

CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 11, 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 *The Water Is Wide*

trad. Scottish folk song

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening *Evening Prayers*

Marilyn Robertson

For the girl who stands alone by the swing.
For the boy inside the gates his father must open.

For the woman asleep in the next room.
The mother traveling to the deathbed of her son.

For the corridor that fills and empties,
The window that holds the long night.

For the steadfast candle in its plate of stones,
The moon and stars on their circular travels.

For the place we are going, unprepared.
For the meaning that lies in the waiting.

Silence is kept.

Hymn *How lovely is thy dwelling place*

Brother James' Air



1. How love - ly is thy dwell - ing place, O Lord of hosts, to me!
2. Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a nest;
3. They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with springs,
4. One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a - way;



My thirs - ty soul de - sires and longs with - in thy courts to be;
how hap - py they who dwell with thee and praise thee with - out rest,
and they shall climb from height to height till Zi - on's tem - ple rings
how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor from thy pre - cepts stray,



my ve - ry heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, to thee.
and hap - py they whose hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
with praise to thee, in glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
for thou shalt sure - ly bless all those who live the words they pray.

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 6:14-29 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Will Stanley

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *All the Pretty Little Horses*

African-American lullaby

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.*

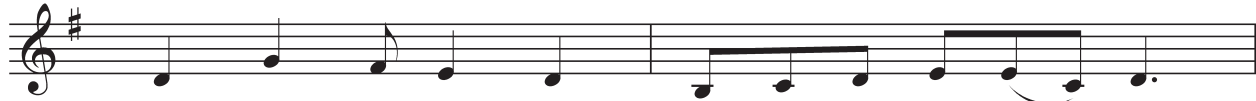
During the music that follows, and any time thereafter, you may proceed to any station of votives and light a candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Music for Meditation *Next Monday Morning*
Waltz of the Waves

trad. English folk song
Harvey Reid

Hymn Christ, mighty Savior

Innisfree Farm



1. Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting:
3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - er,
4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion:
5. Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil,



1. you make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light, and to the night give
2. mir - ror of day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3. joy - ful - ly sing - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4. that you may grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5. for ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness,



1. glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
2. choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3. join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.
4. rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5. wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for - ev - er.

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.

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 *Planxty Irwin*

Turlough O'Carolan

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.

Banks and Braes

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and God of might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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 Be known to us Gary James

This refrain will be sung by the cantor, then by all, and repeated after each verse.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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	<i>Innocence</i> <i>Bonnie At Morn</i> <i>Si Bheag Si Mohr</i> <i>The Twisting of the Hay Rope</i>	Robert Wadsworth trad. Northumbrian folk song Turlough O'Carolan arr. George Winston
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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 Henri Frederic Amiel*

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn *O Waly Waly*

1. Now let us from this ta - ble rise re - newed in
2. With minds a - lert, up - held by grace to spread the
3. Then grant us cour - age, lov - ing God, to choose a -

bod - y, mind, and soul; with Christ we die and live a -
word in speech and deed; we fol - low in the steps of
gain the pil - grim way, and help us to ac - cept with

gain, his self - less love has made us whole.
Christ, at one with all in hope and need.
joy the chal - lenge of to - mor - row's day.

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 *Ashokan Farewell*

Jay Ungar

Postlude *All in a Garden Green*

English country dance tune

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



Participants

Celebrant: Cate Anthony

Deacon: Claudia Merritt

Reflector: Will Stanley

Lay Reader and Intercessor: Sara Mackey

Musicians: Stephanie Hill, *cantor*; Robert Wadsworth, *hammered dulcimer*; Greg Vick, *piano*

