



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter ☩ May 15, 2022 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 Swan

Camille Saint-Saëns

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*

George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a way as gives us breath;

Such a truth as ends all strife,

Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a light as shows a feast,

Such a feast as mends in length,

Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a joy as none can move,

Such a love as none can part,

Such a heart as joys in love.

Silence is kept.

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling

Sung by all, standing.

Hyfrydol



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise,

A Prayer for the Evening

For the many gifts you have bestowed on us
Each day and night, each sea and land
Each weather fair, each calm, each wild
Thanks be to you, O God. **Amen.**

The Reading John 13:31-35 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Kevin Newell

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation Thousands are sailing

Phil Coulter

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Please stand.

from the *Book of Common Prayer of Ireland*

Deacon 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. We pray especially for all who suffer from the war on Ukraine.

Leader Lord of relationship: 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 healing: relieve and protect all who suffer in body, spirit, and mind; sustain and deliver all who know danger, violence, or suffering throughout

Leader Lord of blessing: receive our thanks and gratitude for the ways you fill our lives with goodness, faith, hope, opportunity and every nourishment and comforting kindness, [especially _____].

Leader Lord of life: in the strong hope of resurrection in Christ, come near to all who grieve at the loss or death of beloved ones, [especially for _____].

Deacon 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.**

Prayer for the Discernment Committee

Leader and People O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we pray for our discernment committee as they search for the next rector for St. Stephen's Church. Guide them to use their gifts prayerfully, so that we may receive a faithful leader who will empower us for our ministries. Grant that your Church, being bound together in love, may be united in one body by your Holy Spirit, that by the same Spirit we may accomplish those things to which you have called us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

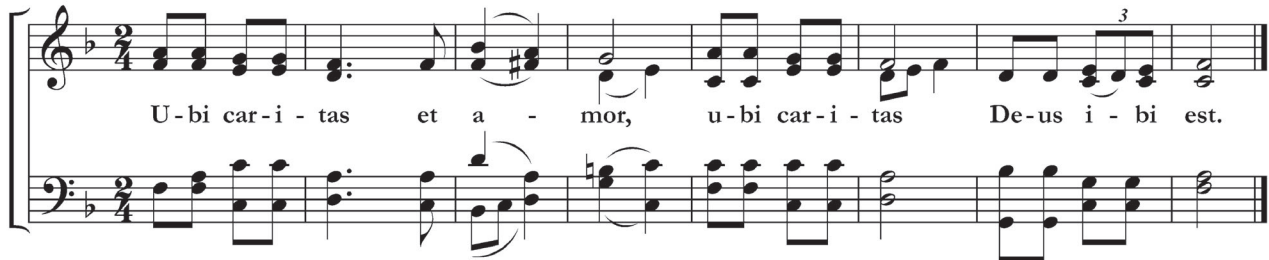
Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

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 *The Call* **Ralph Vaughan Williams**
 Song of the Wood **Jared Denhard**

Hymn *Ubi caritas* *Sung by all, standing.* **Jacques Berthier**

The refrain will be sung by the cantor, then repeated as the cantor sings the verses.



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 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 *Dirait-on* **Morten Lauridsen**

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 *This refrain is repeated as the cantor sings the verses.* **Jacques Berthier**



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:

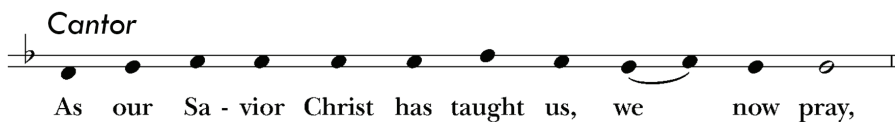
All “Drink this, all of you: **This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.**”

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.

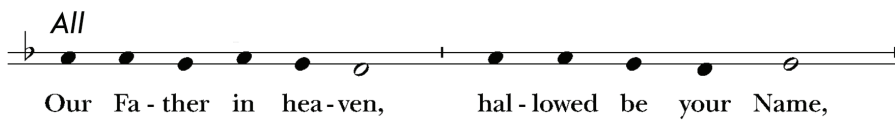
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

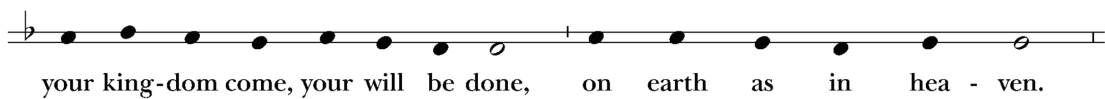


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

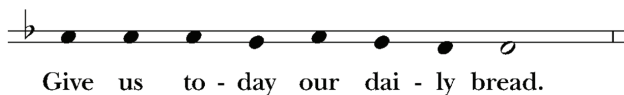
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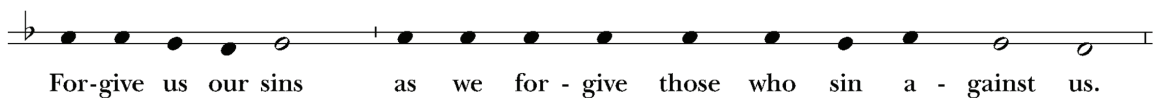
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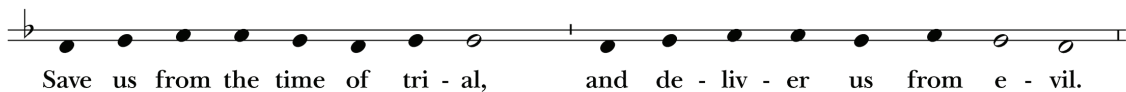
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



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

Sung by all.

