

Celtic Service Notebook





St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Dear Friends in Ministry,

Thank you for requesting information about the Celtic Evensong and Communion service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Over the past six years, this service has become one of the most beloved at St. Stephen's, drawing people from all over the city and surrounding areas. The congregation is made up of people of many different faith traditions as well as those who have had no formal religious experience. It has become an interfaith occasion for worship of our God and his son our Savior Jesus Christ.

In many ways the content of this service is informed by our response to the third member of the Trinity, that is the Holy Spirit. It is in the time of silence, reflection and contemplation that many find this service speaks most deeply to them. We hope that you keep this in mind as you fashion your own services. You may have just the right hymns, just the right poem, just the right prayers and reflection, but if the service lacks spaciousness and silence, it will not fill the deep need that so many people sense in their lives.

Included in this CD are **sample bulletins** from every season of the liturgical year beginning with Advent, followed by **examples of the various parts of the bulletin** from our own Celtic Service Notebook:

- Prayers of the People
- Eucharistic Prayers
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- Post-Communion Prayers
- Hymns we have used, by liturgical season.

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Finally, a number of resources have been instrumental in our development of this service. There is a **bibliography** of these on this CD. This list is representative but not exhaustive. You may find other resources useful that we have not listed, especially as the interest in Celtic Spirituality grows.

If you have questions contact me at glecouteur@saintstephensrichmond.net. I will do all that I can to assist you.

Blessings to you in your ministry,

Gene LeCouteur
Associate for Christian Formation & Education



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CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude *Greensleeves*

English melody

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening *Patient Trust*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God

We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of progress
that it is made by passing through
some states of instability ---
and that it may take a very long time.

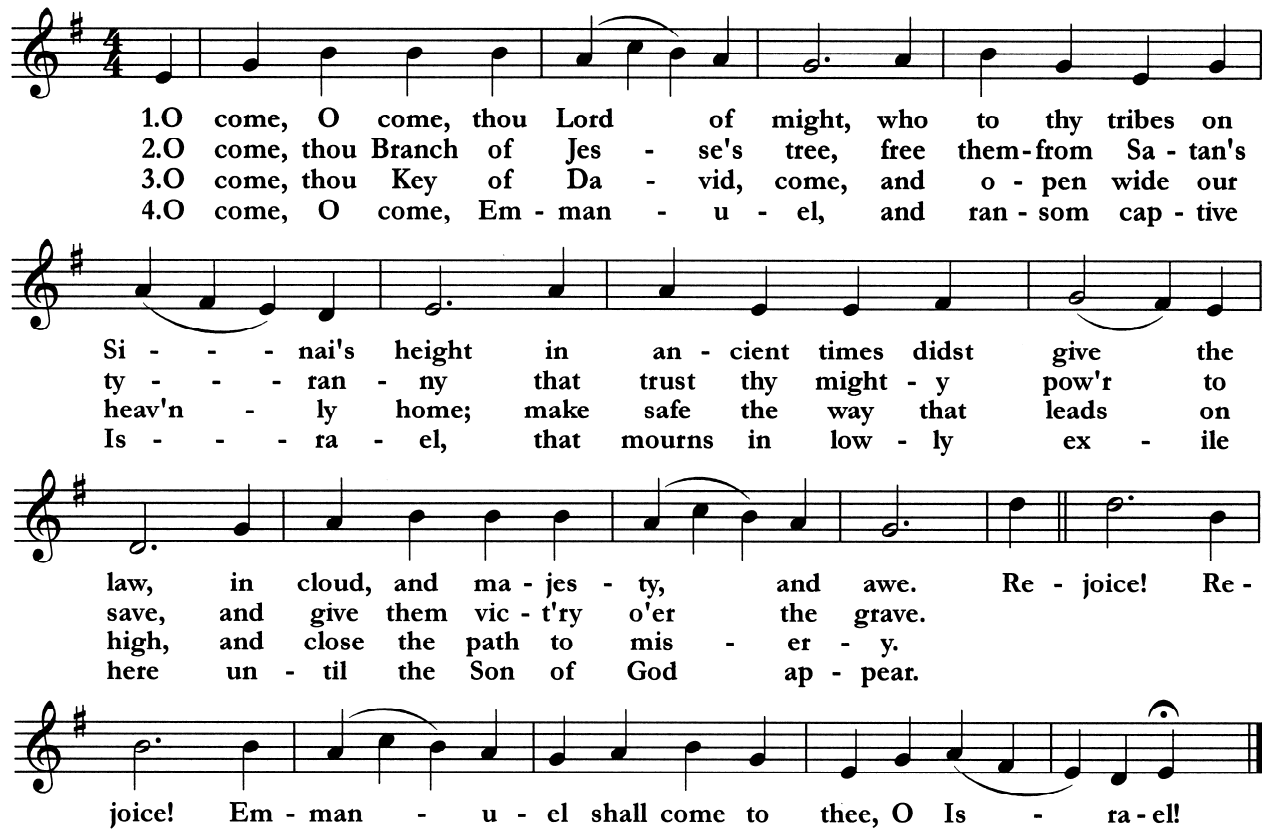
And so I think it is with you.

Your ideas mature gradually --- let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.



1.O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
2.O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them-from Sa - tan's
3.O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
4.O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Si - - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
ty - - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y pow'r to
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
Is - - - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile

law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. Re - joice! Re -
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

A Prayer for the Evening

Living God, in you there is no darkness; shed upon us through this night the light of your forgiveness, your healing and your peace, that when we wake from sleep we may know once more the brightness of your presence; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Reading

Please sit.

Revised Standard Version

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Gary D. Jones

Two minutes of silence follow.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

In the silences that follow, some may wish to speak their prayers aloud, while others may wish to pray silently. Either way, we pray that God will use us and our prayerful intentions in support of one another.

Celebrant Let us turn our awareness to the Presence of the Divine that is always with us and always within us.

Silence.

Celebrant Let us bring before God all of those people and situations that are in any kind of need.

The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Let us bring before God the poor, the forgotten, and those who are marginalized, as we renew our commitment to the lonely and the unloved.

The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Let us ask God to use our prayerful intentions for the benefit of all who are in this room with us now, people we know and love, as well as people who are strangers to us. May we be blessings to one another.

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Celebrant Let us call to mind our reasons to be thankful, as we remember our abundance and the life-giving way of gratitude.

The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.

Celebrant May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breath fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace, justice and compassion. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a single votive candle as a symbol of your prayers. Tapers and votives are on stands by the chancel steps, at the front of the side chapels, and toward the back of the church at the cross aisle. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

Music for Meditation *Creator of the Stars*
Veni Emmanuel

plainsong
Thomas Helmore

Hymn Come, my way, my truth, my Life *Sung by all, standing.*

The Call

1.Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
2.Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
3.Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as kill - - - eth death.
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes a guest.
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

The Grace Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air and consider the lilies of the field, how God cares for them. How much more will God care for you? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **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.
After exchanging the Peace, please sit.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

*Alms basins are not passed through the congregation at this service.
For your offerings, alms basins are located at each entrance to the church.*

At the Offertory *El Noi de la Mare*

Catalan melody

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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

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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.

The Celebrant continues

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: "Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying: "This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

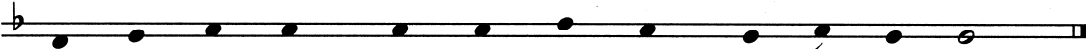
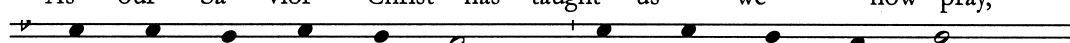
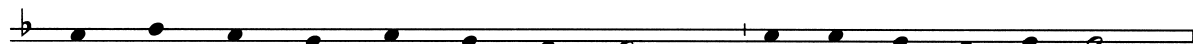
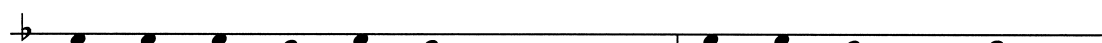
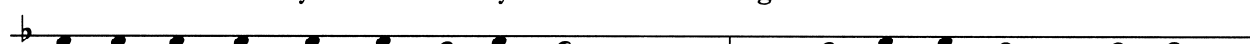
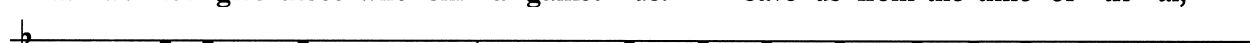

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 c - 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, 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.

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.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing, as you wish. You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive. When you receive the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then move to one of the cups of consecrated wine. The cups closest to the altar are for drinking, and the smaller cup behind them is only for those who choose to "intinct" or touch the tip of their bread to the wine. If you would like prayers for healing, proceed to the front of either side chapel. If the healing prayer ministers are already praying with others, you are welcome to have a seat in the chapel until one of them is available.

