



# CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 6, 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 *Arran Boat Song*

arr. Kim Robertson

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

Opening *The Peace of Wild Things*

Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

*Silence is kept.*

Hymn *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

*The Call*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

## A Prayer for the Evening

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Reading** Mark 3:20-35 *Please sit.*

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

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** Claudia Merritt

*Two minutes of silence follow.*

**Music for Meditation** *All through the night*

arr. Daniel Burton

**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.*

Hymn I come with joy to meet my Lord

*Land of Rest*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll  
giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
go our dif - f'rent ways, and as his peo - ple  
to re - call his life laid down for me.  
ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.  
in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

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 each entrance to the church.*

At the Offertory *Brian Boru's March*

Irish traditional, transc. James Galway

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 - lored 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

*Andantino*  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Star of the County Down*  
*Lullaby*

Brian Crain  
 arr. Jennifer Grady  
 arr. Sunita Staneslow  
 George Winston



## Participants

**Celebrant:** Will Stanley

**Deacon and Reflector:** Claudia Merritt

**Lay Reader and Intercessor:** Tony Anthony

**Musicians:** Stephanie Hill, *cantor*; Susan DeJesus, *flute*; Brent te Velde, *piano*

**Setup Team:** Scot Burns, Lisa Cuseo-Ott, JoAnn Pulliam

**Greeters:** Dave Davis, Iffet Davis, Sharon Machrone, Laurie Rogers

## 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, William V. Collins, 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, 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, Earl Roney, Paul Roper, Caroline Rose, 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, Ozzie Wade, Donny White, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Alex, Anthony and family, Christen, Colin and Allison, Dan, John, Martin, Paul, 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**, especially for the baptisms of *John MacPherson Chase, Carson Elizabeth Rice, Maxwell Linwood Garbett, and Lillian Douglas Long*. **For those who have died**, especially *Ashleigh Kohlitz*. **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 Myanmar (Burma)*. **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](mailto:canthony@ststephensRVA.org).*

# 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).*

## Contemplative Chapel open to all

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 P.M.

The Rev. John Jenkins offers a weekly online session of "Holy Reading," or Lectio Divina, 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. Everyone is invited; you do not have to have any experience with these ancient contemplative traditions in order to join in fully. Read more at [ststephensRVA.org/contemplativechapel](http://ststephensRVA.org/contemplativechapel), where you can sign up to receive information from John and a link to the Zoom sessions.

## 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). Given that masks are no longer required for outdoor events, the market has lifted the requirement that customers wear masks while they shop.

## 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** from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

## Shop May Fair House online all summer!

MAYFAIRHOUSEONLINE.COM

The May Fair House (a gift shop run by the Women of St. Stephen's) closes Memorial Day weekend, re-opening in September. Though the shop is closed for the summer, we are excited to announce that the e-commerce site will continue to be available! Place an order anytime and a volunteer will contact you to schedule pick-up.

## In-person Morning Prayer resumes Thursday

WEEKDAYS AT 8:10 A.M. BEGINNING JUNE 10

After more than a year's absence, in-person weekday Morning Prayer will resume this week! Beginning Thursday, 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 will continue, so if you are not able to attend in person, we hope you'll still tune in at [ststephensRVA.org/livestream](http://ststephensRVA.org/livestream).

## Training for catechists to be offered here this summer

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

In happy news, we 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 details about this Montessori-based approach to the religious formation of young children or to learn more about the important work of a catechist (spiritual companion) please be in touch with Allison Seay ([aseay@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:aseay@ststephensRVA.org)) or Betsy Tyson ([btyson@ststephensRVA.org](mailto:btyson@ststephensRVA.org)).

## No icon workshop this summer

For many years, St. Stephen's has held a popular week-long icon writing workshop in the summer. Unfortunately, because it was not clear when conditions would permit a safe gathering this summer, we made the difficult decision not to offer the class in 2021.

As much as we regret not being able to hold the event this year, given the rapidly changing public health landscape, it was not possible to make reliable plans in time.

We look forward to welcoming icon writers—the experienced and the novice—to St. Stephen's in the summer of 2022.