



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We welcome and include all people without exception and invite you to participate fully in worship and after the service to enjoy the community supper in the fellowship hall. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Nursery care is available (infant-4); speak with a door greeter. Visitor guides are available at entrances. When you want to be known here, place a Welcome card (in all pews, or submit online) in the basket by the baptismal font. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

From 5:10, the church is ready for prayer and rest. Please observe silence inside the church and remember to silence all devices.

Prelude Time forgotten Brian Crain

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Prayer Marie Howe

Every day I want to speak with you. And every day something more important
calls for my attention—the drugstore, the beauty products, the luggage

I need to buy for the trip.

Even now I can hardly sit here

among the falling piles of paper and clothing, the garbage trucks outside
already screeching and banging.

The mystics say you are as close as my own breath.

Why do I flee from you?

My days and nights pour through me like complaints
and become a story I forgot to tell.

Help me. Even as I write these words I am planning
to rise from the chair as soon as I finish this sentence.

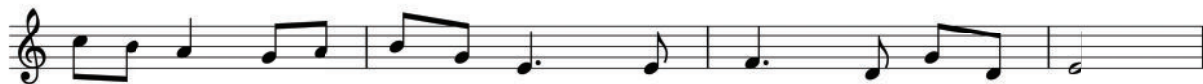
Silence is held after the reading.

Hymn

You satisfy the hungry heart

*Sung by all, standing.**Finest Wheat*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat; Come,



give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1.As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice, so

2.With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude, that

3.Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured? Do

4.You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be, to

to Refrain

when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.

you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.

not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?

serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

A Prayer for the Evening*Wild Goose Big Book**Deacon* Holy Trinity, you welcome us into your family.*People* **Remind us that we are all your children.***Deacon* Loving God, you welcome us into the shelter of your care.*People* **Remind us about our sisters and brothers who are without shelter.***Deacon* Jesus Christ, you were a carpenter.*People* **Help us to work with you to build societies and systems where there is a place for all.***Deacon* Holy Spirit, you inspire, challenge and connect us.*People* **Bind us together into your network of one humanity. Amen.****The Reading** Mark 10:46-52 *Please sit.**Reader* A Reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaueus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Silence is held for one minute of reflection.***Reflection** The Rev. Cate Anthony*Silence is held for two minutes of reflection.***Music for Meditation** Clonmel

trad. Irish, arr. Sylvia Woods

Prayers for Ourselves and Others Please stand.

from *The Book of Common Prayer of Ireland*

Deacon Let us keep silence before God, and through our minds and imaginations offer prayers which words might not contain. Let us pray.

Silence

Leader There is a time for every purpose under heaven.

Silence

Leader A time for gratitude...

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

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

Silence

Leader A time for holding compassion for ourselves and others... for the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton... and for victims of humanity's violence, fear, and indifference.

Silence

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

Silence

Leader A time for giving thanks, [especially ____].

Silence

Leader A time to pray for those who have died, [especially ____].

Silence

Leader In our time and in your time, O God, fulfill our prayers as is best for us and may your kingdom come. **Amen.**

Candle Lighting, Additional Prayers

Lighting candles is as potent a symbol of offering one's prayer to God as candlelight is of God's abiding presence. All may light one votive at any station, now and hereafter. This Church is open daily for prayer and rest, and a permanent votive station is located near the piano in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Music for Meditation Down by the Salley Gardens

trad. Irish, arr. Phillip Keveren

Hymn *Adoramus te, Domine*

Sung by all, standing.

Jacques Berthier

The congregation will repeat the refrain as the cantor sings the verses.



Translation: Lord, we adore you.

Verses: With the angels and archangels; with 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.

The Grace Then Peter approached and said to him, “Lord, how many times will my brothers or sisters sin against me and I shall forgive them? As many as seven times?” Jesus says to him, “I tell you, not as many as seven times, but as many as seventy times seven.” **Amen.** *Matthew 18:21-22*

The Peace May Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be broken. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “peace.”

The Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

All comes from God, so from all God has given into our care, we offer gifts from our gratitude. Please place offerings into the basket near the baptismal font or food pantry items into the baskets by the main entrance, or make a gift online by scanning the QR code or texting STSTEPHENSVA to 73256.