Music during Communion *The Wexford Carol*
Of the Father's Love

English melody, arr. Mark Hayes
plainsong, arr. Mark Hayes

After Communion

Please stand or kneel.

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

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. **Amen.**

1. Un - ex - pect - ed and my - ster - i - ous is the gen - tle
 2. Of a mo - men - ta - ry meet - ing of e - ter - ni -
 3. We are called to pon - der my - ster - y and, a - wait - ing

word of grace. Ev - er - lov - ing and sus - tain - ing is the peace of
 ty and time, man - y learned that she would car - ry both the mor - tal
 the com - ing Christ, to em - bod - y God's com - pas - sion for each fra - gile

God's em - brace. If we fal - ter in our cour - age,
 and di - vine. Then she learned of God's com - pas - sion,
 hu - man life. God is with us in our long - ing

and we doubt what we have known, God is faith - ful
 of E - liz - a - beth's great joy, and she ran to
 to bring heal - ing to the earth, while we watch with

to con - sole us, as a moth - er tends her own.
 greet the wo - man who would re - com - nize her boy.
 joy and won - der for the prom - ised Sa - vior's birth.

The 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Please sit for the closing music.

Music for Meditation *Picardy*

French melody

Postlude *The Raven's Rock*

Scottish melody

Please feel free to depart during the Postlude, as you wish. Prayers for healing will be continuing at the front of both chapels, so we ask you to leave quietly. Please come back often.

Following the Service

Please join us for a reception following this service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you might plug in, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor cards in the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the collection plates at the entrances to the church. And, of course, call on us anytime.



Participating in this Service

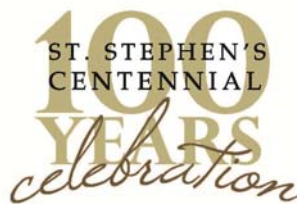
Reflector: Gary D. Jones; **Celebrant:** David T. Anderson; **Lay Reader:** Sala Webb; **Subdeacon:** Katie Goolsby; **Chalice Bearers:** Rob Cabaniss, Molly Johnson, Pam Redd, Jim Teachey, Beth Thornton; **Musicians:** Abby Outlaw, *cantor*; Amy Thompson Blake, *flute*; Cory Blake, *guitar*; Michael Simpson, *piano*

Flower Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rebecca Holcomb Dickinson by Dr. and Mrs. Richard M. Clary and family; Inez G. Freeman by her family; Mary Pearson Moore and T. Justin Moore, Jr., by their family; Mrs. Annie Vaynes, her mother, and Gus L. Vaynes, her brother, by Ethel Vaynes Huband; and in celebration for the marriage of Tara Lynn Garland and Henry Maddox Matthews Jr.

The Parish Prayer List

Arthur Abernathy, Burns Ackerly, Meghan Adams, Ben Allen, Booty Armstrong, Joe and Billie Bevis, Landon Bilyeu, Madelyn Blanton, Ruth Boothe, Martha Bottom, Dennis Bruce, Bruce Burris, Wes Carter, Marjorie Claybrook, Gray Coale, Ronald Coleman, Nancy Cunningham, Tara Scherner de la Fuente, Bill Deep, Deb Downing, Rachel Elliot, Rosemary Elliott, Mike Flippin, Vickie Ford, Mike Frye, Larry Fuccella, John Gibbs III, Bobby Grissom, Spotty Hall, Chuck Hannan, Peggy Hartsell, Joan Heim, Pic Hester, Bill Holland, Linda Holland, Michael Holloway, Lee Howell, Ryan James, Michael Jarvis, Chase Keith, Hannah Kjelvick, Jan Kopecky, Ellen Williams Kympton, Drew Leathers, Brian LeCouteur, Martha LeCouteur, The Rev. Laura Lockey, Connie Lombardo, Flo Marland, Jennifer McCarthy, Carolyn McGahee, Colin Messick, Howard Michlow, Thomas A. Olsen, Judy Harrison Pace, Jeanne Patton, David Pearson, Tom Pearson, Lynda Petty, Dominick Powell, Byrd Rawlings, Christopher Redleman, James Riddle, Frank Saulters, Jack Robert James Schmidt, Bob Shaw, Marla Showalter, Ray Slabaugh, Lily Smith, Frances Neal Smythe, Cathy Stanley, Janet Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tina Strother, Duane Swetnam, Peggy Teague, Lorie Tesch, Erica Thomas, Wanda Thomas, Perrin Thompson, Dick Walker, Thekla West, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams, Mrs. Jeri Williams, Cade Williamson, Liam Witt, Whitt Wolfrey, John H. Woodfin, Betty Deane Valentine Wood, Nicholas Bradford Zeljeznak, Andy, Carroll, Clint, Elizabeth, Leann, Rose Mary, Sandra. **For those expecting a child:** Molly and Chris Oakey, Laurian and Skipper Scott, Abigail and Massey Whorley. **We give thanks for the joys and blessings of this life,** especially for the birth of James Lake Curry to Beverley and James Curry, and the birth of Evelyn Marie Goodwin to Matt and Kristi Goodwin. **For the faithful departed:** Marie Burke Franko, Katherine Langhorne Gwaltney, Albert Luck Jacobs Jr. **For our missionaries in South Africa,** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the orphans and caregivers with whom they work. **For our mission partners in Azua, Dominican Republic,** Fr. Jesus Mosquea and the congregations of Reconciliacion and San Jorge. **For Kate Simma,** parishioner and Fulbright Scholar working among the poor in Peru. **For Deborah Streicker,** assistant at L'Arche Blue Ridge Mountains in Lynchburg, a community for adults with mental and physical handicaps and their friends, like Deborah, who are family to one another. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Cpt. Sam Booth, Lt. Col. Silas DeRoma, 2nd Lt. Camm Garrett, 1st Lt. L. H. Ginn V, Christopher Kennedy, William Morgan, 1st Lt. Amanda Kathleen Sharp, Michael Weis, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams.



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: *Patient Trust*, Pierre Teilhard De Chardin, The Institute of Jesuit Sources.

CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude *What is this Lovely Fragrance?*

French carol, arr. Dale Wood/MS

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening

Meister Eckhart

"What good is it to me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God hundreds of years ago, if I do not give birth to the Son of God in my time and my culture? We are all meant to be Mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born."

Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem *Sung by all, standing.*

Forest Green

1.O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2.For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3.How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
4.O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, des - cend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the joys of high - est heav'n.
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gel the great glad tid - ings tell:

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

A Prayer for the Evening

Jesus our inspiration, you come in the evening as our doors are shut, and bring peace. Grant us sleep tonight, and courage tomorrow to go wherever you lead. **Amen.**

The Reading

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Louise Browner Blanchard

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Silent Night*

Franz Gruber, arr. J. Bert Carlson/MS

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Please stand.

Celebrant We bring to the Lord our hopes and cares, saying, God of Wonder, hear our prayers.

Leader For God's people throughout the world, that we might do our part to give glory to God and to bring peace to the earth.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God of Wonder,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader For those gathered here, that we might take the Good News of the living God into the world, not only with our lips, but in our lives.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God of Wonder,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader For all who are in darkness, and for all those in any need or trouble, that the light of the newborn Christ might fill their hearts and bring them hope.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God of Wonder,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader For the sick and the dying and those who care for them, that God might bless them this night with the gift of peace.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God of Wonder,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Leader For those who are becoming aware of the miraculous joy and peace that God has placed within them, and within every human being, that the awareness of this gift might be strengthened and confirmed.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant God of Wonder,

People **Hear our prayers.**

Celebrant Confident in God's love, we place our needs before the newborn Christ, whose manger is the human heart and whose glory is any person alive to his Presence. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

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Music for Meditation *In the Bleak Midwinter*
Forest Green

Gustav Holst, arr. Mark Hayes
English melody, arr. Dale Wood/MS

Hymn What child is this? *Sung by all, standing.* *Greensleeves*

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest on Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas-ant, king, to
sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear, for sin - ners here the
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let
shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent word is plead - ing.
lov - ing hearts en - throne him.
Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

The Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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At the Offertory *Kings of Orient*

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.; arr. Fred Bock/MS

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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

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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.

The Celebrant continues

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: "Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying: "This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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Christ is risen.

