



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

All Saints' Sunday after Pentecost ☩ November 7, 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 *Pie Jesu*

Maurice Duruflé

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening From *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*

Thomas Merton

At the center of our being is a point of nothingness that is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point of pure truth, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God, which is never at our disposal, from which God disposes our lives, which is inaccessible to the fantasies of our mind or the brutalities of our own will.... It is like a pure diamond, blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everybody, and if we could see it we would see these billions of points of light coming together in the face and blaze of a sun that would make all the darkness and cruelty of life vanish completely.

Silence is kept.

Hymn For all the saints

Sine nomine



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; thou, Lord, their
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly



faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus
Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness
struggle, they in glory shine yet all are one in



be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!
drear, the one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!
thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

A Prayer for the Evening

We seek the grace of healing, O God.
At the heart of the brokenness around us
and in the hidden depths of our own souls
we seek your touch of healing, O God,
for there you reside.
In the hidden depths of life, O God,
there you reside. **Amen.**

The Reading John 11:32-44 Please sit.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping,

he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection John Jenkins

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Cilmeri*

trad. Scottish

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Deacon Let us pray for ourselves and the world.

Leader Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission,

People **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Leader Breathe fresh life into your people.

People **Give us power to reveal Christ in our daily lives.**

Leader Creator of all, lead us and all people into the ways of justice and peace,

People **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People **Teach us to care creatively for our fragile world.**

Leader God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

People **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Leader Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours.

People **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as Christ loves us.**

Leader Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our personal prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader We pray for all who have died.

The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Deacon Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People **Grant that we may walk in your presence:**

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills,

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

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 *Shenandoah* arr. David Downes and Mairead Nesbitt
Bist du bei mir J.S. Bach

Hymn There's a wideness in God's mercy *Sung by all, standing.* *St. Helena*

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure
of the sea; there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than
up in heav'n; there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly
of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
lib - er - ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
judg - ment giv'n. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
ful - ly kind. If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his
good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
shed; there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
word; and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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.

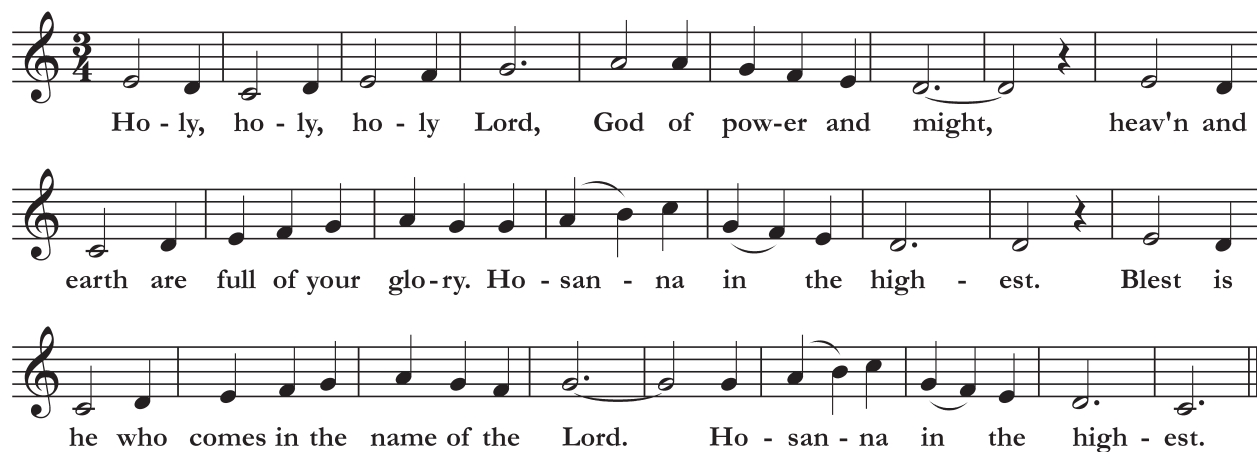
At the Offertory *The Lord's my shepherd* Bob Chilcott

Eucharistic Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord is with us.

People God's spirit is here.

Celebrant Look with kindness, O God, on your people gathered here before you. Send forth the power of your Spirit so that these gifts may become for us the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus, the Christ, in whom we have become your own.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant Loving God, you are always thinking about your people. You never forget us. You sent your son, Jesus, who gave his life for us and who came to forgive us and taught us to forgive each other. On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

All "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Celebrant In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them, saying,

