



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

All Saints' Sunday ☩ November 2, 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 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 found at entrances. When you want to be known here, place a Welcome card (in all pews, or submit online) in the basket in the center aisle. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. 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 Shall we gather at the river? American folk hymn, arr. Ben Logan
Please stand at the sound of the bell, as you are able.

Opening from *Book of Hours* Ranier Marie Rilke

God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.
These are the words we dimly hear:
You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.
Flare up like a flame
and make big shadows I can move in.

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.
Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.
Give me your hand.

Silence is held after the reading.

Hymn For all the saints Sung by all, standing as able. Sine nomine

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee— by
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;— thou, Lord, their
3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!— We feebly
faith be— fore the world confessed, thy name, O— Je— sus
Cap— tain in the well-fought fight;— thou, in the dark— ness
strug— gle, they in glo— ry shine yet all are— one in
be for— e— ver— blessed. Al— le— lu— ia, Al— le— lu— ia!
dear, the one— true— Light. Al— le— lu— ia, Al— le— lu— ia!
thee, for all— are— thine. Al— le— lu— ia, Al— le— lu— ia!

A Prayer for the Evening

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.**

The Reading Luke 6:20-31 *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.”

Silence is held for one minute of reflection.

Reflection Josh Rockett

Silence is held for two minutes of reflection.

Music for Meditation *Land of Rest*

David Cherwien

Prayers for Ourselves and Others *Please stand.*

adapted from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Deacon Let us pray for the church and the world.

Leader We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer.

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God a troubled situation in our world tonight.

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God our hearts' hopes and concerns.

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God our gratitude and joy for the blessings of life, [especially for ____].

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God our losses, and we pray for all who mourn, [especially at the death(s) of ____].

You may offer prayers silently or aloud.

Leader Lord in your mercy.

All **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring ourselves to God.

All **that we might be healed
and drawn to love each other
as God loves us.**

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.

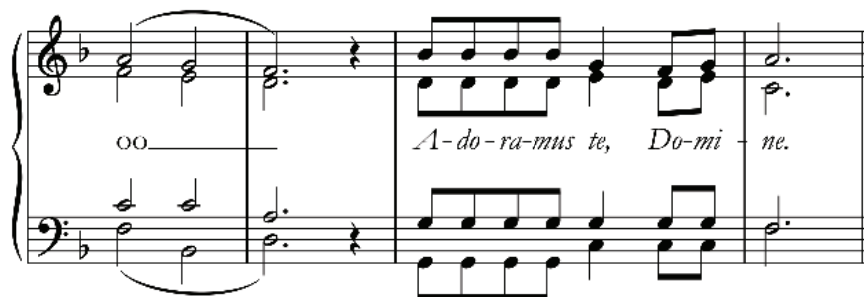
Music for Meditation Shall we gather at the river?

Gary Lanier

Hymn Adoramus te, Domine

Jacques Berthier

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



Translation: We adore you, O Lord.

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 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 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."

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

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 STSTEPHENS RVA to 73256.



At the Offertory *Pie Jesu (from Requiem)*

Gabriel Fauré

Eucharistic Prayer Please stand.

A New Zealand Prayer Book, Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People **God's Spirit is with us.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

