



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 20, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. To prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, please observe silence upon entering and exiting. We know that many who attend this service come from other faith traditions, or none at all; it is our honor to welcome you. This is a community we cherish and we are very glad you are here.

Prelude

O Waly Waly

arr. Daniel Burton

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening

Sometimes, I Am Startled Out of Myself

Barbara Crooker

like this morning, when the wild geese came squawking,
flapping their rusty hinges, and something about their trek
across the sky made me think about my life, the places
of brokenness, the places of sorrow, the places where grief
has strung me out to dry. And then the geese come calling,
the leader falling back when tired, another taking her place.
Hope is borne on wings. Look at the trees. They turn to gold
for a brief while, then lose it all each November.
Through the cold months, they stand, take the worst
weather has to offer. And still, they put out shy green leaves
come April, come May. The geese glide over the cornfields,
land on the pond with it sedges and reeds.
You do not have to be wise. Even a goose knows how to find
shelter, where the corn still lies in the stubble and dried stalks.
All we do is pass through here, the best way we can.
They stitch up the sky, and it is whole again.

Silence is kept.

Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to hear thee;
2. All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed,
3. Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing.



Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
till thy Spi - rit breaks our night with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed;
O - pen thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing.



By your teach - ings true and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
thou a - lone to God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Hear the cry thy church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

A Prayer for the Evening

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us
Each day and night, each sea and land
Each weather fair, each calm, each wild
Thanks be to you, O God. **Amen.**

The Reading Mark 4:35-41 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Jennifer Matthews

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Shenandoah*

arr. Kim Robertson

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us keep silence before God, and through our minds and imaginations offer prayers which words might not contain. Let us pray.

Silence

Leader There is a time for every purpose under heaven.

Silence

Leader A time for gratitude...

Silence

Leader A time for what we have to lay down...

Silence

Leader A time for what we have to pick up...

Silence

Leader A time for confronting what we are avoiding...

Silence

Leader A time for recognizing what we hope for...

Silence

Celebrant In our time and in your time, God fulfill our prayers and let your kingdom come. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

During the music that follows, and any time thereafter, you may proceed to any station of votives and light a candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Music for Meditation *Siciliana*
Salley Gardens

Georg Philip Telemann
arr. Doreen Smith

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness
 2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure
 of the sea; there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than
 up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
 lib - er - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
 judg - ment giv'n. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
 ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his
 good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 shed; there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 word; and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Grace

from Matthew 6:25-33

Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air and consider the lilies of the field, how God cares for them. How much more will God care for you? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **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.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

The Holy Communion

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

At the Offertory *The Water of Tyne*

arr. Paul Ayres

Eucharistic Prayer *Please stand.*

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 It is right to thank you and praise you giver of life, beloved of the poor and forgotten. We praise you for the prophets who in spite of persecution spoke your challenging word. We praise you that in Christ you chose to be born in a stable and revealed to poor shepherds. We praise you for Mary,

first witness of the resurrection; and for all the women and men who have been trusted and empowered by you. With all the unremembered, outcast, with the poor and needy, with the trusting and hopeful in all the ages we praise you singing:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

William Trafka

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of peasant parents, friend of lepers and tax collectors, who chose a life given up for others. On the night before he died he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying:

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

Celebrant After supper he took a cup of wine, blessed it and gave it to them saying:

All “This is my life-blood poured out for you. Do this to remember me.”

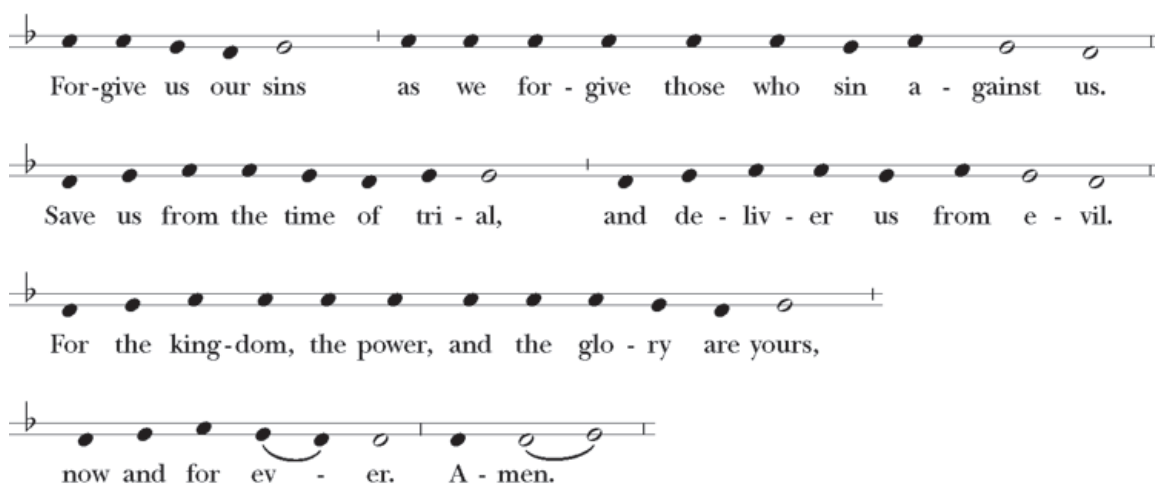
Celebrant Therefore according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection. We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant Come now Holy Spirit of God. Come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in sharing this feast we may become the body of Christ. Break down walls of selfishness and fear and bring us all to the new age in which none go hungry and all are fed. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Celebrant and People
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.