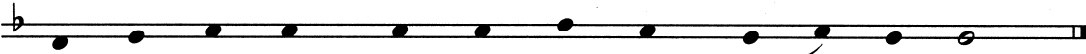
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

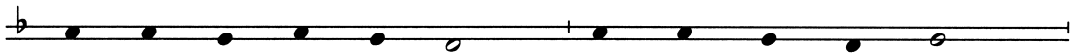
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

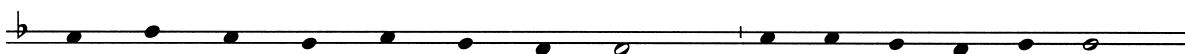


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

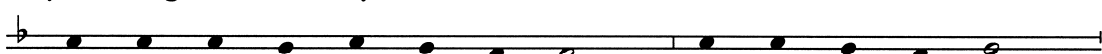
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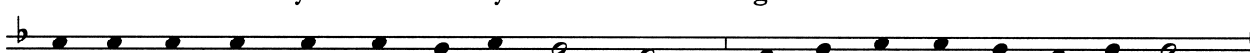
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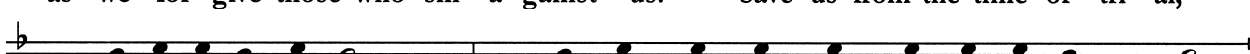
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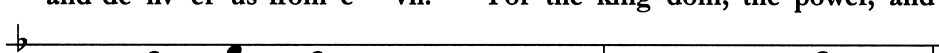
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



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.

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.

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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.

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Music during Communion *Infant Holy*
Still, Still, Still

Polish carol, arr. Al Roberts
Austrian carol, arr. Paul Manz/MS

After Communion

Please stand or kneel.

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

Celebrant May the stillness of God be yours this night,
that you may sleep in peace.
May the awareness of the angels be yours this night,
that you may be alert to unseen mysteries.
And may the life of Christ be yours this night,
that you may be kindled in love. **Amen.**

1. In the bleak mid - win - ter fros - ty wind made moan,
 2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,
 4. What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone.
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim throng - ed the air;
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb.

Snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow, snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 but his moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,
 If I were a wise man, I would do my part.

the in the bleak mid - win - ter long a - go.
 the Lord the God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
 wor - shiped the be - lov - ed with a kiss.
 Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

The 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Please sit for the closing music.

Music for Meditation *Cradle Song*

William Fitzpatrick, arr. Anne Marie David/MS

Postlude *Sussex Carol*

English carol, arr. Frederick Frahm

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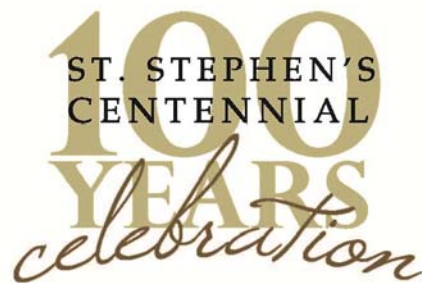


Participating in this Service

Reflector: Louise Browner Blanchard; **Celebrant:** David T. Anderson; **Lay Reader:** Dabney Shackelford; **Chalice Bearers:** Mary Ashburn Darby, Gene LeCouteur, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Meg Willett; **Musicians:** Abby Outlaw, *cantor*; Gustav Highstein, *oboe*; Michael Simpson, *piano*

The Parish Prayer List

Arthur Abernathy, Burns Ackerly, Meghan Adams, Ben Allen, Booty Armstrong, Joe and Billie Bevis, Landon Bilyeu, Madelyn Blanton, Ruth Boothe, Martha Bottom, Dennis Bruce, Bruce Burris, Wes Carter, Marjorie Claybrook, Gray Coale, Ronald Coleman, Nancy Cunningham, Tara Scherner de la Fuente, Bill Deep, Deb Downing, Rachel Elliot, Rosemary Elliott, Mike Flippin, Vickie Ford, Mike Frye, Larry Fuccella, John Gibbs III, Bobby Grissom, Spotty Hall, Chuck Hannan, Peggy Hartsell, Joan Heim, Pic Hester, Bill Holland, Linda Holland, Michael Holloway, Lee Howell, Ryan James, Michael Jarvis, Chase Keith, Hannah Kjelvick, Ellen Williams Kympton, Drew Leathers, Brian LeCouteur, Martha LeCouteur, The Rev. Laura Lockey, Connie Lombardo, Joyce Luettich, Flo Marland, Jennifer McCarthy, Carolyn McGahee, Colin Messick, Howard Michlow, Thomas A. Olsen, Judy Harrison Pace, Jeanne Patton, David Pearson, Tom Pearson, Lynda Petty, Dominick Powell, Byrd Rawlings, Christopher Redleman, James Riddle, Frank Saulters, Jack Robert James Schmidt, Marla Showalter, Ray Slabaugh, Lily Smith, Frances Neal Smythe, Cathy Stanley, Janet Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tina Strother, Duane Swetnam, Peggy Teague, Lorie Tesch, Erica Thomas, Wanda Thomas, Perrin Thompson, Dick Walker, Thekla West, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams, Mrs. Jeri Williams, Cade Williamson, Liam Witt, Betty Deane Valentine Wood, Nicholas Bradford Zeljeznak, Andy, Carroll, Clint, Elizabeth, Leann, Rose Mary, Sandra. **For those expecting a child:** Molly and Chris Oakey, Laurian and Skipper Scott, Abigail and Massey Whorley. **We give thanks for the joys and blessings of this life,** especially for the blessing of the marriage of Ann Madison Schnell and Julien Pierre Henri Cliquet. **For the faithful departed:** Travis Covey, Howard McCue. **For our missionaries in South Africa,** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the orphans and caregivers with whom they work. **For our mission partners in Azua, Dominican Republic,** Fr. Jesus Mosquea and the congregations of Reconciliacion and San Jorge. **For Kate Simma,** parishioner and Fulbright Scholar working among the poor in Peru. **For Deborah Streicker,** assistant at L'Arche Blue Ridge Mountains in Lynchburg, a community for adults with mental and physical handicaps and their friends, like Deborah, who are family to one another. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Cpt. Sam Booth, Lt. Col. Silas DeRoma, 2nd Lt. Camm Garrett, 1st Lt. L. H. Ginn V, Christopher Kennedy, William Morgan, 1st Lt. Amanda Kathleen Sharp, Michael Weis, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams.



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CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 6, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude *Amazing Grace*

American melody, arr. Daniel Burton

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening

Albert Einstein

"The most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead, a snuffed out candle. To sense that behind anything that can be experienced there is something that our minds cannot grasp, whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only indirectly: this is religiousness. In this sense, and in this sense only, I am a devoutly religious man."

Kyrie eleison

Sung by all, standing.

William Trafka

All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - - - son. Cantor or choir sings "Christe eleison." All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son.

A Prayer for the Evening

O Christ, our love and encirler
Each day and each night,
Each light and each dark,
Be near us, uphold us,
Our treasure and our truth. **Amen.**

The Reading

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Gary D. Jones

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Jimmy Owen*

Irish melody, arr. Daniel Burton

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray for ourselves and the world.

Silence

Leader Let us bring before God all of those people and situations that are in any kind of need.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us bring before God the poor, the forgotten, and those who are marginalized, as we renew our commitment to the lonely and the unloved.

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Leader Let us ask God to use our prayerful intentions for the benefit of all who are in this room with us now, people we know and love, as well as people who are strangers to us. May we be blessings to one another.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us call to mind our reasons to be thankful, as we remember our abundance and the life-giving way of gratitude.

The People may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Celebrant May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace, justice, and compassion. **Amen.**

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a single votive candle as a symbol of your prayers. Tapers and votives are on stands by the chancel steps, at the front of the side chapels, and toward the back of the church at the cross aisle. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

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

St. Helena

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1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wideness
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 measure
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 -
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Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Daniel Burton

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The Celebrant continues

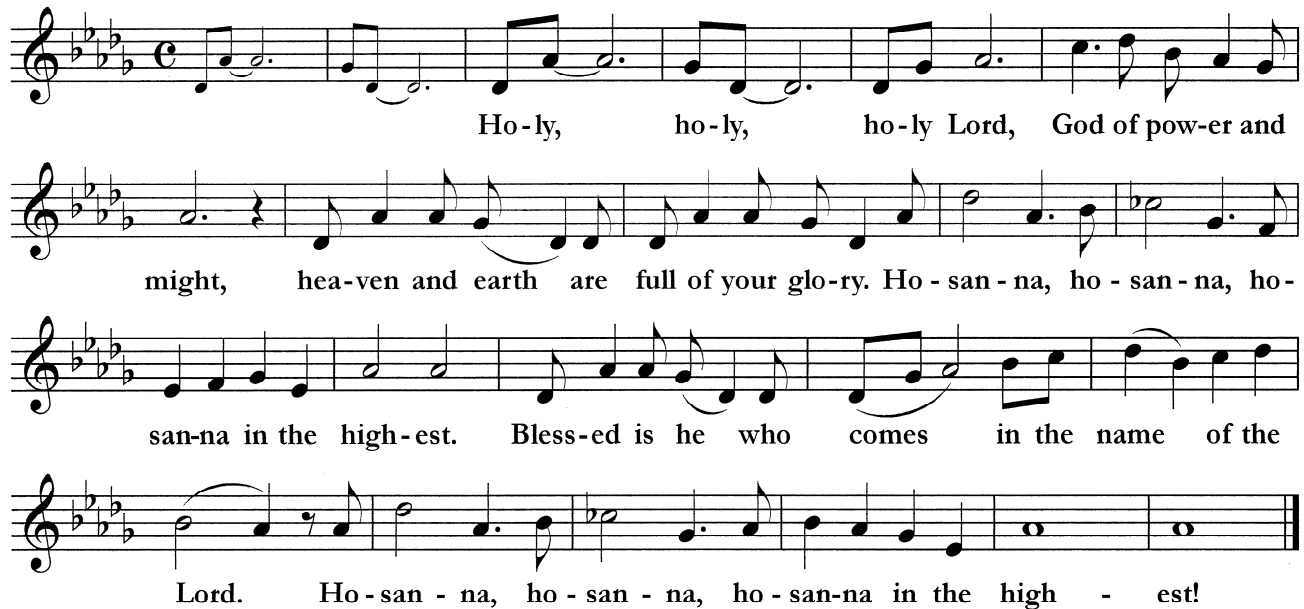
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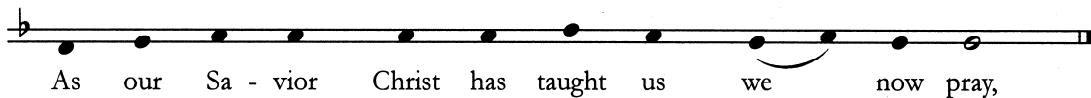
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The Lord's Prayer

