



# CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 27, 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 *Claire de lune*

Gabriel Fauré

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

Opening *What if you slept*

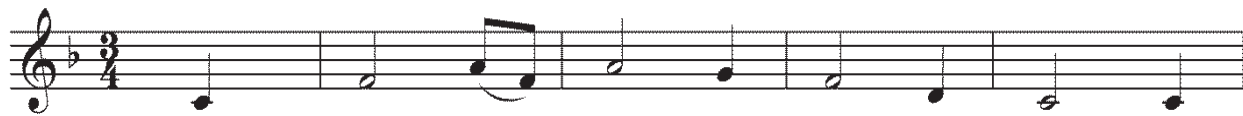
Samuel Taylor Coleridge

What if you slept  
And what if  
In your sleep  
You dreamed  
And what if  
In your dream  
You went to heaven  
And there plucked a strange and beautiful flower  
And what if  
When you awoke  
You had that flower in your hand  
Ah, what then?

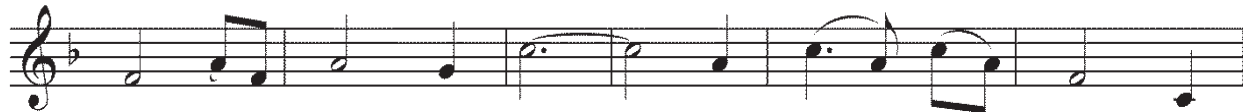
*Silence is kept.*

Hymn *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound*

*New Britain*



1. A - - - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound that  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## 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 5:21-43 *Please sit.*

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

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** Sara Mackey

*Two minutes of silence follow.*

**Music for Meditation** *Largo*

*Antonin Dvorak*

**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.

**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 *Willaford*  
*Largo*

arr. Sunita Staneslow  
Antonio Vivaldi

Hymn Will you let me be your servant?

*Servant Song*



1. Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; fel - low trav - 'lers  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such  
6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road. We are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to - geth - er  
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - - - vant, too.  
walk the mile and share the load.  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
till we've seen this jour - - - ney through.  
of Christ's love and ag - - - o - - ny.  
let you be my ser - - - vant, too.

**The Grace**

*Luke 6:35-38a*

Love your enemies, and do good, expecting nothing in return. Be merciful, just as God is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **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 each entrance to the church.*

At the Offertory *Evening Hymn*

Henry Purcell

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* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of abundant life. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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* To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

*All* “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant* As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

*All* “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

*Celebrant* Now gathered at your table and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and make us the Body of Christ given for the world

you have made. In the fullness of time bring us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*  
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.*

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

**Music for Communion**      *Ständchen*      Franz Schubert  
   *The Skye Boat Song*      arr. Skaila Kanga  
   *There in God's garden*      arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
   *Lullaby*      George Winston

**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

**Celebrant** May joy and nothing less find you on the way.  
May you be blessed and a blessing.  
And may light guide you, and countless others, all the way home.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

**Hymn**      Go, my children, with my blessing      *Ar hyd y nos*



1."Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2."Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
3."I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Grow in love, and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be Cre - a - tor, Sa - vior, Com - fort - er, Sus - tain - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."



## 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** *Land of Rest*

arr. Michael Simpson

**Postlude** *Chanson d'amour*

Gabriel Fauré

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



## Participants

**Celebrant:** Cate Anthony; **Deacon:** Will Stanley; **Reflector:** Sara Mackey; **Lay Reader and Intercessor:** Mary Martin; **Musicians:** Stephanie Hill, *cantor*; Treesa Gold, *violin*; Greg Vick, *piano*; **Setup Team:** Scot Burns, JoAnn Pulliam, Synthia Waymack; **Greeters:** Al Albiston, Patty Atkins-Smith, Guy Frank, Laurie Rogers, Betty H. Williams

## 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, *Joe Broadhurst*, 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, *Champ Johnson*, 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, *Ruth Partlow*, Chrissie Payne, Brooke Pettitt, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Rosalia Ross, *John Schmidt*, 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 *Tucker Matthew Hedley* and the marriage of *Lorena Katherine Oliver and Aaron Hunter Olson*. **For those who have died**, including *Christopher Meade Rhoads, Sr.* **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Church of Pakistan (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.*

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 permission. All copyrighted music by permission, under OneLicense #A710911. Opening: "What if you slept" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Public domain.

# Announcements

*These announcements tell you about a small portion of all that St. Stephen's Church officers. Sign up to receive the eSpirit and other newsletters (all free, all open to everyone) at [ststephensRVA.org/email](mailto:ststephensRVA.org/email).*

## Sunday Community Supper and Compline return next Sunday!

Next Sunday, July 4, 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](mailto: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.

## Masks no longer mandated for those who are fully vaccinated

If you have been fully vaccinated, when you come to church next Sunday, you will not be required to wear a mask. While we certainly encourage those who wish to wear masks to continue to do so, it will no longer be a requirement except for those who have not been vaccinated. Public health data indicate that the number of new cases in Richmond has reached a low enough threshold, and the number of people in our community who have been fully vaccinated, that we are comfortable lifting this mandate. **If you have not been fully vaccinated, please do continue to wear a mask when you are indoors at St. Stephen's.** For more information, visit [ststephensRVA.org/latestnews](http://ststephensRVA.org/latestnews).

## 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](http://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](http://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**.

## Thank you for your pantry donations

Now that St. Stephen's pantry/grocery store has moved its operations back inside, shoppers are able to come into the building and enjoy the experience of choosing the groceries that they like, rather than being handed a pre-packed bag of food. Grocery store hours remain 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. Please continue to make donations of shelf-stable food (unopened) as well as apples and oranges for our fruit ministry. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Anna Jones in the parish office.

## 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 by signing up 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!).