The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God

Trafka

Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem-er of the world, *All:* do-na no - bis

pa - cem, do-na no-bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

The Invitation

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 Communion at the chancel steps When given the consecrated bread, please return to your seat before removing your mask to consume it. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

Music for Communion

Simple Gifts
The Road Home
Wondrous Love
Remembering the Light

arr. Wilbur Held
 Stephen Paulus
 arr. John Purifoy
 Kevin Kern

After Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing *Paraphrase of Etienne DeGrellet*

Celebrant We know we shall pass this way but once. If there is any kindness we can show, or any good thing we can do, let us do it now. Let us not defer it or neglect it, for we shall not pass this way again. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn The day thou gavest *St. Clement*

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness
2. We thank thee that thy Church, un-sleep-ing while earth rolls
3. As o'er each con-ti-nent and is-land the dawn leads
4. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev-er, like earth's proud
falls at thy be-hest; to thee our morn-ing hymns as-
on-ward in-to light, through all the world her watch is
on an-oth-er day, the voice of prayer is nev-er
em-pires, pass a-way; thy king-dom stands and grows for
cend-ed, thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.
keep-ing and rests not now by day or night.
si-lent, nor dies the strain of praise a-way.
ev-er, till all thy crea-tures own thy sway.

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.

People Thanks be to God.

Please sit for the Music for Meditation.

Music for Meditation *May the Long Time Sun*

Snatam Kaur

Postlude *Air*

Thomas Arne

Please feel free to depart in silence during the Postlude, as you wish.



Receiving Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We continue to administer Communion in one kind, the bread. When you come forward to receive, please keep your mask on and wait to consume the bread once you have returned to your seat in the pew. Thank you.

Participants

Celebrant: John Jenkins

Deacon: Allison Seay

Reflector: Jennifer Matthews

Lay Reader and Intercessor: Randy Ashcraft

Musicians: Abby Outlaw, *cantor*; Christine Ertell, *flute*; Brent te Velde, *piano*

Setup Team: Marty McIntosh, Darla Perry, Joan Putney

Greeters: Dave Davis, Iffet Davis, Chris Layne, Pam Lynch, Elizabeth Spell

The Parish Prayer List

Chris Abbot, Burns Ackerly, William Angus, Sr., Lucja Aniol, Anne Arrington, Beth Avery, Robert Baker, Jennifer Ryan Ball, Lash Barksdale, Sandra Barnthouse, Mary Holly Bigelow, Randy Berrios, Lewis Best, Ellen Blackburn, Liz Brengel, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Andrew Bryant, Nancy Burns, Bill Bynum, Percy Cochran, Stephanie and Ron Coleman and family, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Nancy Davis, Virginia Davis, Hoyt Ellis, Silas Generelly, George Ginn, Judy Halsey, Rodger Hardy, Pat Harp, Emily Hart, Pat Hartsock, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Carol Cooke Holland, Virginia Hopper, Mary Hunter and Chuck Townsend, Ann O. Jones, Donna Kessler, Gail Kirby, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Judy Knauf, Caleb Lambert, Ashley McFadden, Susan Minyard, Anne Natoli, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Lea O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Gail Mayo Paredes, Kenneth Parsons, Chrissie Payne, Brooke Pettitt, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Rosalia Ross, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, T. Logan Scott, Mary Frances Siersema, Josh Spain, Reilly Starr, Graden Stewart, William Stewart, Lucy Stockdell, Arnold Strulson, Mary Taylor Walsh and Samuel Taylor Sosnowski, LaSheka Thomas, Carol Todd, Mark Trawizki, Durwood Usry, Peter Von Szilassy, Donny White, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Alex, Anthony and family, Christen, Colin and Allison, Dan, John, Martin, Paul, Stephen, Taylor, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Tylar and Adam Hoying, Paul Willson and Maggie Hunter, Jeff and Kate Willson Donowitz, Allison Seay and Joshua Epley, Jenny and Lee Speight, Daniel and Jessica Mullery, and Brent and Jenny te Velde. **For all the blessings of this life**, including the baptism of *John Blackwell Mejia*. **For those who have died**, including *Reno S. Harp III*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Church of North India (United)*. **For the women, men, and staff of the City Jail. For racial reconciliation and healing. For ReWork Richmond. For peace and reconciliation** in Iraq, Israel/Palestine, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Captain David G. Shuford, Jr., USMC, and MASN Ian M. Witschey.