Cantor



All



The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God

Sung by cantor and congregation as indicated.

William Trafka

Cantor: Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world, *All:* do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Music during Communion *What Beautiful Stars*
Taladh Chriosta

Yiruma
Irish melody, arr. Star Edwards

After Communion

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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Hymn Lord God, you now have set your servant free *Sung by all, standing.*

Song 1

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

The 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.

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Music for Meditation *Lark in the Clear Air*

Irish melody, arr. Phillip Keveren

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Flower Memorials

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Wright Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Melville Burrows Sr., Dr. and Mrs. James Franklin Blades and James Franklin Blades Jr., by their family.

Vigil Candle

The Vigil Candle in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit is placed in memory of Rebecca Clary Harris and in memory of Lucy Stakes Lane.

The Parish Prayer List

Arthur Abernathy, Burns Ackerly, Meghan Adams, Francena Alvarez, Booty Armstrong, Joe and Billie Bevis, Landon Bilyeu, Madelyn Blanton, Ruth Boothe, Martha Bottom, Dennis Bruce, Bruce Burris, Wes Carter, Camey Chiles, Pauline "Polly" Christian, Marjorie Claybrook, Gray Coale, Ronald Coleman, Nancy Cunningham, Tara Scherner de la Fuente, Bill Deep, Diana Denbar, Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Dill, Cindy Donnell, Deb Downing, Rachel Elliot, Rosemary Elliott, Mike Flippin, Vickie Ford, John Gibbs III, William Greene, Bobby Grissom, Debbie Hacksworth, Spotty Hall, Chuck Hannan, Peggy Hartsell, Joan Heim, Pic Hester, Bill Holland, Linda Holland, Michael Holloway, Lee Howell, Ryan James, Michael Jarvis, Chase Keith, Hannah Kjelvik, Ellen Williams Kympton, Brockenbrough Lamb, Drew Leathers, Brian LeCouteur, Martha LeCouteur, Elise Lewis, the Rev. Laura Lockey, Connie Lombardo, Willie James Marshall III, Jennifer McCarthy, Carolyn McGahee, Emma Lou Martin, Carden C. McGehee Jr., Colin Messick, Thomas A. Olsen, Judy Harrison Pace, Jeanne Patton, David Pearson, Tom Pearson, Lynda Petty, Dominick Powell, Byrd Rawlings, Christopher Redleman, Charlotte Sam, Frank Saulters, Jack Robert James Schmidt, Anne Addison Scott, Ray Slabaugh, Lily Smith, Frances Neal Smythe, Jean Snowa, Cathy Stanley, Janet Stewart, Judy Stewart, Tina Strother, Duane Swetnam, Peggy Teague, Lorie Tesch, Erica Thomas, Wanda Thomas, Perrin Thompson, Betsy Vick, Thekla West, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams, Mrs. Jeri Williams, Cade Williamson, Betty Deane Valentine Wood, Nicholas Bradford Zeljeznak, Andy, Carroll, Clint, Elizabeth, Leann, Harriet, Russell, Rose Mary, Sandra. **In thanksgiving for the birth** of John Charles Oakey to Molly and Chris Oakey, and Charlotte Alexis Sam to Sophia and Saroun Sam. **For those expecting a child:** Michele and Baxter Hines, Laurian and Skipper Scott, Lankford and Jamie Wade, Abigail and Massey Whorley. **For the faithful departed:** Betty Stuart Burke, Charlotte Curry, Marshall Rodd Herron Jr., Liam Witt. **For our missionaries in South Africa,** Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the orphans and caregivers with whom they live and work. **For our mission partners in Azua, Dominican Republic,** Fr. Jesus Mosquea and the congregations of Reconciliacion and San Jorge, and for those who will leave this week on a medical mission in the Dominican Republic. **For Kate Simma,** parishioner and Fulbright Scholar working among the poor in Peru. **For Deborah Streicker,** assistant at L'Arche Blue Ridge Mountains in Lynchburg, a community for adults with mental and physical handicaps and their friends, like Deborah, who are family to one another. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** Cpt. Sam Booth, Lt. Col. Silas DeRoma, 2nd Lt. Camm Garrett, 1st Lt. L. H. Ginn V, Christopher Kennedy, LTJG Morgan Kitchen, Lt. Col. Cyrus S. Kump, William Morgan, 1st Lt. Amanda Kathleen Sharp, Michael Weis, SPC Garratt Abbott Williams.

The Ministry of Healing Prayer at St. Stephen's

Jesus was known for many things in the first century. He was considered a social prophet and a rabbi. He was known as a teacher of wisdom and the leader of a new movement. And he was known far and wide 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*) Jesus also sent his disciples out to heal others, and he promised that they would do greater things than he had done. The ministry of healing prayer has been a part of the Christian experience from the very beginning.

As a part of our Sunday evening service, we offer the ministry of healing prayer for any who desire it. Parishioners and clergy are available in the side chapels during the administration of Holy Communion. If you would like to receive healing prayer and the laying on of hands, either for yourself or for someone you love, we invite you to move to either side chapel after you have received Communion. If the healing prayer ministers are praying for someone already, we invite you to take a seat in the front pews of the chapel, and come forward when there is a space available.

It is often helpful if you tell the healing prayer minister your name and the concern for which you are asking prayer. If you prefer not to do this, that is fine—everyone’s situation is different. Although there is usually a brief spoken prayer at the beginning and at the end, the healing prayer minister will lay hands on you and join with you in silently opening ourselves and presenting the concern to God. This is not a ministry of magical incantations. Instead, this healing prayer ministry is simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to the healing love of God. Although God is always with every one of us, there are times in all of our lives when we need help in becoming more fully present to God. Much as a group of friends once brought a paralytic to Jesus so that Jesus might heal him, so we sometimes benefit from the loving care of others who bring us more fully into the presence of God.

On some evenings, there might be people waiting in the chapels for healing prayer when we reach the conclusion of the service. When it is time for all to say the prayer after Communion, we’ll pause in our prayers for healing. When the service continues, we will continue to offer the ministry of healing prayer at the front of each chapel, so please exit quietly. And since prayers for healing are going on near the exit door at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, it is helpful if you would either use a different exit or move very quietly.

Whether or not you choose to present yourself for healing prayer on any given night, we always welcome your personal prayers, that our Sunday evening gatherings may be filled with compassion, and that everyone who worships here may know the healing love of God in their lives.



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CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we especially cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude *Wondrous Love*

American melody, arr. John Purifoy

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening

"My mercy is incomparably greater than all the sins you could commit."

God speaking to Catherine of Sienna

Celebrant I confess to God, and in the presence of all God's people, that
I have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and I pray God to have
mercy on me.

People **May God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from your
sins, and give you time to amend your life.**

Celebrant Amen.

