



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ September 19, 2021 at 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 *My shepherd will supply my need*

arr. Emily Maxson Porter

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening "Undivided Life"

Thomas R. Kelly

Meister Eckhart wrote, "As thou art in church or cell, that same frame of mind carry out into the world, into its turmoil and its fitfulness." Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself. Yielding to these persuasions, gladly committing ourselves in body and soul, utterly and completely, to the Light Within, is the beginning of true life. It is a dynamic center, a creative Life that presses to birth within us. It is a Light Within which illumines the face of God and casts new shadows and new glories upon the face of men. It is a seed stirring to life if we do not choke it. It is the Shekinah of the soul, the Presence in the midst. Here is the Slumbering Christ, stirring to be awakened, to become the soul we clothe in earthly form and action. And He is within us all.

Silence is kept.

Hymn You satisfy the hungry heart

Finest Wheat

Refrain (sung by all)



Verses (1, 2, 3 sung by cantor; verse 4 sung by all)



A Prayer for the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

The Reading Mark 9:30-37 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Pat Wingo

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Cockles and mussels*

arr. Mark Blatchly

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Deacon Let us pray for the church and the world.

In the silence between each petition, the people may offer prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us first of all pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

Leader Let us pray for the concerns of our community, our families and friends, and all who have requested our prayers.

Leader Let us pray for the Christian Church and for all people of faith.

Leader Let us pray for our nation and for leaders around the world.

Leader Let us pray for those who have died and for all who grieve.

Leader Finally, let us give thanks for all that is lovely, true, and gracious in our world and in our lives.

Leader May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and make us instruments of Christ to share the peace that the world cannot give. **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 *Wondrous Love*
Inis Oirr

arr. Charles Callahan

arr. Kathryn Cater and Sandy Norman



1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And

won - drous love is this, O my soul? What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great "I Am," while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing. While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on. And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace May 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 each entrance to the church.

At the Offertory *La fille aux cheveux de Lin*

Claude Debussy

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 our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are

known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing “Glory” and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Jacques Berthier



Celebrant We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit’s love and a woman’s body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth’s darkest places. We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

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

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

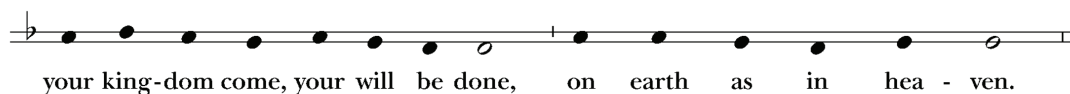
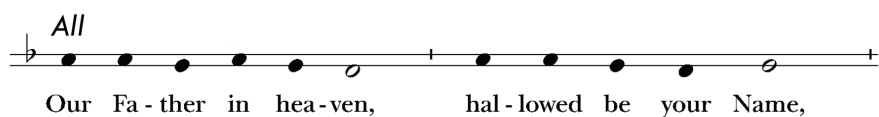
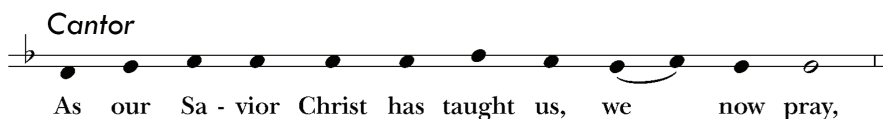
All “This is my life-blood given for you.
Do this to remember me.”

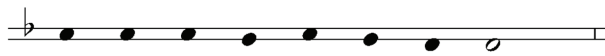
Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

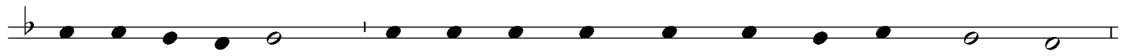
Celebrant O God who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these material things of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world.
We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever. AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

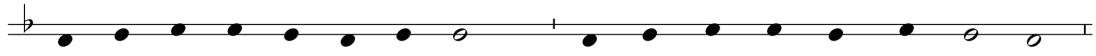




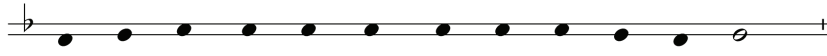
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



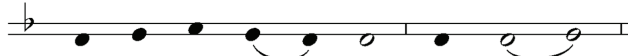
For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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.

