



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 17, 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 *En sourdine*

Gabriel Fauré

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening What is grace?

St. John of the Cross

“What is grace?” I asked God.

And He said,

“All that happens.”

Then He added, when I looked perplexed,

“Could not lovers

say that every moment in their Beloved's arms
was grace?

Existence is my arms,

though I well understand how one can turn

away from

me

until the heart has

wisdom.”

Silence is kept.

Hymn Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er by thy help I've come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God.
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 Mark 10:35-45 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Sara-Scott Wingo

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Bridget Cruise*

Turlough O'Carolan

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.

In the silences that follow each petition, the people may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader There is a time for every purpose under heaven.

Leader A time for gratitude...

Leader A time for what we have to lay down...

Leader A time for what we have to pick up...

Leader A time for confronting what we are avoiding...

Leader A time for recognizing what we hope for...

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 *Bridegroom*
Crimond

arr. Mark Sedio
arr. Daniel Burton



1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 3. Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: nev -



to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This



who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 O my Friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

The Grace

Love your enemies, and do good, expecting nothing in return. Be merciful, just as God is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. *Amen.* -*Luke 6:35-38a*

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

A dhia is a Athair

traditional Gaelic hymn

Translation: God and Father, we come to you pleading,
 Seeking your grace through the memory of the Hill of Calvary
 We implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin,
 As we honor Christ's sharing the sacrifice of the Mass.

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 our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for

those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life. So with the angels who sing “Glory” and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

James MacMillan

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. Bless-ed is he, O bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit’s love and a woman’s body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth’s darkest places. We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

All “Take and eat. This is my own body given for you.
 Do this to remember me.”

Celebrant After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:

All “This is my life-blood given for you.
 Do this to remember me.”

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant O God who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these material things of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world.

We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever. 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

James MacMillan

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.

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

“There is a spirit that delights to do no evil”

Deep River

Terra Mesa

Ned Rorem

arr. William Bliem

Suzanne Ciani

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

E. Carson Brisson

Celebrant May joy and nothing less find you on the way.

May you be blessed and a blessing.

And may light guide you, and countless others, all the way home.

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

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Lord God, you now have set your servant free

Song I

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in peace as
pro-mised in your word; my eyes have seen the Sa-vior, Christ the Lord,
pre-pared by you for all the world to see, to shine on na-tions
trapped in dark - est night, the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

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

Come thou fount of every blessing

arr. Duane Funderburk

Postlude

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

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



Following the Service

Please join us for the Sunday Community Supper after the service. This meal is lovingly prepared for any and all who come, using locally-sourced ingredients, many from our farmers market, natural and organic whenever possible. We consider this supper an extension of God's generous provision for all at the altar in Holy Communion. Please come—your presence is the most important thing—and contribute only as you are able, if at all; like all our ministries at St. Stephen's, the Community Supper is sustained by donations from those able to give.

Since the suppers are held outdoors to keep everyone as safe as possible, tonight's will be the last one until 2022. The sun sets earlier and earlier at this time of year, and we don't want to eat in the dark! The suppers will return in the spring when we can be outdoors again—or sooner if COVID data for our area improves enough to permit indoor dining.

If you would like to know more about this church and how you might become more involved, we would love to tell you. We're glad you're here and hope you will come back often.

Participants

Celebrant: Pat Wingo; **Reflector:** Sara-Scott Wingo; **Deacon:** Claudia Merritt; **Lay Reader and Intercessor:** Iffet Davis; **Musicians:** Anne O'Byrne, *cantor*; David Garcia, *oboe*; Brent te Velde, *piano*; **Setup Team:** Margaret Bell Herrin, Darla Perry, Joan Putney, Sally Watkinson; **Candle Tenders:** Henry Burke, Marie Carter, Darla Perry

The Parish Prayer List

Burns Ackerly, Lucja Aniol, Anne Arrington, Brick and Tim Atkinson, Robert Baker, Jennifer Ryan Ball, Lash Barksdale, *Darrin Batdorf*, Sandra Barnthouse, Paul Brown, Randy Berrios, Lewis Best, 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, Judy and Bobby Jackson, Janice Johnson, 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, Mandy Murphy, 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, *Doyle Powell*, Walter Quinn, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Rosalia Ross, David Sarrett, James Saunders, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, Jane Sewell, Claire Shaffner, 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, Barry Toombs, Mark Trawizki, Tim Tysinger, Grant von Demark, Peter Von Szilassy, Linda Walter, Calvin Winn, Gene Wrenne, Peggy Wright, Karen Young, Alex, Anthony and family, Christen, Colin and Allison, Dan, Khadijah, John, Martin, Paul, Stephen, Taylor, Tonya. **For those expecting a child**, especially Maddie and Matt Clites, *Abby Outlaw and Will Giles*, and *Walker Wood and Phin Generelly*. **For all the blessings of this life. 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 the Province of the West Indies*. **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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