People **We confess to God, and in the presence of all God's people, that
we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and we pray God
almighty to have mercy on us.**

Celebrant May God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from your sins,
and give you time to amend your life.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Turn again, O God, and give us life

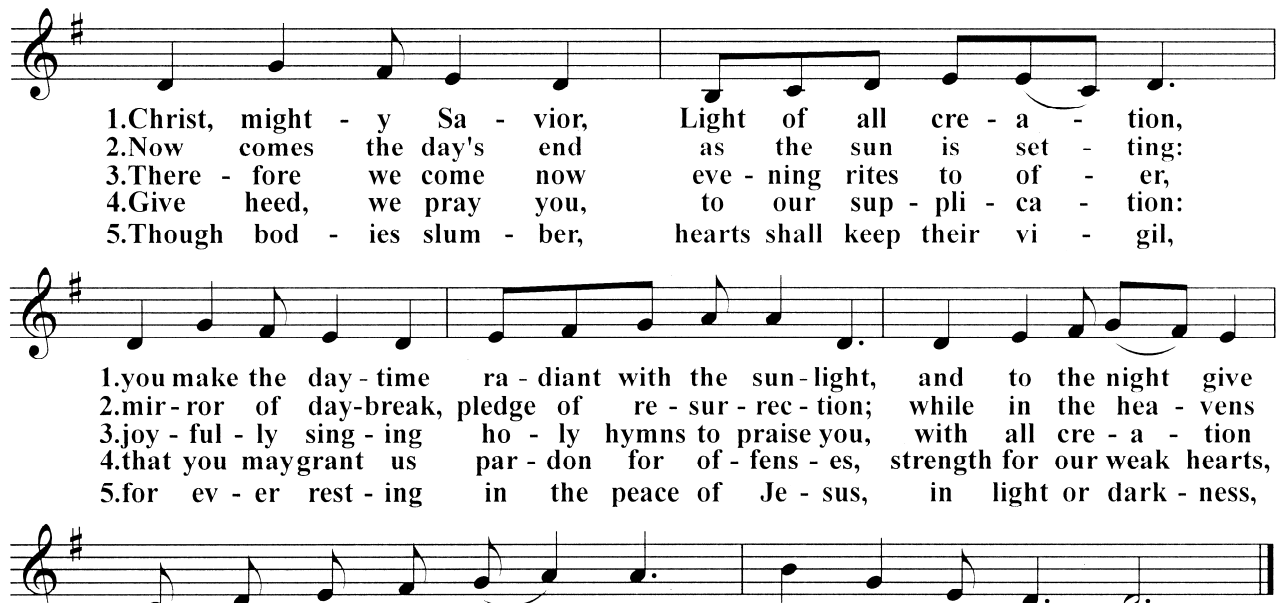
People **That your people may rejoice in you.**

Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God,

People **And renew a right spirit within me.**

Celebrant Give us the joy of your saving help again,

People **And sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**



1.Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
 2.Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting:
 3.There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - er,
 4.Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion:
 5.Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil,

1.you make the day - time ra - diant with the sun - light, and to the night give
 2.mir - ror of day-break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
 3.joy - ful - ly sing - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 4.that you may grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 5.for ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness,

1.glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
 2.choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 3.join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.
 4.rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
 5.wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for - ev - er.

A Prayer for the Evening

Jesus our inspiration, you come in the evening as our doors are shut, and bring peace. Grant us sleep tonight, and courage tomorrow to go wherever you lead. **Amen.**

The Reading Luke 4:1-13 *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Jo Ann Bibb

Two minutes of silence follow.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray for ourselves and others.

Leader We pray for all who work through the power of Christ, serving the needs of the poor and healing the wounds of injustice, division and materialism in our society.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the elderly, the sick and the lonely among us: that they may receive comfort, companionship and care from those around them.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray that those who have been persecuted or seriously wronged by others may experience warmth and love with Christ, and be able to forgive those who have hurt them.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray that when we are discouraged, we may find strength in the signs of a loving and faithful God in those around us, and the joy of the Holy Spirit within us.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those whom we love but no longer see; those who have gone beyond the veil of this mortal life, that their souls and the souls of all the departed may rest in peace.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all those who have asked for our prayers and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Lord Jesus, support the sick, the dying, and all for whom this night will be a trial. And as you look upon us this evening, may the light of your countenance pass beyond our sins, even to the depths of our hearts; and bring to birth there a deep and trustful love, that we may be instruments of your peace. **Amen.**

Response *Kyrie eleison Sung by all.*

William Trafka

All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, Ky - ri - e e -

lei - - - son. *Cantor or choir sings "Christe eleison."* *All:* Ky-ri - e e -

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Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

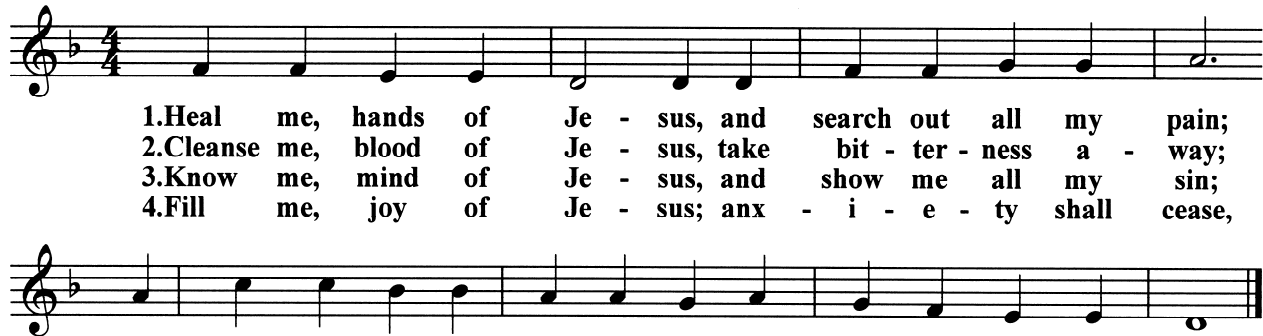
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Music for Meditation *Pavane*
An Cailin Fionn

Gabriel Fauré
Irish melody, arr. Phil Coulter

Hymn *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

Southwell



1.Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;
2.Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
3.Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
4.Fill me, joy of Je - sus; anx - i - e - ty shall cease,

re - store my hope, re - move my fear, and bring me peace a - gain.
let me for - give as one for - giv'n, and bring me peace to - day.
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt and bring me peace with - in.
and heav'n's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus, brings me peace!

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.
After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

*Alms basins are not passed through the congregation at this service.
For your offerings, alms basins are located at each entrance to the church.*

At the Offertory *Balm in Gilead*

spiritual, arr. Bert Carlson

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 right to thank you and praise you giver of life, beloved of the poor and forgotten. We praise you for the prophets who in spite of persecution spoke your challenging word. We praise you that in Christ you chose to be born in a stable and revealed to poor shepherds. We praise you for Mary, first witness of the resurrection; and for all the women and men who have been trusted and empowered by you. With all the unremembered, outcast, with the poor and needy, with the trusting and hopeful in all the ages we praise you saying:

Sanctus *Sung by all.*

William Trafka

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

Celebrant We praise you for Jesus Christ, born of peasant parents, friend of lepers and tax collectors, who chose a life given up for others. On the night before he died he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying: "This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me." After supper he took a cup of wine, blessed it and gave it to them saying: "This is my life-blood poured out for you. Do this to remember me." So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Come now Holy Spirit of God. Come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in sharing this feast we may become the body of Christ. Break down walls of selfishness and fear and bring us all to the new age in which none go hungry and all are fed. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit be all honor and 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 *Sung by all.*

William Trafka

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world, do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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.

Music during Communion

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Please join us for a reception following this service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you might plug in, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor's cards in the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the collection plates at the entrances to the church. And, of course, call on us anytime.

Reflector: Jo Ann Bibb

Celebrant: Gary D. Jones

Deacon: Yejide S. Peters

Musicians: Matthew Hassmer, *cantor*; Gustav Highstein, *oboe*; Michael Simpson, *piano*

Lay Reader: Anne Pole

Chalice Bearers: Rob Cabaniss, David Edmonson, Molly Johnson, Herbert Jones, Allison Koschak,
Beth Thornton



Flower Memorials

The flowers on the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of T. Coleman Andrews, T. Coleman Andrews, Jr., by their family; John Barry Purcell by his wife and family.

The Vigil Candle

The Vigil Candle is placed in memory of Frank and Helen Gasparovic.

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CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this service come from other churches and faith traditions, and we are delighted to have many who consider St. Stephen's to be their second church home. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we especially cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude *Sliabh Gallon's Brae*

Traditional

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Poem *from "Compared to the Air We Breathe" Gerard Manley Hopkins*

Wild air, world-mothering air,
Nestling me everywhere, ...
I say that we are wound
With mercy round and round,
As if with air, the same...
And makes, O marvelous!
New Nazareths in us.

Hymn *Now it is evening*

Evening Hymn

1. Now it is eve - ning: lights of the cit - y bid us re - mem - ber
2. Now it is eve - ning: lit - tle ones sleep - ing bid us re - mem - ber
3. Now it is eve - ning: food on the ta - ble bids us re - mem - ber
4. Now it is eve - ning: here in our meet - ing may we re - mem - ber

Christ is our light. Man - y are lone - ly; who will be neigh - bor?
Christ is our peace. Some are ne - glect - ed; who will be neigh - bor?
Christ is our life. Man - y are hun - gry; who will be neigh - bor?
Christ is our friend. Some may be strang - ers; who will be neigh - bor?

Where there is car - ing, Christ is our light.
Where there is car - ing, Christ is our peace.
Where there is shar - ing, Christ is our life.
Where there's a wel - come, Christ is our friend.

