



# CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ August 1, 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 *Remember the poor*

arr. Charles Callahan

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

Opening From *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being*

Ilia Delio

“Something new broke open in the life of Jesus, a power of love that was reconciling, transformative, and future oriented.... God is not the divine mechanic above but the power of love within – the unbearable wholeness of love pushing through the limits of being to become more visible and alive.... In the end, it is love that matters; all else will pass away.... This is the truth that sets us free, the light that eludes our sight: we are the privileged bearers of transcendence. God cannot do for us what we must do for ourselves, empty our lives of the inner clutter and noise so that we may welcome God within.”

*Silence is kept.*

Hymn Be still, my soul

*Finlandia*



1. Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa - tient - ly the  
 2. Be still, my soul, thy God doth un - der - take to guide the fu - ture  
 3. Be still, my soul, the hour is hast - 'ning on when we shall be for -



cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 sure - ly as the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 ev - er with the Lord; when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



whothrough all chang - es faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul, thy  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul, the  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul, when



best, thy heav'n - ly friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
 change and tears are past all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

## 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** John 6:24-35 *Please sit.*

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** Pat Wingo

*Two minutes of silence follow.*

**Music for Meditation** *Berglund*

Robert Buckley Farlee

**The Prayers of the People** *Please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray for the church and the world.

**Leader** In the work we do this day,  
**People** **May the risen Christ teach us.**

**Leader** In the challenges we face this day,  
**People** **May the risen Christ guide us.**

**Leader** Through the people we meet this day,  
**People** **May the risen Christ renew us.**

**Leader** As we respond to the hungers and hurts of this world,  
**People** **May the risen Christ strengthen us.**

**Leader** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day all who have died.  
*Silence*

**Leader** Give us grace to see in death the gate of eternal life,  
**All** **so that in quiet confidence**  
**we may continue our course on earth,**  
**until, by your call,**  
**we are reunited with those who have gone before.**

**Celebrant** May our lips praise you, O God, our hearts bless you, and our lives glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 *Arioso*  
*Nyland*

J.S. Bach  
arr. John Helgen

Hymn Will you come and follow me

*Kelvingrove*



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your  
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your  
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your  
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your  
5. Lord, your sum - mons ec - hoes true when you but call my



name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
name? Will you set the pris -'ners free and nev - er be the same?  
name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



Will you let my life be grown in you, and you in me?  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you, and you in me?  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you, and you in me?  
through my sight and touch and sound in you, and you in me?  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you, and you in me.

**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** 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 *Berceuse*

John Ireland

**Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please stand.*

Canon G

**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** O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death. With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

**Sanctus**

*Sung by all.*

*Land of Rest*

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 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** We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

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

**Celebrant** So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

**All** **“This is my blood, poured out in love 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** Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these material things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all.

Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory 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

*Blarney Pilgrim*

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 the bread at the chancel steps. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please tell the minister.*

**Music for Communion** *Largo affetuoso* Arcangelo Corelli  
*Beautiful Savior* arr. Nathan Howe  
*On the waves* Carl Reinecke  
*The Cedar Grove* Michael Scott

## After Communion Please stand.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**Celebrant** God our creator,  
**All** You feed your children with the true manna,  
The living bread from heaven.  
Let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
Until we come to that place  
Where hunger and thirst are no more;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Healing river of the Spirit

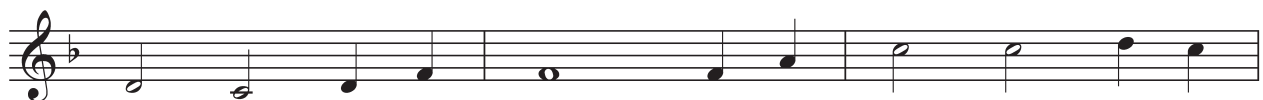
*Beach Spring*



1.Heal - ing riv - er of the Spir - it, bathe the wounds that  
2.Well-spring of the heal - ing Spir - it, stream that flows to  
3.Liv - ing stream that heals the na - tions, make us chan - nels



liv - ing brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our sad - ness deep be -  
bring re - lease, as we gain our selves, our sen - ses, may our  
of your pow'r. All the world is torn by con - flict; wars are



neath your sa - cred springs. Wea - ry from the rest - less  
lives re - flect your peace. Grate - ful for the flood that  
rag - ing at this hour. Sav - ing Spir - it, move a -

search - ing that has lured us from your side, we dis -  
 heals us, may your church en - act your grace. As we  
 mong our us, guide our wind - ing hu - man course, till we

cov - er in your pres - ence peace the world can - not pro - vide.  
 meet both friend and strang - er, may we see our Sa - vior's face.  
 find our way to - geth - er, flow - ing home - ward to our Source.

**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** *Evening Blessing*

Engelbert Humperdinck

**Postlude** *The Lord bless you and keep you*

John Rutter

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



**Participants**

**Celebrant:** Will Stanley; **Deacon:** Betsy Tyson; **Reflector:** Pat Wingo; **Lay Reader and Intercessor:** David Alltop; **Musicians:** Matt Hassmer, *cantor*; Christine Ertell, *flute*; Brent te Velde, *piano*; **Setup Team:** Jessica Lange, Marty McIntosh, Darla Perry, JoAnn Pulliam; **Candle Tenders:** Nancy Atkins, Sara Mackey, David Weimer, Catherine Whitham, and Nancy Atkins

**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. 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.

## 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, *Paul Brown*, Caroline Brandt, Mary Holly Bigelow, Randy Berrios, Lewis Best, Hannah and Zachary Bevis, Liz Brengel, *Cook and Joe Brogan*, Turner Bruneau, Charles Bryan, Andrew Bryant, Nancy Burns, Bill Bynum, Gary Cheeseman, 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, *Marianne Harmuth*, Pat Harp, Emily Hart, Pat Hartsock, Lolly Hetherington, Bob Hines, Tom Hodges, Carol Cooke Holland, Virginia Hopper, Mary Hunter and Chuck Townsend, *Judy and Bobby Jackson*, Champ Johnson, Janice Johnson, Ann O. Jones, Amy Youngblood Karnolt, Gouthum Karadi, Donna Kessler, Gail Kirby, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Judy Knauf, Caleb Lambert, *Pauline Lawborne*, 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, *James Saunders*, Jon Schmidt, Gordon Schmidt, Josie Schmidt, Jane Settle, Claire Shaffner, T. Logan Scott, Mary Frances Siersema, Jimmy Smith, Mike, Linda, and Jessica Soukup, 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, *Grant von Demark*, 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 Paul Willson and Maggie Hunter, Jeff and Kate Willson Donowitz, Brent and Jenny te Velde, and Stephie and Jimmy Meadows. **For all the blessings of this life**, including the births of *Leo Nolen Epley to Allison Seay and Joshua Epley*, and *Lee Coyer Speight, Jr. to Jenny and Lee Speight*. **For those who have died**, including *Caroline Holland*. **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 South East Asia*. **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](mailto:canthony@ststephensRVA.org).*

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