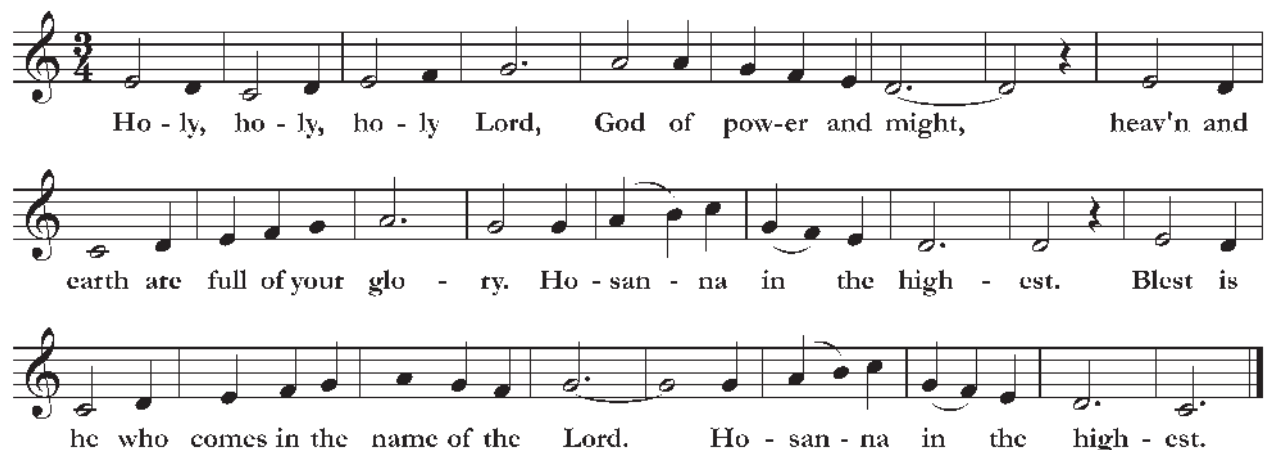
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right indeed, it is our joy and delight, O holy, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image. When we turned away from you, you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. Through Christ Jesus you have made us your holy people.

Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with the angels who sing "Glory," and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we proclaim your great and glorious name together:

Sanctus *Sung by all.*

Michael Simpson



Celebrant Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his followers' feet.

All **"I am among you," he said, "as one who serves."**

Celebrant On that night before he died, he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to them saying:

All **"Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."**

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

All **"This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."**

Celebrant Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. In this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith,

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.**

Celebrant God of all creation, you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these your gifts that we who receive them may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

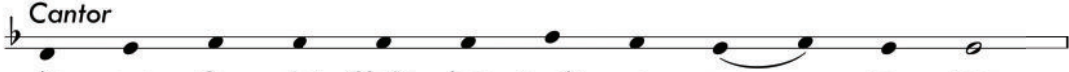
All **Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

Celebrant For you, O heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

All **All praise, glory and love be yours, O Holy God, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

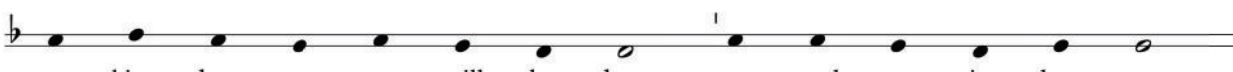


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All



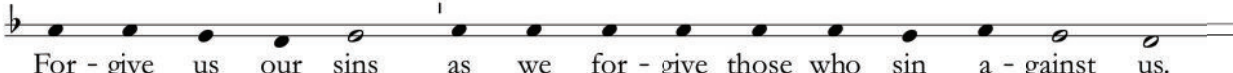
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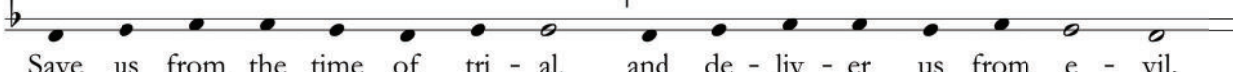
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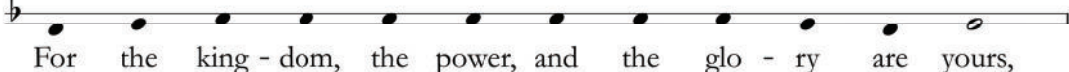
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



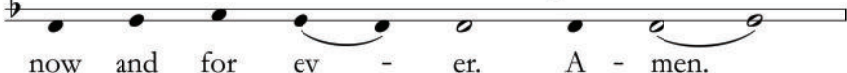
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Sung by all.