A Prayer for the Evening

Teach us, Loving God, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach us to hold it lightly, not carelessly, but lightly, easily. Teach us to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while we have it, and to let it go gracefully and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the Giver is greater still. You, O God, are the Giver, and in you is the life that never dies. **Amen.**

The Reading *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Gary D. Jones

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Promised Land*

Ed Gerhard

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Celebrant Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.
Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

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 word and action.**

Leader Creator of all, lead us and every 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 its resources.**

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 he loves us.**

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

The people may add their intercessions silently or aloud.

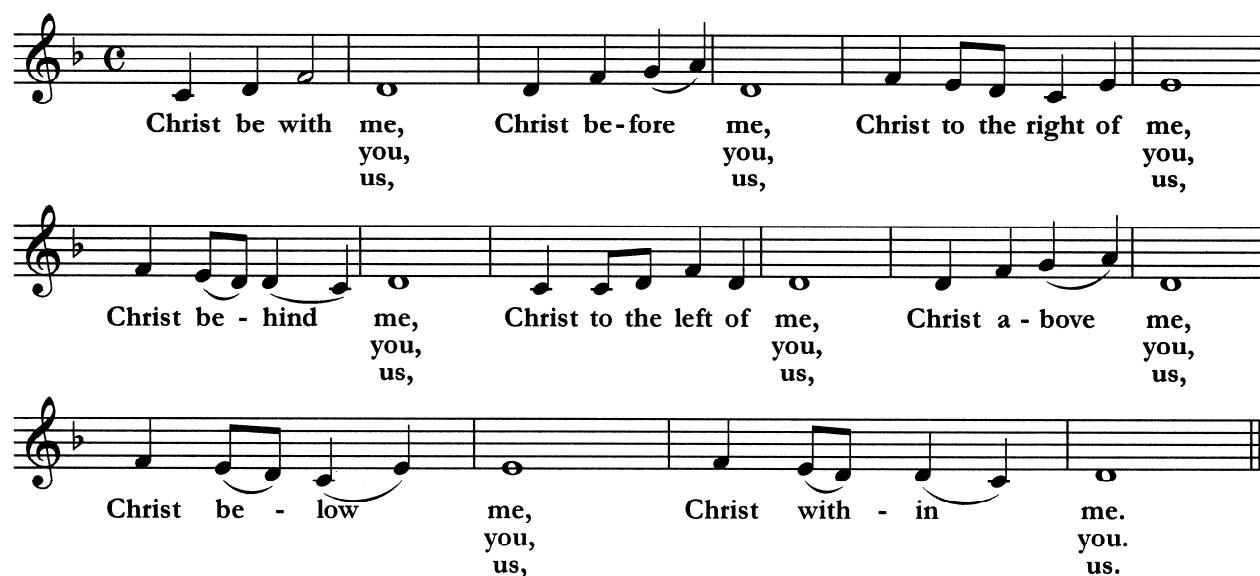
Celebrant Lord, you have called us to serve you.

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.**

Response *Christ be with me*

Ruth Cunningham

The cantor will sing the first stanza. All will join for the last two stanzas.



Christ be with me, you, us, Christ be-fore me, you, us, Christ to the right of me, you, us, Christ be-hind me, you, us, Christ to the left of me, you, us, Christ a-bove me, you, us, Christ be-low me, you, us, Christ with-in me, you, us.

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

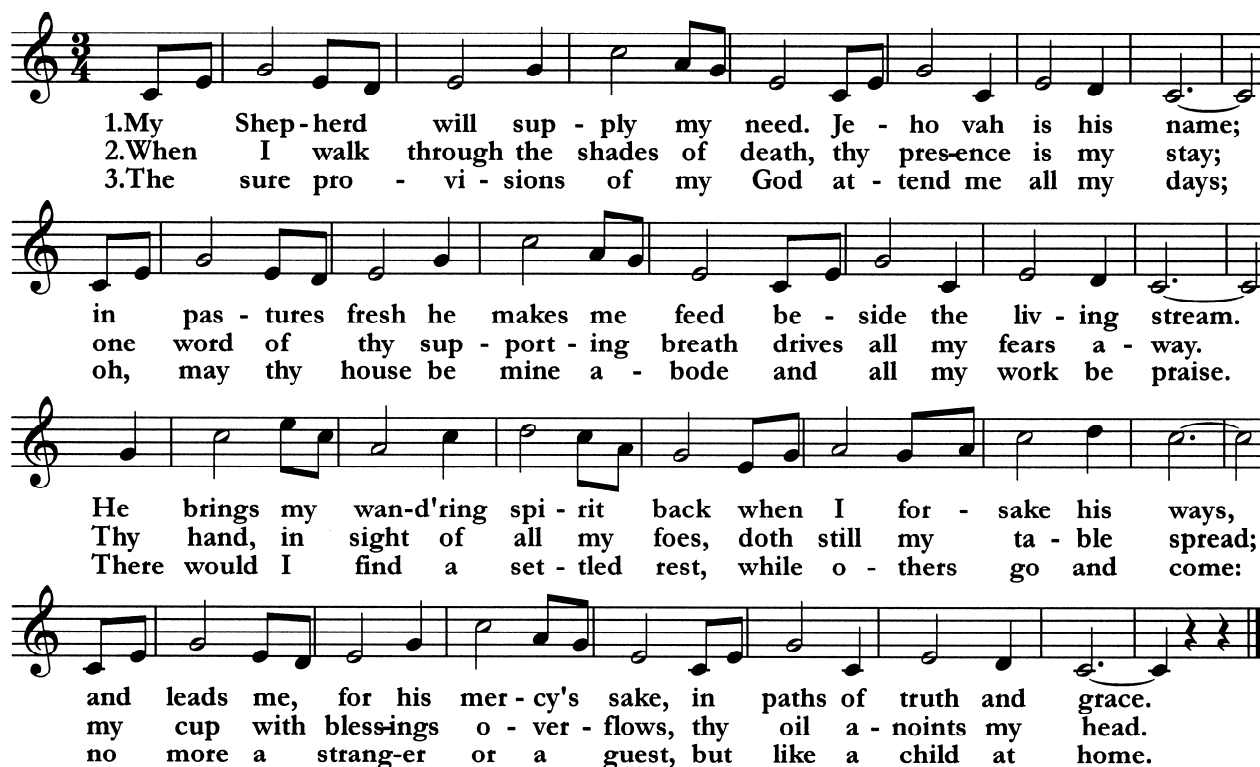
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Music for Meditation *Traveling Home*

Eric Tingstad

Hymn *My Shepherd will supply my need*

Resignation



1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need. Je-ho vah is his name;
2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;
in pas-tures fresh he makes me feed be-side the liv-ing stream.
one word of thy sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
oh, may thy house be mine a-bode and all my work be praise.
He brings my wan-d'ring spi-rit back when I for-sake his ways,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, while o-thers go and come:
and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with blessings o-ver-flows, thy oil a-noints my head.
no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

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.**

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At the Offertory *Gillan's Apples*

Traditional

Eucharistic Prayer "Canon G" *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.**

The Celebrant continues

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, repeating as the cantor sings the verses.*

Jacques Berthier



Verses: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Together

"This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

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

Together

"This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily 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, 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
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sins of the world: grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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Music during Communion *Forest Green*
Beach Spring

arr. Anne Krentz Organ
arr. Organ

After Communion *Please stand or kneel.*

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.

Blessing

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. Amen.



1. Part in peace! the night be - fore us. Prais - es sing for life and light.
 2. Part in peace! with deep thanks - giv - ing, ren - d'ring as we home-ward tread,
 3. Part in peace! such are the prais - es God our Ma-ker loves - the best.



Are the shad-ows length-'ning o'er us? Bless God's care who guards the night.
 love and ser - vice to the liv - ing, gen - tle mem - ory to the dead.
 Such the wor-ship that up - rais - es hu - man hearts to heav'n - ly rest.

The Dismissal

Deacon The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever. Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please sit for the closing music.

Music for Meditation *Harmony Grove*

Greg Maroney

Postlude *Sally Gardens*

Irish melody

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Celebrant: Yejide S. Peters

Musicians: Nicole LoPiccolo, *cantor*; Susan DeJesus, *flute*; Stuart Jackson, *uilleann pipes*; Dan Moriarty, *piano*

Lay Reader: Lucy Boswell Negus

Chalice Bearers: Molly Johnson, Herbert Jones, Jo Anne Palmore, Jim Teachey



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CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

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Prelude *Daybreak*

Robert Wadsworth

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening from "Meditation XVII" by John Donne

All mankind is of one author, and is one volume;
when one dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book,
but translated into a better language;
and every chapter must be so translated...
As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon,
calls not upon the preacher only, but upon the congregation to come:
so this bell calls us all...
No man is an island, entire of itself...
any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;
and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
it tolls for thee.