Setup Team: Patricia Lewis, Marty McIntosh, Darla Perry, Alice Phillips

Greeters/Ushers: David Shuford, Elizabeth Spell, Amanda Ward, Quentin Ward

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, Hannah and Zachary Bevis, Liz Brengel, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Andrew Bryant, Nancy Burns, Bill Bynum, *Gary Cheeseman*, 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, Amy Youngblood Karnolt, Donna Kessler, Gail Kirby, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Judy Knauf, Caleb Lambert, Helen Lewis, 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, Jon Schmidt, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, *Claire Shaffner*, 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 Paul Willson and Maggie Hunter, Jeff and Kate Willson Donowitz, Allison Seay and Joshua Epley, Jenny and Lee Speight, and Brent and Jenny te Velde. **For all the blessings of this life**, including the birth of *Wyatt Hoying to Tylar and Adam Hoying*. **For those who have died**, including *Laura Spratley*, *Joe Broadhurst*, and *John White*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Episcopal Church in the Philippines*. **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:** 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.

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: "Evening Prayers" by Marilyn Robertson from *Small Birds Passin*, © 2020. Used with permission.

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).

Compline, Sunday supper have returned

SUNDAYS: 6:30 P.M. AND 8 P.M.

Two more Sunday offerings have returned! The Sunday Community Supper follows the Celtic service (at around 6:30 p.m.), and Compline begins in the church at 8 p.m. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare supper. Claire Hackley, a long-time employee of the Café @ St. Stephen's, will coordinate this effort. During the pandemic when May Fair House cook teams could not gather in the kitchen, Claire has been assisting Stan Barnett with cooking entrees and other dishes to keep the shop's freezer stocked, and she is excited about working on the Sunday Community Supper. Please contact Stan if you can help. You do not need to commit to volunteering every Sunday.

Sunday at St. Stephen's

8 A.M., 10 A.M., 5:30 P.M., 8 P.M.

In addition to indoor, in-person services on Sundays, we continue to livestream the 10 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist: Rite Two and the 5:30 p.m. Celtic service.

While we are not offering receptions at this time, there are two other options for "coffee hour" after the 10 a.m. service. One is to visit the café to get a complimentary cup of coffee or purchase an espresso drink or other beverage or snack. You can chat with others outdoors on the lawn or in the courtyard, or inside the café. The other is to join an online coffee hour at 1 p.m. You can even do both! The link to the online coffee hour is included in the eSpirit each Wednesday.

The café is open seven days a week!

WEEKDAYS, 7 A.M.-2 P.M.

SATURDAYS, 7:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

SUNDAYS, 8:30-NOON

Remember that on Sundays, the Café @ St. Stephen's is open from 8:30 a.m. until noon for beverages. On Sundays, drip coffee is "on the house," and you can purchase made-to-order espresso drinks and other beverages, along with grab-and-go snacks such as granola bars.

A full menu, featuring breakfast, lunch, snacks, and weekly specials is available on weekdays. On Saturdays the café offers breakfast biscuits, coffee and espresso beverages, and grab-and-go items.

We are now permitting customers indoors. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not have to wear a mask inside. If you are not vaccinated, please continue to wear a mask except while eating or drinking. Outdoor seating and to-go orders are still available.

An invitation to recent high school graduates and their families

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21 | 6 P.M.

Graduating from high school is a major milestone on the journey to adulthood, one that St. Stephen's Church wishes to mark and bless. Members of the high school class of 2021 are invited, along with their family and friends, to an evening event we are calling Sacred Pause.

We've sent an email and postcards to members of the Class of 2021 for whom we have contact information, but we know we may not have reached everyone. If you have a child, grandchild, godchild or friend who is a member of this class, please encourage them to visit our Web site to read more about Sacred Pause, ststephensRVA.org/sacredpause.

The deadline to sign up is this coming Friday, July 16.

Visit our farmers market

SATURDAYS | 8 A.M.-NOON

Our farmers market continues outdoors on Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon, rain or shine! Shop for fresh, local produce, prepared foods, plants, cut flowers, soaps and other bath and body products, and arts and crafts. We are into the "high season" for the market, with more and more seasonal produce choices every week..