Christopher Walker

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us, 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 *Fhear a' Bhàta* (The boatman)

trad. Scottish, arr. Kim Robertson

Deep River

trad. spiritual, arr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

I due fiumi (Two rivers)

Ludovico Einaudi

After Communion

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

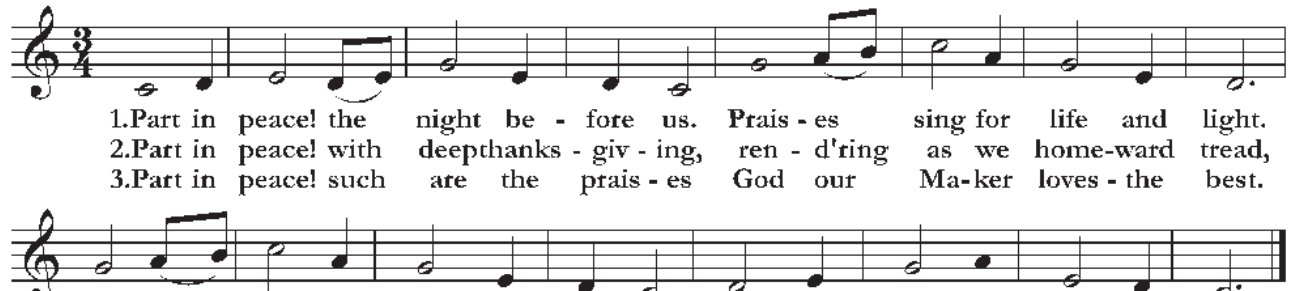
All **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world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

The Blessing

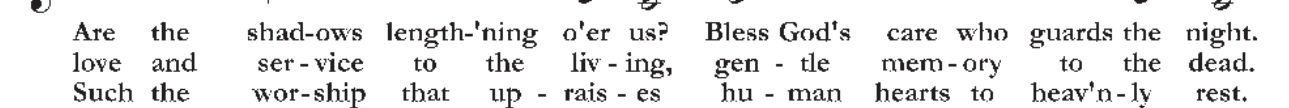
Celebrant Now, may the Lord Christ go before you to prepare your way;
Christ beside you, be companion to you everywhere you go;
Christ beneath you, strengthen and uphold you when you fall or fail;
Christ behind you, finish and complete what you must leave undone;
Christ within you, give you faith and courage, love and hope;
And Christ above you, bless and keep you, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Hymn Part in peace! *Sung by all, standing as able.*

Charlestown



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.

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 Shenandoah

American folk song, arr. Kim Robertson

Postlude Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

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 Carter Sommers by his friends; Florence S. and Robert W. Cabaniss, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cabaniss III; Durwood Usry by his family.

Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Cate Anthony; **Deacon:** The Rev. Bill Sachs; **Reflector:** Josh Rockett; **Subdeacon:** Pam Redd; **Reader:** Daniel Mullery; **Intercessor:** Gayle Royals; **Chalice Bearers:** Howard Anderson, Mary Martin, Kim Spensieri, Susan Wilkes; **Musicians:** Quinn Bitsas, *cantor*; Alyssa Evans, *violin*; 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

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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 been 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