Hymn *Be thou my vision*

Slane

1.Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; all else be
2.Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3.Great God of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won, may I reach

nought to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Re - deem - er, thine
heav - en's joys, bright heav-en's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what-

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres-ence my light.
own may I be; thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

A Prayer for the Evening

Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.
Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in Love. **Amen.**

The Reading *Please sit.*

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Michael Simpson

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *The Four-leafed Shamrock*

Irish melody

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church 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 word and action.**

Leader Creator of all, lead us and every 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 its resources.**

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 he loves us.**

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

The people may add their intercessions silently or aloud.

Celebrant 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.

Response *Adoramus te, Domine* Sung by all, repeating as the cantor sings the verses. Jacques Berthier



Verses: With the angels and archangels...with the patriarchs and prophets...
with the Virgin Mary, mother of God...with the apostles and evangelists...
with all the martyrs of Christ...with all who witness to the gospel of the Lord...
with all your people of the church throughout the world...

Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving Please sit.

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. Tapers and votives are on stands by the chancel steps, at the front of the side chapels, and toward the back of the church at the cross aisle. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

Music for Meditation *Carolán's Draught*
Archibald MacDonald of Keppoch

Turlough O'Carolan
Scottish melody

1.I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2.I come with Chris - tians and near to
 3.As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4.And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5.To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll
 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 go our dif - f'rent ways, and as his peo - ple
 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 ty of love in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

The Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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At the Offertory *Margaret Lavin*

Irish melody

Eucharistic Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant The Lord is with us.

People God's spirit is here.

The Celebrant continues

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.

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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.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Together

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

The Celebrant continues

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

The Lord's Prayer

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


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 Sung by all.

St. Anne's Mass, James MacMillan



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on

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Music during Communion *Meditation*
The Salley Gardens

Robert Wadsworth
Irish melody

After Communion Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

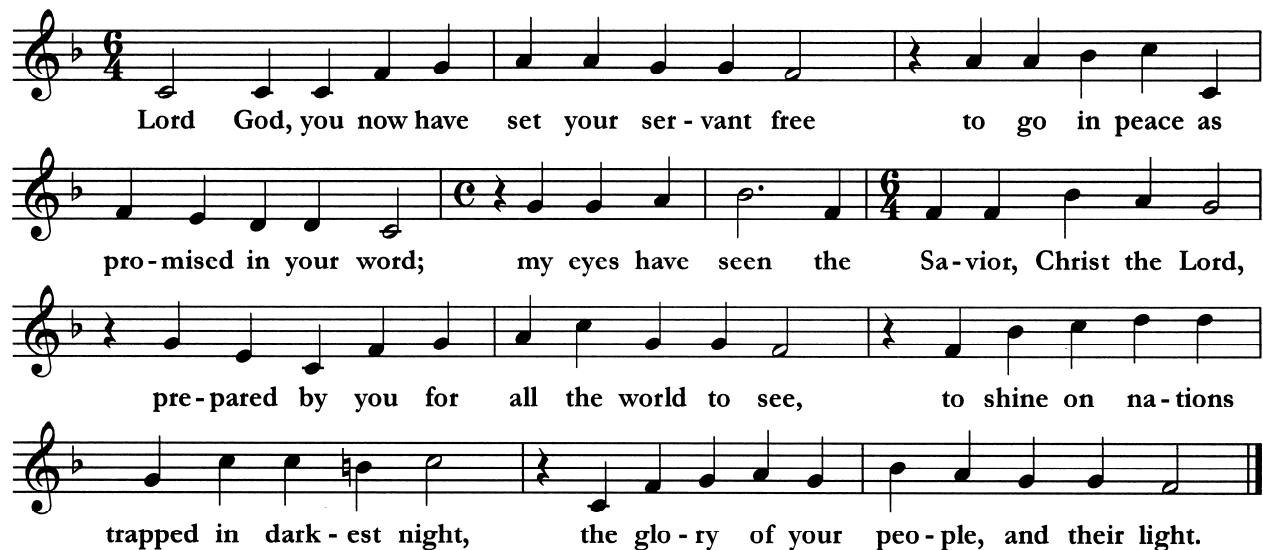
All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May 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. **Amen.**



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.

The 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit for the closing music.

Music for Meditation *Eileen's Lament*

Irish melody

Postlude *Blue Bells of Scotland*

Scottish melody

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Celebrant: Louise Browner Blanchard

Lay Reader: Sala Webb

Musicians: Matthew Hassmer, *cantor*; Robert Wadsworth, *hammered dulcimer*; Michael Simpson, *piano*

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All Saints' Sunday

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Prelude *John Anderson*

Scottish melody, arr. Sunita Staneslow

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening "Sabbath VII 1982" by Wendell Berry

The clearing rests in song and
shade.
It is a creature made
By old light held in soil and leaf,
By human joy and grief,
By human work,
Fidelity of sight and stroke,
By rain, by water on
The parent stone.

We join our work to Heaven's gift,
Our hope to what is left,
That field and woods at last agree
In an economy
Of widest worth.
High Heaven's Kingdom come on
earth.
Imagine Paradise.
O dust, arise!

Hymn Surely it is God who saves me *Sung by all, standing.*

Thomas Merton

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear.
Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim.

So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring;
Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell,

in the day of your de - liv - 'rance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
in your ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

A Prayer for the Evening

Let us learn of you in the depths of our souls, O Christ,
and journey through death to birth.
Let us learn of you in our souls through this night
and the journey of letting go. **Amen.**

The Reading

Please sit.

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Gary D. Jones

Two minutes of silence follow.

Music for Meditation *Banks and Braes*

Scottish melody

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray for ourselves and all of God’s people.

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 word and action.**

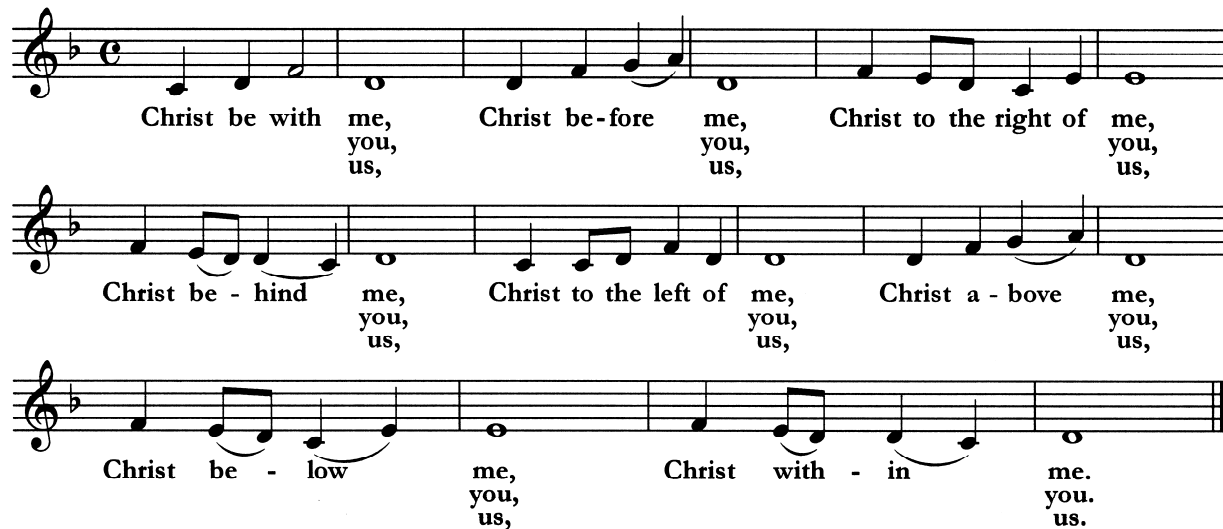
Leader Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.

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 its resources.**
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 he loves us.**
Leader Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our personal prayers, either silently or aloud.
The people may add their intercessions either silently or aloud.
Celebrant 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.

Response Christ, be with me Ruth Cunningham

Verses 1 and 2 sung by cantor; verse 3 sung by all.



Additional Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving *Please sit.*

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. Tapers and votives are on stands by the chancel steps, at the front of the side chapels, and toward the back of the church at the cross aisle. Please feel free to go to any of these places to light a candle.

Music for Meditation *Brother James' Air*
Harmony Grove

James Bain, arr. John Helgen/MS
 Greg Maroney

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need. Je-ho vah is his name;
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres-ence is my stay;
 3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;
 in pas-tures fresh he makes me feed be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of thy sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 oh, may thy house be mine a-bode and all my work be praise.
 He brings my wan-d'ring spi-rit back when I for-sake his ways,
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while o-thers go and come:
 and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, thy oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er or a guest, but like a child at home.

The Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
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.
 After exchanging the Peace, please sit.*

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

*Alms basins are not passed through the congregation at this service.
 For your offerings, alms basins are located at each entrance to the church.*

At the Offertory *Nancy Vernon*

Turlough O'Carolan

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.

The Celebrant continues

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, repeating as the cantor sings the verses.*

Jacques Berthier



(Translation: Holy Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts, God of Hosts.)

