larkin Bryant*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace. Grant us peace.

**Celebrant** This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### At the Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. You may be seated until you come forward to receive. When you receive the consecrated bread, you consume it and then move to one of the cups of consecrated wine. The first cup you come to is for drinking, and the second and smaller cup next to it is only for those who choose to "intinct" or touch the tip of their bread to the wine. You may also choose to receive Communion in only one kind. Either the bread or the wine alone is a full Communion. We offer gluten-free wafers. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.*

### Music during Communion

*Island Lake  
How Beautiful  
Care selve*

*Lunasa  
John Carter  
G. F. Handel*

### After Communion

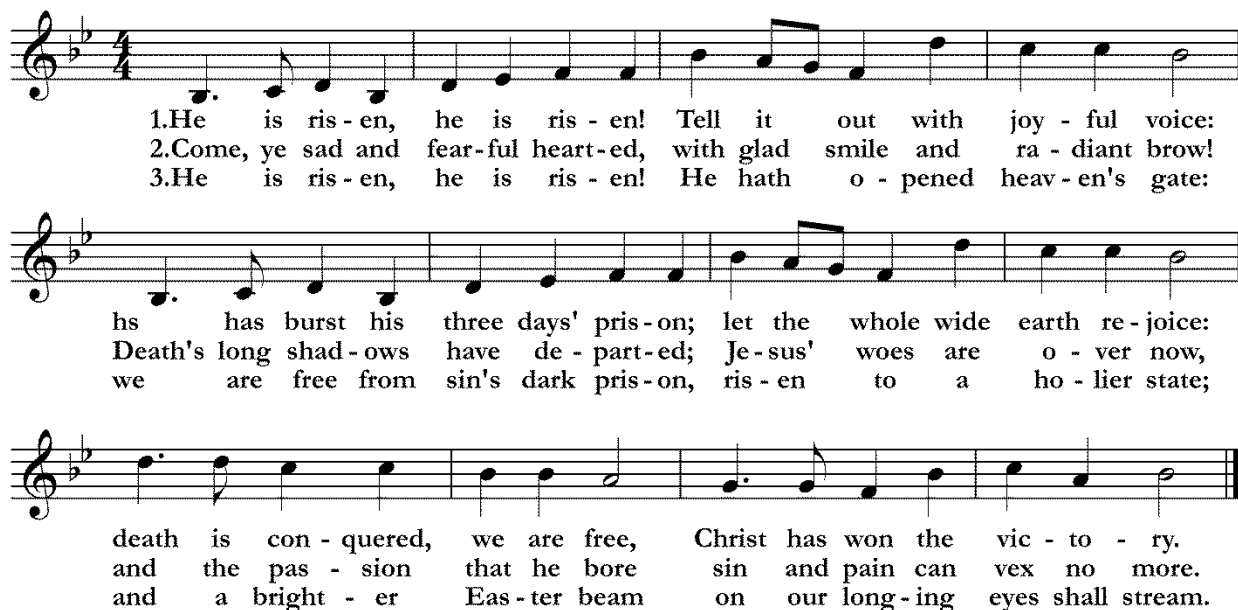
*Please stand or kneel.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God,  
Comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope.  
Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Blessing

**Celebrant** Let us take care as we move through God's creation, for it does not belong to us.  
And may we be gentle with ourselves and with one another, for we are all the dwelling place of the most High. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1.He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:  
 2.Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!  
 3.He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened heav - en's gate:

hs has burst his three days' pris-on; let the whole wide earth re - joice:  
 Death's long shad - ows have de - part-ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,  
 we are free from sin's dark pris-on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;

death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 and the pas - sion that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.  
 and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

**The Dismissal**

**Deacon** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**All** Thanks be to God.

*Please sit for the Music for Meditation.*

**Music for Meditation** *In Christ There is No East or West*

spiritual

**Postlude** *Always by Your Side*

Ralph Towner

*Please feel free to depart in silence during the Postlude, as you wish. Please come back often.*

**Following the Service**

*Please join us for supper and fellowship following this service. We welcome donations to cover the expense of supper. Contribute as you are able. If you would like to know more about this church and how you might plug in, we would love to tell you. We're glad you're here.*

**Participants**

**Celebrant:** Penny A. Nash; **Deacon and Reflector:** Allison Seay; **Subdeacon:** Sam Davis; **Reader:** Guy Frank; **Intercessor:** Skip Bottom; **Chalicers:** Susan Bell, Doug Blue, Alice Meadows, Molly Moncure, Jan Price, Susan Wilkes; **Musicians:** Abby Outlaw, *cantor*, Amy Thompson Blake, flute; Cory Blake, *guitar*, Michael Simpson, *piano*; **Setup/Greeter Team:** Kate Roy Christian, Doug Harbert,, Joan Putney, Rogers Toms.

