



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 13, 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 *Arabesque*

Claude Debussy

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening *This Moment*

Eavan Boland

A neighbourhood.

At dusk.

Things are getting ready
to happen
out of sight.

Stars and moths.

And rinds slanting around fruit.

But not yet.

One tree is black.

One window is yellow as butter.

A woman leans down to catch a child
who has run into her arms
this moment.

Stars rise.

Moths flutter.

Apples sweeten in the dark.

Silence is kept.

Hymn *How deep the silence*

Crimond



1. How deep the si - lence of the soul that
2. What rich se - ren - i - ty is found, what
3. Such is your pres - ence in our lives: you



lives with - in your grace. How full the grat - i -
cour - age and re - lease, when wis - dom teach - es
touch with - out a trace, un - til we turn and



tude of heart in your a - bid - ing place.
us to seek the gen - tle path to peace.
find our - selves held fast in your em - brace.

A Prayer for the Evening

Holy God, in you there is no darkness; shed upon us through this night the light of your forgiveness, your healing and your peace, that when we wake from sleep we may know once more the brightness of your presence; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Reading Mark 4:26-34 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Margaret Mackinnon

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Air*

J.S. Bach

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Celebrant God has promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in faith; therefore, let us pray for the Church and the world.

In the silence following each petition the people may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader Lord of your people: strengthen and renew your Church in all the world, and build us up in faith and love.

Leader Lord of creation: look with favor on the world you have made, and guide the nations in the ways of justice and of peace.

Leader Lord of relationships: comfort and sustain the communities in which we live and work; help us to love our neighbors as ourselves; enable us to serve our families and friends, and to love one another as you love us.

Leader Lord of all healing: relieve and protect those who are suffering; be with those who have special concerns, and deliver all who know danger, violence, or suffering.

Leader Lord of peace: in your hands are the living and the dead. We pray for all who have died, [especially ____]

Celebrant Lord of eternity: bind us together by your Holy Spirit in communion with your saints, that we may entrust ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to you. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

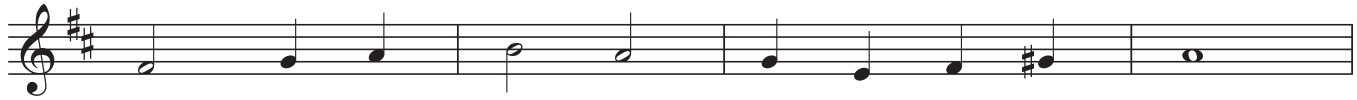
During the music that follows, and any time thereafter, you may proceed to any station of votives and light a candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Music for Meditation *Grave*
Fleurs

Archangelo Corelli
Francis Poulenc



1.A - bide with me, fast falls the ev - en - tide;
 2.I need thy pres - ence ev' - ry pass - ing hour;
 3.I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4.Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the temp - ter's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;



help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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 *Deep River*

arr. Colin Mawby

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.

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 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

Crimond
Berceuse
Will you come and follow me
The Twisting of the Hay Rope

arr. Deborah Govenor and Jessie Irvine
 Gabriel Fauré
 Charles Callahan
 arr. George Winston

After Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God,
we give you thanks
that in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood,
you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our true life.
Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one another,
to treat each other with reverence and humility,
and to become, more and more, the people we already are in you. 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 Look well within *Calm Seas*



1. Look well with - in, wake to your soul, touch the awe that
2. Guilt has no pow'r, shame can - not hide, all the beau - ty that
3. When you were formed by heav'n a - bove, you were formed in
4. Look well with - in, wake to your soul, touch the awe that



makes you whole. O - pen your eyes to re - a - lize the won - der of your soul.
lives in - side. O - pen your eyes to re - a - lize the won - der of your soul.
per - fect love. O - pen your eyes to re - a - lize the won - der of your soul.
makes you whole. O - pen your eyes to re - a - lize the won - der of your soul.

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 *Sweet Melody* Stanley Fletcher

Postlude *I want to walk as a child of the light* arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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



Receiving Communion

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

Participants

Celebrant: Cate Anthony

Deacon: Allison Seay

Reflector: Margaret Mackinnon

Lay Reader and Intercessor: David Alltop

Musicians: Matt Hassmer, *cantor*; Alyssa Evans, *violin*; Suzanne Riehl, *piano*

Setup Team: Allen Davis, Joan Putney, Rogers Toms

Greeters: Scott Finn, Guy Frank, Earl Roney, Patty Atkins-Smith

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 Barnhouse, 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 and Reno 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 baptisms of *Thompson Lamar Carpenter*, *Eliza Charlotte Young*, *Garnet Glinn Walek*, *Thomas O'Donnell Dove*, and *Clementine Flora Hughes*, and the marriage of *Elizabeth Grace Steitz and Stephen Hubert Sims, 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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*. **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 permission. All copyrighted music by permission, under OneLicense #A710911. Opening: "This Moment" by Eavan Boland from *In a Time of Violence*; W.W. Norton & Company Inc., 1994. 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).

Sunday Community Supper and Compline to return soon

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.

That same Sunday, we will also 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.

Volunteers will be needed to help prepare the meals; please contact Stan Barnett, sbarnett@ststephensRVA.org, to learn more or to offer help.

In-person Morning Prayer has resumed

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.

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.

Training for catechists offered

LEVEL I: JULY 26-30 | LEVEL II: AUGUST 2-6

St. Stephen's Church will host Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training this summer on campus. Tuition is waived for St. Stephen's parishioners but registration is required for all. For details about this Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of children or to learn more about the important work of a catechist (spiritual companion) please contact Allison Seay (aseay@ststephensRVA.org) or Betsy Tyson (btyson@ststephensRVA.org).