Verses: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People **“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:

Celebrant and People **“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily 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

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.

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.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing, as you wish. You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive. When you receive the consecrated bread, you may consume it and then move to one of the cups of consecrated wine. The cups closest to the altar are for drinking, and the smaller cup behind them is only for those who choose to “intinct” or touch the tip of their bread to the wine. If you would like prayers for healing, proceed to the front of either side chapel. If the healing prayer ministers are already praying with others, you are welcome to have a seat in the chapel until one of them is available.

Music during Communion *O Waly Waly*
The Enchanted Garden

English melody, arr. Kim Robertson/MS
 Kevin Kern

After Communion

Please stand or kneel.

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

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. **Amen.**

Hymn The day thou gavest

Sung by all, standing.

St. Clement

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness
 2. We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
 3. As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
 4. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud
 falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns as -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands and grows for
 cend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

The 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.

All Thanks be to God.

Please sit for the closing music.

Music for Meditation *Shenandoah*

American melody, arr. Kim Robertson/MS

Postlude *Lord Inchiquin*

Turlough O'Carolan

Please feel free to depart during the Postlude, as you wish. Prayers for healing will be continuing at the front of both chapels, so we ask you to leave quietly. Please come back often.

Following the Service

Please join us for a reception following this service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you might plug in, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor cards in the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the collection plates at the entrances to the church. And, of course, call on us anytime.



Reflector: Gary D. Jones; **Celebrant:** David T. Anderson; **Lay Reader:** Sala Webb; **Subdeacon:** Katie Goolsby; **Chalice Bearers:** Rob Cabaniss, Molly Johnson, Beth Thornton; **Musicians:** Matthew Hassmer, *cantor*; Susan Weis, flute; Michael Simpson, *piano*

Flower Memorials

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephen Casey by their daughter, Mrs. Caroline Y. Brandt; William Maury Hill, Jr., by his family; Ann Giles Hyer by her family; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Purcell, Robert Bosher Purcell and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Morris Nelson by their family.

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Guidelines for Reflections

The "Reflection" piece for the Sunday evening Celtic service is a bit different from a homily or sermon. First of all, it is intentionally very brief. We like to say that it must all fit on an 8.5 x 11" sheet of paper, with regular margins and normal type! If it's less than a full page, that's fine, too. Another way of saying this is that the reflection should be under five minutes.

Another characteristic of this reflection piece is that it is intended to be very personal. Episcopalians are not known for their "witnessing," but this is in a way what we are asking you to do. We want to know something about your experience of God. While it might be interesting to hear how you think about God, we are more interested in hearing about your encounter with God in real life situations, about where you have sensed God's presence in your life, and, as a result of this encounter, about what matters most to you in life. Of course, given the brevity of the reflection, we know that we would be hearing only one small piece of your perspective on these things, but we hope you might be open to doing this more than once!

The reflection also does not have to be related to the Gospel reading appointed for the evening. It is wonderful to have someone share with us something he or she has read – a poem or brief passage from a novel, for example – that is especially meaningful to them. What made this reading stand out for you? How does it reflect your own understanding of God or your own life? Did this reading shed new light on experiences you've had? A nice benefit of this approach is that others might be inspired to read more of that which you found so helpful or enlightening. But that's just one approach.

We hope you are getting the idea. We have only one reading from the Bible at this service, and that is from the Gospels. As a result, we do not hear St. Paul's epistles read at this service. St. Paul, as you know, is often speaking about his experience of God and how his life has been fundamentally changed by that experience. His letters are to worshipping Christians, giving them poignant and personal glimpses of his life. In a sense, the reflector is your epistle, your witness. Our hope is that those of us who are worshipping together would not only get to know a little about how you think but more importantly about who you are and how you experience the Divine. When we listen attentively to another's experiences of God, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God might be at work in our own lives.

One final guideline for the reflection time at this service has to do with the silences before and after the reflection. Someone will read the Scripture appointed for the evening, and when he or she concludes the reading, the person giving the reflection should time a full minute of silence. Wait 60 seconds before you approach the lectern to give your reflection. Then, be mindful of the fact that, once you conclude your reflection, we will be observing a full two minutes of silence. Your awareness of this silence might affect how you choose to reflect.

Thank you for sharing in this important ministry.

Blessings

Blessings for Celtic Service

1. 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. Amen.
2. May you recognize in your life the presence,
power, and light of your soul.

May you realize that you are never alone,
that you have a special destiny here,
that behind the façade of your life
there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

And may you learn to see yourself
with the same delight,
pride, and expectation
with which God see you in every moment. Amen.

3. Celtic Blessing
Deep peace of the running waves to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Deep peace of the God of peace to you.
4. Celtic Blessing
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, on the way home.

Attribute to The Rev. Carson Brisson

Blessings for Christmas and Epiphany

Celebrant: May the stillness of God be yours this night,
that you may sleep in peace.
May the awareness of the angels be yours this night,
that you may be alert to unseen mysteries.
And may the life of Christ be yours this night,
that you may be truly alive and kindled to love. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Prayers
for the
Evening

Prayers for the Evening

O Christ of the least and the homeless,
O Christ of the lost and the betrayed,
Come close to us this night
That we may come close to you. **Amen.**

Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.
Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in Love. **Amen.**

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.**

O Christ, our love and encircler
Each day and each night,
Each light and each dark,
Be near us, uphold us,
Our treasure and our truth. **Amen.**

In the quiet of this place
in the dark of the night
we wait and watch.
In the stillness of the soul
and from its fathomless depths
the senses of our hearts are awake to you.
For fresh soundings of life
for new showings of light
we search in the silence of your Spirit, O God. **Amen.**

Let us learn of you in the depths of our souls, O Christ,
and journey through death to birth.
Let us learn of you in our souls through this night
and the journey of letting go. **Amen.**

In the darkness of the evening
The eyes of our hearts are awake to you, O God.
In the quiet of this night
We long to hear again intimations of your love. **Amen.**

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.**

For the quietness that surrounds us
and your promise of peace deep within us,
for the stillness of sleep for our bodies
and the hope of healing for our souls,
thanks be to you, O God. **Amen.**

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.**

Eternal God, shed your light on us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our hearts bless you,
and our lives glorify you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Teach us, Loving God, not to hold on to life too tightly. Teach us to hold it lightly, not carelessly, but
lightly, easily. Teach us to take it as a gift, to enjoy and cherish while we have it, and to let it go gracefully
and thankfully when the time comes. The gift is great, but the Giver is greater still. You, O God, are the
Giver, and in You is the life that never dies. **Amen.**

Living God, in you there is no darkness; shed upon us through this night the light of your forgiveness, your
healing and your peace, that when we wake from sleep we may know once more the brightness of your
presence; through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Jesus our inspiration, you come in the evening as our doors are shut, and bring peace. Grant us sleep
tonight, and courage tomorrow to go wherever you lead. **Amen.**

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the
quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the
dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Pentecost

Most powerful Holy Spirit, come down upon us and subdue us. From heaven, where the ordinary is made
glorious, and glory seems but ordinary, bathe us with the brilliance of your light like dew. **Amen.**

Graces

The Grace When he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. **Amen.**

Luke 15:18-20

The Grace Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air and consider the lilies of the field, how God cares for them. How much more will God care for you? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? But strive first for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Amen.**

from Matthew 6:25-33

The Grace Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 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; give, and it will be given to you. **Amen.**

Luke 6:35-38a

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 Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 Grace Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. **Amen.**

Luke 15:4-7

Post Communion Prayers

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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.**

Adapted from *New Zealand PB*

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world. **Amen.**

From Gary Jones:

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.

From the Society of St. John the Evangelist

Celebrant: Loving God,
People: **We give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our savior. Amen.**

Celtic Hymns

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Christ is risen!
Day is Done
God Be with You
Now Let Us from This Table Rise
Surely it is God who saves me
The Lord is risen
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Now the green blade riseth

Alleluia No. 1
W Żłobie Lęzy
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God Be with You
Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
I Come with Joy
Look Well Within
Lord God, You Now Have Set
Now Let Us from This Table Rise
O God in Whom All Life Begins
The Day Thou Gavest
The King of Love

Slane
Nova Vita
(Innisfree Farm)
(Down Ampney)
(The Call)
Ar Hyd y Nos
(St. Elizabeth)
(Randolph)
(Adoro te devote)
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The King of Love
The Summons
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We All Are One in Mission
When Love Is Found

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Come, My Way, My Truth
Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ
Fairest Lord Jesus
Go, My Children
God Be with You
God Is Forgiveness
God Is Here
Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Heal Me, Hands of Jesus
How Deep the Silence
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place
I Come with Joy
In the Lord I'll Be ever Thankful
Let Your Servant Now Go in Peace
Look Well Within
Lord God, You Now Have Set
Lord of All Hopefulness
May the Sending One
My Shepherd Will Supply
Now It Is Evening
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