## The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Jennifer Andrews and family, Jackie Atiyeh, Robert Baker, Ann Barlow, Michelle Barté; Lisa, Joel, Zachary and Hannah Bevis; Ellen Birch, Al Blanco, Doug Blue, Susan L. Booker, Liz Brengel, Joe Broadhurst, Pat Brown, Rod Brown, Suzanne Brown, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Kay Clary, Grace Coleman, Berkeley Cone, Barbara Cook, *Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke*, Marty Craddock, Anne Brown Davis, Gordon Davis, Henry de Formigny, Laura Chase and Adrien de Formigny, Alex Del Bueno, Kathy Deloyht, Leslie Douthat, Stephen Drake, Annie Gaines, Clyde Goode, Crystal Goodwin, Meredith Green, Larry Griffith, the Haas family, Mary Hastings, Micki Henderson, Reed Henderson, Lolly Hetherington, Carol and Denny Holland, Louis Hopkins, Denny Hutchison, Laura and Mark Jarrett, *Ola Jones*, Bryan Kessler, Donna Kessler, Lynn and Dan Kraftson, Carroll Laird, Howard H. Lamar, Jr., Caleb Lambert, Lucia Lloyd, Eleanor Lynch, Sara Mackey, Joan Massey, L. Newby Mauck, Janine McDonough, William Michaux, John Moses, H.J. Newcomb, Kate Keith Pearsall, Rob Pearsall, Al Pierce, Wilde Poole and family, Patsy Porter and family, Andrew Radford, Pamela Reid, Elsie Richards, Betty Ring, Janet Ritchie, Lily Robertson, Anne Rose, Caroline Rose, Adair Sigmon Ross, Barbara Sandler, Frances Scales, Tommy Scales, Heather Schroeder, Suzy Schumacher, T. Logan Scott, Usha Rani Shrivastava, Mary Frances Siersema, John Slocum, Mary Slocum, Brad Smith, Diane Murdock Smith, Jonathan Smith, Ellie Spitzer, J.E.B. Stuart IV, Linda Tinney, Jeanie Verther, Peter Von Szilassy, Samuel Oscar Wade, Rick Wheeler, William Wilson, Pete and Debbie Wimberly, Aimee Yowell, Alex, Alice, Charles, Levi, Kenny, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially David and Kara Addison, Jeb and Ibbie Britton, Brian and Beth Brubaker, Jack and Melissa Burke, Emmett and Ann Carlson, Andrew and Meghan Lawrence, Ed and Ruthie Ould, Jamie and Marty Ritter. **For all the blessings of this life**, especially for the birth of *Cora Michelle Foege to Amanda and Adam Foege*. **For those who have died**, especially *Charles Southall Jones*. **For our mission partners** in Azua, Padre Manuel Estevez and the congregations of Reconciliación and San Jorge. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For peace and reconciliation** in Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** GySgt Nicholas Green, LCpl Henry M. Matthews III, PVT Zane Patrick, and 1ST LT Russell Timmons.

*Names in italics were added to the prayer list this week.*

*In order to keep our prayer list current and to facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print the names on the prayer list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the prayer list for more (or less) than three months, please call the office or email Steve McGehee at [smgehee@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:smgehee@ststephensRVA.org).*

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## The Ministry of Healing Prayer at St. Stephen's

Jesus was known for many things in the first century. He was considered a social prophet and a rabbi. He was known as a teacher of wisdom and the leader of a new movement. And he was known far and wide as a healer. As one New Testament scholar has pointed out, "More healing stories are told about Jesus than about any other figure in the Jewish tradition." (Borg, *The Heart of Christianity*) Jesus also sent his disciples out to heal others, and he promised that they would do greater things than he had done. The ministry of healing prayer has been a part of the Christian experience from the very beginning.

As a part of our Sunday evening service, we offer the ministry of healing prayer for any who desire it. Healing prayer ministers are available during the administration of Holy Communion. If you would like to receive healing prayer and the laying on of hands, either for yourself or for someone you love, we invite you to do so after you have received Communion. If the healing prayer ministers are praying for someone already, we invite you to take a seat in a chair nearby, and present yourself to the healing prayer minister when there is a space available.

It is often helpful if you tell the healing prayer minister your name and the concern for which you are asking prayer. If you prefer not to do this, that is fine—everyone's situation is different. Although there is usually a brief spoken prayer at the beginning and at the end, the healing prayer minister will lay hands on you and join with you in silently opening ourselves and presenting the concern to God. This is not a ministry of magical incantations. Instead, this healing prayer ministry is simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to the healing love of God. Although God is always with every one of us, there are times in all of our lives when we need help in becoming more fully present to God. Much as a group of friends once brought a paralytic to Jesus so that Jesus might heal him, so we sometimes benefit from the loving care of others who bring us more fully into the presence of God.

On some evenings, there might be people waiting for healing prayer when we reach the conclusion of the service. When it is time for all to say the prayer after Communion, we'll pause in our prayers for healing. When the service continues, we will continue to offer the ministry of healing prayer, so please exit quietly.

Whether or not you choose to present yourself for healing prayer on any given night, we always welcome your personal prayers, that our Sunday evening gatherings may be filled with compassion, and that everyone who worships here may know the healing love of God in their lives.