Charles Adams, Richelle Anderson, Abigail Palmer Anthony, Rubylane Armstrong, Patricia Atkins-Smith, Sue Atkinson, Robert Baker, Elizabeth Bannerman, Lash Barksdale, Nancy Beale, Ken Blaisdell, Christine Boeteger, Denise Bondy, Genie Borum, Julia Bouck, Gene Bowles, Sturges Brian, Leslie Brockman, Alex H. Brown, Pat Brown, Sarah Jo Bryce, Turner Bruneau, Matt Boyd, Patti Bullen, the Robert Burns family, Ann Campbell, Tammy Carleton, Scott Carnohan, Paula Chambers, Percy Cochran, Nancy Cole, Sarah Cole, Susan Collier, Caswell Cooke, Mary Cooke, Prior Cooper, Kathy Conrad, Stephanie Copeland, John Corey, Randy Correll, Don Cowles, Michelle Crim, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Steven Dalle Mura, Daniel and family, Chris Davis, Patricia Delany, Jackie Dering, Ham DeRosa, Terry Dickinson, Davis Dunn Dillard, Susan Dull, Barbara Hall Dunn, Charlotte and Wade Elliott, Guy Frank, Julia G., Yvette Gerardin, *April Greenwood*, Janis Hall, Rodger Hardy, Marianne Harmuth, Katie Hellebush, Dan Hill, Deborah Hodgson-Lyons, Anna Hurdle, Esther Hutchison, Julie Imeson, Alan Jamesieson, the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston, Lena Jones, Gouthum Karadi, Jane Kelly, Dana King, William Turner Kump, Margee Krebs, Diedra Kriewald, Hanns Kuttner, Caleb Lambert, Linda Lewis, Eva Lindsay, Brenda Lorenz, Genie Lucyk, Joy Luke, Margaret Lyle, Pam Lynch, Ross Mackenzie, Barbara Mathison, Satin Matthews, Adrienne Maxwell, Richard Maxwell, Virginia Maxwell, Michael McCabe, Schnucki McCabe, Morgan McCall, Stratton and Robin McCrady, Gertrude McLean, Nancy Meath, Jack Miller, Mary Miller, B. Millner, Susan Minyard, Sallie Moncol, Ashley Nickerson, Mary Beth Noel, Sallie Nolte, Jan Orgain, Tricia Payne, Beth Pearce, Ernest Perry, Courtney Phillips, Scott Pittman, Wilde Poole and family, Bob Pope, Lee Powell, Lyn Presson, Tom Rader, Bryson Raquet, Wick Raquet, Nancy B. Reed, Luke Robertson, Brenda Rohadfox, Stephanie Roberts, Linda Robinson, Alison Roussy, Brenda Quinn, Jason R., Ray, Jennifer Reed, *Aleta Richards*, Kaley Rosenthal, *Carole Roth*, Richard Sanger, Robert Sass, James Saunders and Harriet Covey, Melissa Schick, T. Logan Scott, Margie Sesler, Jane Settle, Todd Shelton, Bette Shiflett, Maj. David Shuford, Jr., Chrys Sills, Aiden Thomas Smith, Ross Southward, Josh Spain, Ben Sparks, Jayne Speck, Stanley, Reilly Starr, Regena Stith, Dorothy Suskind, Margaret Teachey, Jens Tholand, Margaret Thompson, Nelson Toebe, Langdon Tollett, Kenneth Valke, Cordelia Vogel, Timothy W., Mac Wade, Ozzie Wade, Carol and Don Wakeley, Suzanne Wallace, Tom White, Terri Wilcox, Donna Williams, Steve Williams, Trevor Wingate, Claire Wood, Emily H. Wood, Rosalyn Wootten, Sue Wootton, Paul Leddingdon Wright, Karen Young, Margaret P. Young. **For the blessings of this life**, especially for the baptisms of *Emaline Jeanne Brennan*, *Thomas David Brennan III*, *Louisa Birdsong Clough*, *Davis Dunn Dillard*, *Palmer Lane Forrester*, *Thomas Richard Halladay*, *William Mo Jubran*, and *Barbara Marie Rendon*. **For those expecting a child**, especially Maddie and Matthew Clites, Ian Hayes and Corinne Torres, and Michelle and Dane Olsson. **For our missionaries**, Heidi Schmidt and Monica Vega, and the people they serve in Argentina. **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the *Church of the Province of West Africa*. **For ReWork Richmond**. **For an end to gun violence**. **For peace and reconciliation** in Haiti, Iraq, Iran, Israel/Palestine, Nigeria, North Korea, South Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine, and at our borders. **For those serving overseas in the military or diplomatic service:** CPT Anna Broadbent-Evelyn, Lt. Jonathan Dean Hudson, and Lt. Alex Whitmire. *Names in italics were added to the prayer list in the past week.*

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