Blarney Pilgrim, arr. Larkin Bryant

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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 you are given the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then drink the wine from the larger chalice. If you prefer to "intinct" or touch the tip of your bread to the wine, please use the smaller cup. You may choose to receive Communion in only one kind. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

Music for Communion

*O store gud
An cailin fionn
Watermark*

arr. John Purifoy
Phil Coulter
Enya

After Communion

Please stand.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the Peace of God go with you,
wherever God may send you.
May the Love of Christ guide you
through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.
May the joy of the Holy Spirit keep you
alert to mystery and wonder.
And when you come to God's household,
may the door be open wide for you to enter into your joy.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

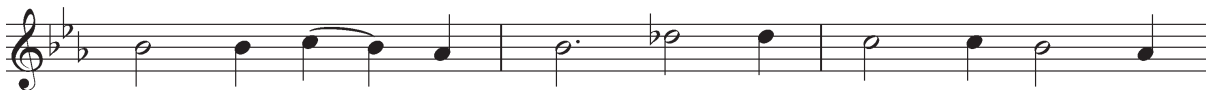
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Sung by all, standing.

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.

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

Salley Gardens

arr. Kim Robertson

Postlude

Larghetto

George Frederic Handel

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

Participants

Celebrant: Pat Wingo; **Deacon:** Cate Anthony; **Reflector:** Kevin Newell; **Reader/Intercessor:** Bill Davis;
Subdeacon: Al Albiston

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Robert Baker, Lash Barksdale, Darrin Batdorff, Sandra Barnthouse, Kevin Beale, Mary Holly Bigelow, Paul Brown, Liz Brengel, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Judy Buchanan, Percy Cochran, Stephanie and Ron Coleman and family, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Beth Crews, Bob Dakin, Steven Dalle Mura, Nancy Davis, Brooke Fricke, Dusty Gillenwater, George Ginn, the Haas family, Judy Halsey, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Bryson Henderson, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Anna Hurdle, Judy and Bobby Jackson, Janice Johnson, Ann O. Jones, Dustin Jones, Ola Jones, Amy Youngblood Karnolt, Gouthum Karadi, Georgene Kaufman, Jane Kelly, Moonbo Kim, Caleb Lambert, Genie Lucyk, *Pam Lynch*, Barbara Mathison, Greg Martin, Michael McCabe, Rosalind Miller, Susan Minyard, Susan Moore, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Lea O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Ruth Partlow, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Doyle Powell, Wick Raquet, AJ Roberto, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Tim Rose, Rosalia Ross, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, Heidi Schmidt, T. Logan Scott, Mary Frances Siersema, Mary Stagg, Reilly Starr, Graden Stewart, Arnold Strulson, Matt, Kristine, and Madeleine Suttle, Tad and Lacey Tadlock, Nelson Toebbe, Barry Toombs, Tim Tysinger, Peter Von Szilassy, Amanda, Quentin, and Caroline Ward, Susie Wiltshire, Nelson Williams, Jim Williamson, Bettie Wood, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Renea Zills, Alex, Christen, Lily, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Claire Wyckoff and David Satterfield, Daniel Booth and Virginia Ivey Booth, and Adam and Amanda Foege. **For all the blessings of this life**, including *those who are being Confirmed or Received, or who are reaffirming their faith today*; for the marriage of *Ariel Starr Aycock and Colin Lewis Wilkinson*, the marriage of *Catherine Buie and Philip Heard*, and the marriage of *Andrea Joel and Brandon Kennedy*. **For those who have died**, especially *Turner Richardson*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Scottish Episcopal Church*. **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, Senior Chief Patrick Parigi, USN, Lt. Connor James Partlow, USN, 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.

The Ministry of Healing Prayer at St. Stephen's Church

Jesus was known for many things—perhaps most of all as a healer. As one New Testament scholar has pointed out, “more healing stories are told about Jesus than about any other figure in the Jewish tradition” (Borg, *The Heart of Christianity*). And Jesus sent his followers out to heal and proclaim good news to all. These healing ministries of prayer and anointing have practiced by Christian from the very beginning.

All people without exception are invited to receive healing prayer and/or anointing. God's grace is freely given to all people for the healing of spirit, mind, and body, and these practices provide ways for us to present ourselves just as we are with open hands and open hearts. We do not believe in magical incantations. Instead, these sacramental acts are simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to the healing love of God. Sometimes, the loving care and company of others brings us more fully into the presence of God.

PRESENTING YOURSELF FOR HEALING PRAYER OR ANOINTING: Healing ministers are located in both side chapels from the time people receive communion until after the service concludes. Go to either side chapel either after receiving communion or a blessing, or at any time following irrespective of what else is happening in the service. Because these ministries will continue through the end of the service, please respect those in prayer by exiting in silence from any of the rear doors. Whether or not you participate in these ministries tonight, you may contribute to the work of healing prayer by offering your personal prayers for yourself and that all who worship here may experience the healing love of God in their lives and bear that love into the world for its healing.

HEALING PRAYER: If you wish to sit for a moment with a healing prayer minister, it is helpful if you share your name and the concern for which you ask God's healing. The minister will lay hands on your shoulders, join with you in silently opening ourselves to God, and offering your prayer concern to the healing One who is with us always. This is not a ministry of magical incantations. It is simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to God's presence and healing love.

ANOINTING: If you wish to receive anointing with healing oil, approach the anointer with you palms open and extended. She or he will mark your hand with the sign of the cross and offer a simple prayer for your healing.

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. Rite Planning, ©2021, by Church Publishing Incorporated, all rights reserved, used by permission. All copyrighted music by permission, under OneLicense #A710911. Opening: *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* by George Herbert, Public Domain.