Dona nobis pacem

Jacques Berthier

This refrain is repeated as the cantor sings the verses.



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 the bread at the chancel steps. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

Music for Communion

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff

Hotel

Francis Poulenc

Gymnopedie

Erik Satie

Kimiko

Philip Aaberg

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 Peace before us

Martin's Song



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be hind us, peace
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ



un-der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace o-ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
un-der our feet. Love with - in us, love o-ver us, let all a - round us be love.
un-der our feet. Light with - in us, light o-ver us, let all a - round us be light.
un-der our feet. Christ with - in us, Christ o-ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

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 Adagio

Georg Philip Telemann

Postlude *How Beautiful*

John Carter

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



Participants

Celebrant: John Jenkins; **Deacon and Reflector:** Pat Wingo; **Lay Reader and Intercessor:** David Alltop; **Musicians:** Matt Hassmer, *cantor*; David Garcia, *oboe*; Greg Vick, *piano*; **Setup Team:** Joan Putney, Elizabeth Spell, JoAnn Pulliam, Margaret Bell Herrin; **Candle Tenders:** Henry Burke, Darla Perry, David Weimer

Following the Service

Please join us for the Sunday Community Supper after the service. This meal is lovingly prepared for any and all who come, using locally-sourced ingredients, many from our farmers market, natural and organic whenever possible. We consider this supper an extension of God's generous provision for all at the altar in Holy Communion. Please come—your presence is the most important thing—and contribute only as you are able, if at all; like all our ministries at St. Stephen's, the Community Supper is sustained by donations from those able to give.

If you would like to know more about this church and how you might become more involved, we would love to tell you. We're glad you're here and hope you will come back often.

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Lucja Aniol, Anne Arrington, Brick and Tim Atkinson, Robert Baker, Jennifer Ryan Ball, Lash Barksdale, Caroline Brandt, Sandra Barnthouse, Paul Brown, Randy Berrios, Lewis Best, Liz Brengel, Cook and Joe Brogan, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Andrew Bryant, Nancy Burns, Bill Bynum, Percy Cochran, Stephanie and Ron Coleman and family, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Bob Dakin, *Mimi Daniel*, Nancy Davis, Virginia Davis, Hoyt Ellis, Joe Enders III, Vicky Generelly, George Ginn, Judy Halsey, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Emily Hart, Pat Hartsock, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Judy and Bobby Jackson, Janice Johnson, Ann O. Jones, Amy Youngblood Karnolt, Gouthum Karadi, Donna Kessler, Moonbo Kim, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Margee Krebs, Caleb Lambert, Pauline Lawhorne, Helen Lewis, *Michael McCabe*, Susan Minyard, Mandy Murphy, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Lea O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Gail Mayo Paredes, Ruth Partlow, Chrissie Payne, Brooke Pettitt, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, *Walter Quinn*, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Rosalia Ross, *David Sarrett*, James Saunders, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, *Jane Sewell*, Claire Shaffner, T. Logan Scott, Mary Frances Siersema, Jimmy Smith, Mike, Linda, and Jessica Soukup, Josh Spain, *Mary Stagg*, Reilly Starr, Graden Stewart, William Stewart, Lucy Stockdell, Arnold Strulson, Mary Taylor Walsh and Samuel Taylor Sosnowski, LaSheka Thomas, Carol Todd, Mark Trawizki, Grant von Demark, Peter Von Szilassy, Linda Walter, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Alex, Anthony and family, Christen, Colin and Allison, Dan, Khadijah, John, Martin, Paul, Stephen, Taylor, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Brent and Jenny te Velde, Stephie and Jimmy Meadows, and *Maddie and Matt Clites*. **For all the blessings of this life**, including *the marriage of Madeline Corderre Schuster and Thomas Ward Wood, Jr.* **For those who have died. For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray *for the Church of the Province of Uganda*. **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:** Major Scott Bartholomew, Lt. Col. Matthew Bryce Dibble, Senior Airman Cooper Murphy, 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.

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