



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Day of Pentecost ☩ June 8, 2025 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. Throughout this bulletin, guidance is printed in italics. Nursery care is available (infant-4); speak with a door greeter. A "soft space" is also available in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, the side chapel nearest the parish house, where children and parents can continue to participate in the service if and when they need more room than a church pew provides. Children must be accompanied by a parent while using the soft space. Visitor Guides are found 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 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

From 5:10 on Sundays, the church is ready for prayer and rest. Please observe silence inside the church and thank you for remembering to "silence" all devices.

Prelude

Come down, O Love divine

arr. Charles Callahan

Please stand at the sound of the bell, as you are able

Opening

Storage

Mary Oliver

When I moved from one house to another
there were many things I had no room
for. What does one do? I rented a storage
space. And filled it. Years passed.

Occasionally I went there and looked in,
but nothing happened, not a single
twinge of the heart.

As I grew older the things I cared
about grew fewer, but were more
important. So one day I undid the lock
and called the trash man. He took
everything.

I felt like the little donkey when
his burden is finally lifted. Things!
Burn them, burn them! Make a beautiful
fire! More room in your heart for love,
for the trees! For the birds who own
nothing – the reason they can fly.

Silence is held after the reading.

Hymn

Draw us in the Spirit's tether

*Sung by all, standing as able.**Union Seminary*

1. Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er, you are
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er break the
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing, we may

in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 So now knit our friend - ship up.
 We will serve with faith a - new.

A Prayer for the Evening

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.**

The Reading John 14:8-17 *Please sit.***Reader** A Reading from the Gospel according to John.

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

*Silence is held for one minute of reflection.***Reflection** Nancy Heishman*Silence is held for two minutes of reflection.*

Music for Meditation*Veni Creator Spiritus*, variation 2

Maurice Duruflé

Prayers for Ourselves and Others*Please stand*, as able.

- 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, remembering especially those who suffer the violence of armed conflict.
Silence
- Leader** A time for recognizing what we hope for...
Silence
- Leader** A time for giving thanks, [especially ____].
Silence
- Leader** A time 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 a 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 Litany to the Holy Spirit

Peter Hurford

Hymn *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Jacques Berthier

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



Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.

Verses: Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Light in our hearts the flame of your love, that in the darkness of the world, it may glow and reach to all forever.

The Grace

Listen to these words of Jesus, words that we can trust:

Iona Worship Book

“Don’t be afraid.”

“I love you.”

“Abide in my love.”

“Your sins are forgiven.”

“I will be with you always.”

Write these words in our hearts, loving God, let them take root in our living. **Amen.**

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

My love is like a red, red rose

trad. Scottish, arr. Skaila Kanga

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand, as able.

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far way; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

This refrain is repeated as the cantor sings the verses.

Jacques Berthier



Sanc-tus, Sanc-tus, Sanc-tus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth, De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord 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 who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us,

Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

All **“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

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

All **“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Celebrant Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

The musical notation for The Lord's Prayer is presented in a series of staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, and the subsequent staves are for the All. The notation uses a single line with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The prayer is divided into several phrases, each corresponding to a line of music. The final phrase, 'A - men.', is written on a single staff at the bottom.

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

Silence is held.

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._

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 Rush of wind, tongues of fire
Burning
Waterways

Richard Blake
Ludovico Einaudi
Ludovico Einaudi

After Communion Please stand, as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
that in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood,
You awaken us to your indwelling Presence
And our true life.
Help us to recognize and honor
Your Presence in one another,
To treat each other with reverence and humility,
And to become, more and more,
The people we already are in you. Amen.

The Blessing

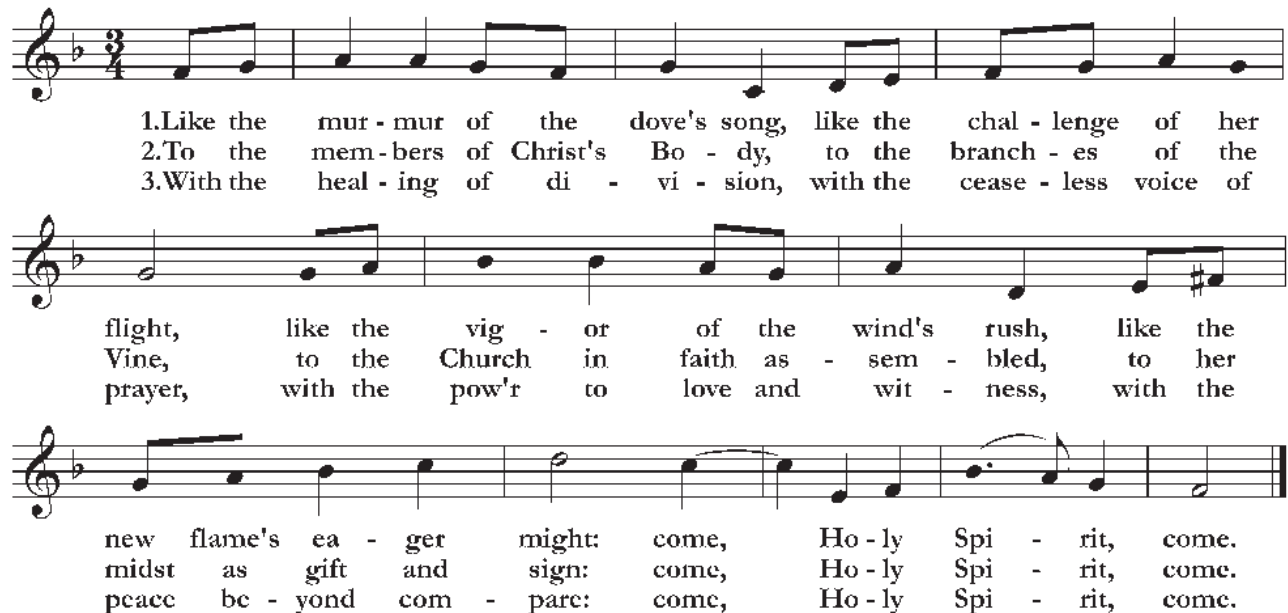
Celebrant The Blessing of the Creator, light you.
The Blessing of the Risen Son, light you.
The Blessing of the Light-giving Spirit, light you.
May the Holy Three give you light, love and peace
this night and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Sung by all, standing as able.

Bridegroom



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of
flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the
new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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 Like the murmur of the dove's song

Peter Cutts, arr. Mark Sedio

Postlude *Dove of Peace*

American folk hymn, arr. Nancy Raabe

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 Alexander Evans Snowdon by the Allen family; Ray Sterling Carpenter by his family; Timothy Crawford Rose by his family; and E. Holcombe Palmer by his friends.

Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Cate Anthony; **Deacon:** The Rev. John Rohrs; **Reflector:** Nancy Heishman; **Subdeacon:** Sam Davis; **Reader/Intercessor:** Rob Nease; **Intercessor:** Audra Tuttle; **Chalice Bearers:** Guy Frank, Lisa Cuseo-Ott, Gabrielle Maes, Kristen Estes; **Musicians:** Quinn Bitsas, *cantor*; Ellie Swanson, *flute*; Diana Chou, *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).

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