

CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 4, 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 *Adagio*

Tomaso Albinoni

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening *Eagle Poem*

Joy Harjo

To pray you open your whole self
To sky, to earth, to sun, to moon
To one whole voice that is you.
And know there is more
That you can't see, can't hear
Can't know except in moments
Steadily growing, and in languages
That aren't always sound but other
Circles of motion.
Like eagle that Sunday morning
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky
In wind, swept our hearts clean
With sacred wings.

We see you, see ourselves and know
That we must take the utmost care
And kindness in all things.
Breathe in, knowing we are made of
All this, and breathe, knowing
We are truly blessed because we
Were born, and die soon, within a
True circle of motion,
Like eagle rounding out the morning
Inside us.
We pray that it will be done
In beauty.
In beauty.

Silence is kept.

Hymn *Peace before us*

Martin's Song



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be hind us, peace
2. Love be - fore us, love be - hind us, love
3. Light be - fore us, light be - hind us, light
4. Christ be - fore us, Christ be - hind us, Christ



un-der our feet. Peace with - in us, peace o-ver us, let all a - round us be peace.
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A Prayer for the Evening

Gracious God,
you have given us much today;
grant us also a thankful spirit.
Into your hands we commend ourselves
and those we love.
Be with us still, and when we take our rest
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Reading Mark 6:1-13 *Please sit.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Cate Anthony

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Come thou fount of every blessing* arr. Duane Funderburk

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.

Leader There is a time for every purpose under heaven.
Silence

Leader A time for gratitude...
Silence

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

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

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

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

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 *Love Unknown* arr. Matthew Corl
Piece V César Franck



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 - er, 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.

The Grace

Luke 6:35-38a

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.

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

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

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

Sung by all.

Banks and Braes

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and God of might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

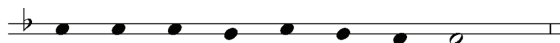
Celebrant As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

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.”

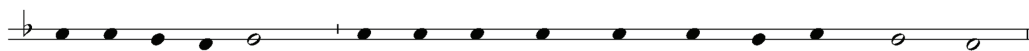
Celebrant Now gathered at your table and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and make us the Body of Christ given for the world you 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

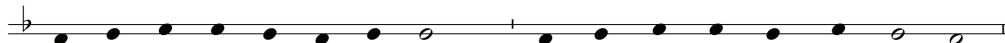
Cantor
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All
Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



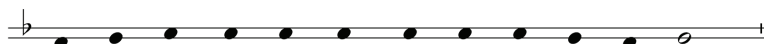
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



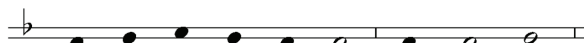
For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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 Be known to us

Gary James

This refrain will be sung by the cantor, then by all, and repeated after each verse.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

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 *O God, beyond all praising*
Adagio
Gaelic Blessing
Les barricades mystérieuses

arr. Charles Callahan
C.P.E. Bach
John Rutter
Francois Couperin

After Communion *Please stand.*

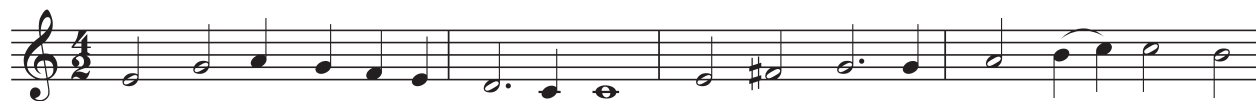
Celebrant Let us pray.

All Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri Frederic Amiel

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1. God be with you till we meet a-gain; lov - ing coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2. God be with you till we meet a-gain; un - seen wings pro - tect - ing hide you,
 3. God be with you till we meet a-gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,
 4. God be with you till we meet a-gain; with the oil of joy a - noint you,



with a Shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.
 lov - ing min - i - stries ap - point you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

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 *Fantaisie*

Paul Pierné

Postlude The Peaceful Wood

Hilton Rufty

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. Since masks are no longer required for those who have been fully vaccinated, you are permitted to consume the bread immediately after you receive it rather than returning to your seat first.

Participants

Celebrant: Will Stanley

Deacon: John Jenkins

Reflector: Cate Anthony

Lay Reader and Intercessor: Iffet Davis

Musicians: Matthew Hassmer, *cantor*; David Garcia, *oboe*; Brent te Velde, *piano*

Setup Team: Allen Davis, Marty McIntosh, Joan Putney, Rogers Toms

Greeters/Ushers: Dave Davis, Ellie Davis, Iffet Davis, Sam Davis III, Craig Merritt

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, *Hannah and Zachary Bevis*, Ellen Blackburn, Liz Brengel, Joe Broadhurst, 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 Harp, Emily Hart, Pat Hartsock, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Carol Cooke Holland, Virginia Hopper, Mary Hunter and Chuck Townsend, Champ Johnson, Ann O. Jones, *Amy Youngblood Karnolt*, Donna Kessler, Gail Kirby, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Judy Knauf, Caleb Lambert, *Helen Lewis*, Ashley McFadden, Susan Minyard, Anne Natoli, 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, Ray Robertson, Linda Robinson, Paul Roper, Rosalia Ross, Jon Schmidt, 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, and Brent and Jenny te Velde. **For all the blessings of this life**, including the birth of *Adelaide Felcity Mullery to Jessica and Daniel Mullery*. **For those who have died**, including *James Sidney Watkinson, Rachel Cadenhead, and Margaret Thistle*. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, serving in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for *the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*. **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:** *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.

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: "Eagle Poem" by Joy Harjo from *In Mad Love and War*. © Wesleyan University Press, 1990. Reprinted 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 return this evening!

This evening two offerings—both of which have been sorely missed—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.

We are seeking volunteers to help prepare suppers for future weeks. You do not need to commit to every week! Perhaps you and your family, or your Emmaus group, or a group of friends would like to volunteer. You may also volunteer individually. Please contact Stan Barnett, sbarnett@ststephensRVA.org to learn more or offer help.

Also this evening, we will 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.

Masks no longer mandated for those who are fully vaccinated

If you have been fully vaccinated, you may now choose whether to wear a mask when you are at St. Stephen's for worship or other offerings. While we certainly encourage those who wish to wear masks to continue to do so, it will no longer be a requirement except for those who have not been vaccinated. Public health data indicate that the number of new cases in Richmond has reached a low enough threshold, and the number of people in our community who have been fully vaccinated, that we are comfortable lifting this mandate. **If you have not been fully vaccinated, please do continue to wear a mask when you are indoors at St. Stephen's.** For more information, visit ststephensRVA.org/latestnews.

Parish office and café closed tomorrow

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. While the food pantry will not operate that day, we provided additional food to our pantry guests last week to help bridge the gap until we welcome them back on Monday, July 12.

The Café @ St. Stephen's will also be closed on Monday, and there will be no service of Morning Prayer.

Regular hours resume Tuesday, July 6.

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 opens at 7 a.m. and closes 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**. When the office is closed for a holiday (such as Independence Day or Labor Day), the café is also closed.

Thank you for your generosity

Now that St. Stephen's pantry/grocery store has moved its operations back inside, shoppers are able to come into the building and enjoy choosing the groceries that they like, rather than being handed a pre-packed bag of food. Thank you for your donations! Please continue to bring shelf-stable food (unopened) as well as apples and oranges for our fruit ministry. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Anna Jones in the parish office.