All "Drink this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

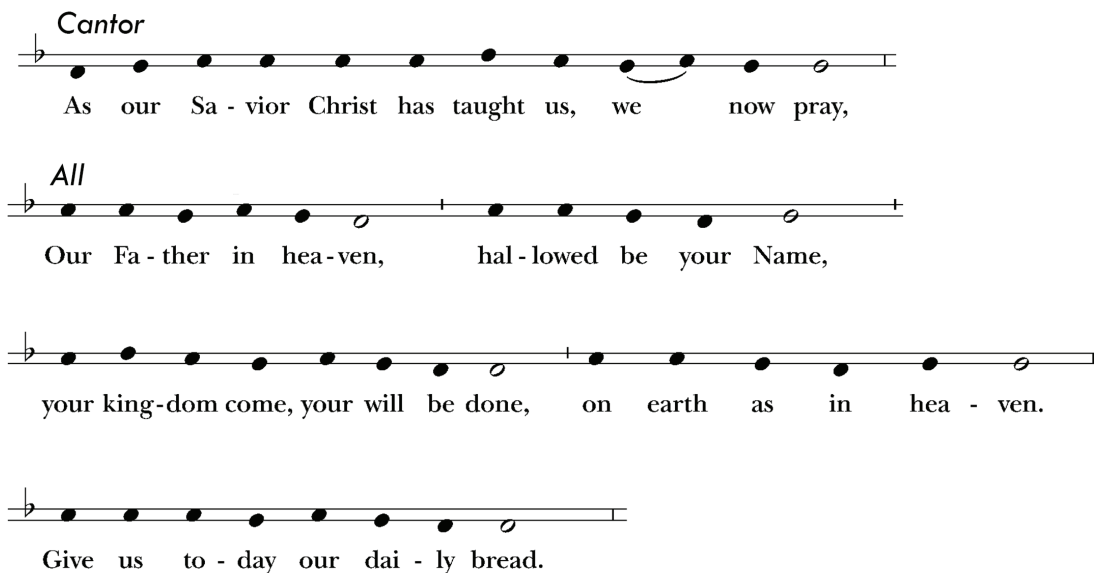
Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died;
 Christ is risen;
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb.
 AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor



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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Lamb of God

Christopher Walker

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world: have mer-cy on us, 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 the bread at the chancel steps. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.

Music for Communion

The Road Home
At the River
Land of Rest

Stephen Paulus
 Aaron Copland
 arr. Justin McCarthy

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 this new night of rest

Repair the wear of time,

Restore your vision of a deeper light,

Heal the wounds of disappointments,

And restore youth of heart

For the adventure

That awaits you tomorrow.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

May the grace of Christ our Savior

Austin



1. May the grace of Christ our Sa - vior and the Fa - ther's bound-less love,
2. Thus may we a - bide in un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord;



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's fa - vor, rest up - on us from a - bove.
and pos - sess, in sweet com - mun - ion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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

Brother James' Air

arr. John Carter

Postlude

Jesu, joy of our desiring

J.S. Bach

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



Participants

Celebrant: Claudia Merritt; **Reflector:** John Jenkins; **Deacon:** Betsy Tyson; **Reader/Intercessor:** LMargaret McKinnon; **Musicians:** Matt Hassmer, *cantor*; Treesa Gold, *violin*; Suzanne Riehl, *piano*; **Set-up Team:** Jessica Lange, JoAnn Pulliam, Joan Putney, Lisa Cuseo Ott; **Candle Tenders:** Nancy Atkins, Darla Perry, Gail Rucker

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Lucja Aniol, Anne Arrington, Brick and Tim Atkinson, Robert Baker, Jennifer Ryan Ball, Lash Barksdale, Darrin Batdorff, Sandra Barnthouse, Paul Brown, Randy Berrios, Lewis Best, Hannah Bevis, Liz Brengel, Cook and Joe Brogan, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Andrew Bryant, Nancy Burns, Bill Bynum, Percy Cochran, Stephanie and Ron Coleman and family, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Bob Dakin, Nancy Davis, Virginia Davis, Doris Dickinson, Hoyt Ellis, Joe Enders III, Vicky Generelly, George Ginn, Judy Halsey, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Emily Hart, Pat Hartsock, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Betty Hoffer, Judy and Bobby Jackson, Janice Johnson and Grant von Demark, Ann O. Jones, Ola Jones, Amy Youngblood Karnolt, Gouthum Karadi, Donna Kessler, Moonbo Kim, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Caleb Lambert, Pauline Lawhorne, Helen Lewis, Michael McCabe, Susan Minyard, Caroline Hughes Neal, Tolar Nolley, Lea O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Gail Mayo Paredes, Ruth Partlow, Chrissie Payne, Jim and Sarah Cooke Picton, Wilde Poole and family, Doyle Powell, Julia and David Powell, Walter Quinn, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Tim Rose, Rosalia Ross, David Sarrett, James Saunders, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, Jane Sewell, T. Logan Scott, Mary Frances Siersema, Jimmy Smith, Mike, Linda, and Jessica Soukup, Josh Spain, Mary Stagg, Reilly Starr, Graden Stewart, Lucy Stockdell, Arnold Strulson, Sandy Suskind, Mary Taylor Walsh and Samuel Taylor Sosnowski, LaSheka Thomas, Carol Todd, *Nelson Toebbe*, Barry Toombs, Mark Trawizki, Tim Tysinger, Peter Von Szilassy, Linda Walter, *Jim Williamson*, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Renea Zills, Alex, Anthony and family, Christen, Colin and Allison, Dan, Khadijah, John, Martin, Paul, Stephen, Taylor, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Abby Outlaw and Will Giles, and Walker Wood and Phin Generelly. **For all the blessings of this life**, including the Baptisms of *Sterling Hughes Bronson, John Alford Carrington, Jr., Cecelia Frances Coughlin, Julian Edward Der Murcia, Thomas Rives Evans, and Sloane Rawlings Morton* and the birth of *Wyatt Clites son of Matt and Maddie Clites*. **For those who have died** *Kate Roy Christian, Josephine Gayle and Annie White*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*. **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, 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.

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