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

In order to keep our prayer list current and facilitate the intentionality and mindfulness with which we pray, we print names on the list for three months or less. If you would like for someone to remain on the list for more (or less) time, please call the office or email the Rev. Cate Anthony at canthony@ststephensrva.org.

Prayers and blessings adapted from the following sources: The Northumbria Community, *Celtic Daily Prayer: Prayers and Readings from the Northumbria Community*, Harper Collins, 2002; *Intercessions for the Christian People*, The Liturgical Press, ©1990; A New Zealand Prayer Book, Harper Collins, 1997; Philip Newell, *Celtic Benediction: Morning and Night Prayer*, William B. Eardmans Publishing Company, 2000; Iona Community, *Iona Community Worship Book*. Glasgow: Wild Goose, 1991; Wild Goose Worship Group, *A Wee Worship Book*, Glasgow: Wild Goose, 1999. The Rite Stuff, ©1998, by Church Publishing Incorporated, all rights reserved, used by

Announcements

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The return of the Sunday Community Supper and Compline

SUNDAY, JULY 4

On the first Sunday in July, two offerings—both of which have been sorely missed—will return. Immediately after the conclusion of the Celtic service, the **Sunday Community Supper** will be held on the lawn outside the church (weather permitting). This donation-based supper is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet people you may not already know. All are welcome, regardless of whether you are a member of St. Stephen's, or whether you've attended the Celtic service.

We are seeking volunteers to help prepare suppers. You do not need to commit to every week! Perhaps you and your family, or your Emmaus group, or a group of friends would like to volunteer. You may also volunteer individually. Please contact Stan Barnett, sbarnett@ststephensRVA.org to learn more or offer help.

Also on July 4, we will resume the **8 p.m. Compline service**. This half-hour service takes place in the church, lit entirely by candles. "Sanctuary," our mixed a cappella choir, sings the entire service. You simply sit in a pew and to listen and pray silently. It is an exquisite, serene service that we have missed.

In-person Morning Prayer is back

WEEKDAYS AT 8:10 A.M.

After more than a year's absence, in-person weekday Morning Prayer has resumed! Once again you may join the officiant for this brief service in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. It begins at 8:10 a.m. and lasts about 30 minutes. As with all our indoor services at this time, mask-wearing is required for now.

The livestream of Morning Prayer continues, so if you are not able to attend in person, we hope you'll still tune in at ststephensRVA.org/livestream.

Do you have a nametag?

Now that we're back at church in person, remembering the names of people we haven't seen in many months, not to mention knowing the names of people, including clergy, who are new to the parish, is especially challenging. Nametags are more helpful than ever. If you do not have a nametag, you may request one at the table near the entrance to the parish house, or call the parish office. You may also use a sticky-back nametag, available on all the Welcome Tables in the parish house, while you wait for your new nametag (or if you just left yours at home!).

Contemplative Chapel open to all

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 P.M.

The Rev. John Jenkins offers a weekly online session of *lectio divina* ("holy reading"), and centering prayer. Using a short passage of Scripture, participants are guided through a meditative engagement with the passage, followed by a time of centering prayer. You do not have to have any experience with these ancient practices to join; more at ststephensRVA.org/contemplativechapel.

Visit our farmers market

SATURDAYS | 8 A.M.-NOON

Our farmers market continues outdoors on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, with fresh, local produce, prepared foods, plants, cut flowers, and arts and crafts. To see who will be here each Saturday, visit ststephensRVA.org/vendors.

Enjoy the café outdoors and curbside

Visit our café for made-to-order smoothies and espresso drinks, freshly brewed coffee and tea, breakfast and lunch, and snacks. Our menu is available at cafeatststephens.org. The café's summer hours have begun, which means it will open at 7 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. Saturday hours remain 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and the café is **now open Sunday mornings**, 8:30 a.m.-noon.

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