At the Offertory *Beau soir*

Claude Debussy

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

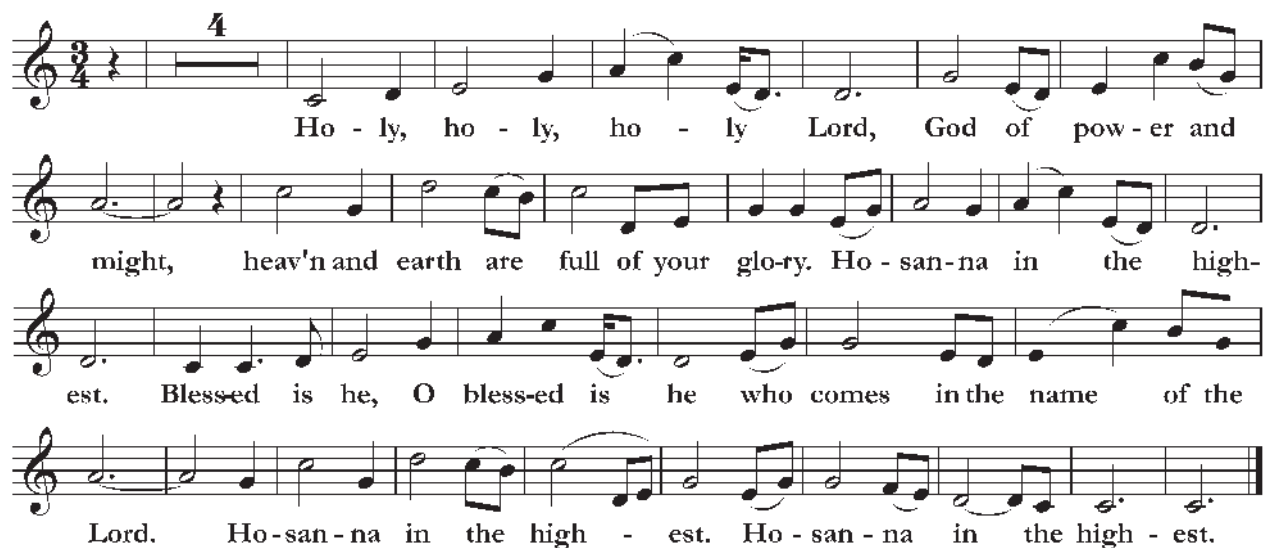
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

James MacMillan



4
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-
est. Bless-ed is he, O bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant We 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:

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

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

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

Celebrant Therefore according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is held.

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.

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

At the Communion of the People

All who seek God's presence through Communion or God's blessing are welcome to come forward. Extend your hands, one upon another, to receive a bread wafer (request gluten-free) or, to receive God's blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest in an "X". Wine for sipping is offered next to the bread or dip the edge of your wafer in the small cup by the pillars. **Healing prayer and anointing** are offered to all at the side chapels from the beginning of Communion through the end of the service. More information is found at the end of this bulletin.

Music for Communion

Prelude
Home away from home
Flora

John Rutter
arr. Phil Coulter
Ludovico Einaudi

After Communion

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Blessing

Celebrant May 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.
 And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended *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

ced-ed, thy praise shall sanc-ti-fy our rest.
 keep-ing and rests not now by day or night.
 si-lent, nor dies the strain of praise a-way.
 ev-er, till all thy crea-tures own thy sway.

Dismissal

Deacon Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation *Bist du bei mir* (If you are with me) J.S. Bach

Postlude Flow gently trad. Scottish, arr. Sunita Staneslow

Please feel free to depart during or after the Postlude, holding silence.



Memorials

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Herbert Stephen and Eleanor Hampton Casey, and W. Verner Casey by Caroline Brandt; and William Maury Hill and William Maury Hill Jr. by their family.

Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. John Jenkins; **Deacon and Reflector:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **Subdeacon:** Synthia Waymack; **Reader/Intercessor:** Tyler Curtis; **Chalice Bearers:** Guy Frank, Chip Jamerson, Mary Martin, Mary Virginia Scott; **Musicians:** Abby Outlaw, *cantor*; Peter Greydanus, *cello*; Brent te Velde, *piano*

The Ministry of Healing Prayer at St. Stephen's Church

TO PRESENT YOURSELF FOR HEALING PRAYER OR ANOINTING: Healing ministers are located in both side chapels from the time people receive communion until after the service concludes. Go to either side chapel either after receiving communion or a blessing, or at any time following irrespective of what else is happening in the service. Because these ministries will continue through the end of the service, please respect those in prayer by exiting in silence from any of the rear doors. Whether or not you participate in these ministries tonight, you may contribute to the work of healing prayer by offering your personal prayers for yourself and that all who worship here may experience the healing love of God in their lives and bear that love into the world for its healing.

HEALING PRAYER: If you wish to sit for a moment with a healing prayer minister, it is helpful if you share your name and the concern for which you ask God's healing. The minister will lay hands on your shoulders, join with you in silently opening ourselves to God, and offering your prayer concern to the healing One who is with us always. This is not a ministry of magical incantations. It is simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to God's presence and healing love.

ANOINTING: If you wish to receive anointing with healing oil, approach the anointer with you palms open and extended. She or he will mark your hand with the sign of the cross and offer a simple prayer for your healing.

Healing ministries of prayer and anointing have practiced by Christians from the very beginning. God's grace is freely given to all people for the healing of spirit, mind, and body, and these practices provide ways for us to present ourselves just as we are with open hands and open hearts. We do not believe in magical incantations. Instead, these sacramental acts are simply about fellow pilgrims opening ourselves more completely to the healing love of God.

The Parish Prayer List

The parish prayer list is available in the narthex (the church vestibule) and at Information Central (the large table outside the parish office).

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 Publications, © 2017; Wild Goose Worship Group, *Big Book of Liturgies*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, © 2023. Rite Planning, © 2021, by Church Publishing Incorporated, all rights reserved, used by permission. All copyrighted music by permission, under OneLicense #A710911. Opening: "Eagle Poem" by Joy Harjo, from *In Mad Love and War*. © Wesleyan University Press, 1990. Reprinted with permission