



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION
CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Petersburg, Virginia

January 21, 2018

Prelude Music 5:15 p.m.

Service 5:30 p.m.

Welcome to this evening service. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering the church. At the end of the service, please remain seated in silence until the conclusion of the Postlude, when the bell will be rung. We are glad you are here.

Prelude Music *Clarinet Concerto No. 1, Mvt. 2 Op. 73* Carl Maria von Weber
Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier J.S. Bach
Selections from the solo violin and cello sonatas and partitas J.S. Bach

Opening Acclamation *Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

Leader: Welcome to this ancient place,
All: **House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.**

Leader: Welcome to this gathering place,
All: **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, in all who gather here.**

Leader: Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning; all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness,
All: **Generous God and generous savior, touch us through your spirit.**

Prayer for Light

Leader: Come to us this night, O God,
All: **Come to us with light.**

Leader: Speak to us this night, O God,
All: **Speak to us your truth.**

Leader: Dwell with us this night, O God,
All: **Dwell with us in love.**

Hymn 25 *O gracious Light*

The Eighth Tune



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

The Reading Mark 1:14-20 *Please be seated.*

Reader: O God, as these words are read,
All: **In our hearts may we feel your presence.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Bill Queen

A moment of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation *Prelude from Cello Suite No. 1*

J.S. Bach

Prayers of the People *Please stand.*

Leader: Let us pray for ourselves and for others. In the pauses between the petitions, I invite you to voice your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader: We bring to God,
All: **Someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.**
(pause)

Leader: We bring to God,
All: **Someone who is hurting tonight and needs our prayer.** (pause)

Leader: We bring to God,
All: **A troubled situation in our world tonight.** (pause)

Leader: We bring to God,
All: **Someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.** (pause)

Leader: We bring ourselves to God,
All: **That we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.**
 (pause)
Leader: O Trinity of Love, you have been with us at the world's beginning,
All: **Be with us till the world's end.** (pause)
Leader: You have been with us at our life's shaping,
All: **Be with us at our life's end.** (pause)
Leader: You have been with us at the sun's rising,
All: **Be with us till the day's end.** (pause)
Leader: O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbor, to our foes,
 to our friends, to our kindred all.
All: **O Christ of the poor and the yearning, from the humblest thing that lives, to the
 name that is highest of all, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love. Amen.**

Individual Prayers *Please be seated.*

During the instrumental music, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Music for Meditation *Allemande from Violin Partita No. 1 in B minor*
Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 4

J.S. Bach
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Hymn 475 *God Himself Is With Us*

Tysk



1 God him - self is with us; let us all a - dore him,
 3 Thou per - vad - est all things: let thy rad - iant beau - ty
 4 Come, a - bide with - in me; let my soul, like Ma - ry,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is here with -
 light mine eyes to see my du - ty. As the ten - der
 be thine earth - ly sanc - tu - ar - y. Come, in - dwell - ing



in us; souls in si - lence fear him, hum - bly, fer - vent -
 flow - ers ea - ger - ly un - fold them, to the sun - light
 Spi - rit, with trans - fi - guring splen - dor; love and hon - or

ly draw near him. Now his own who have known
 calm - ly hold them, so let me qui - et - ly
 will I ren - der. Where I go here be - low,
 God, in wor-ship low - ly, yield their spi - rits whol - ly.
 in thy rays im - bue me; let thy light shine through me.
 let me bow be - fore thee, know thee, and a - dore thee.

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The Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

All now exchange a sign of peace; then please be seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Alms basins are not passed through the congregation at this service.
 You may place your offering in the alms basin at the door as you leave.*

Music At the Offertory *Fantasia, Op. 43*

Niels W. Gade

The Eucharistic Prayer *Please stand.*

Leader: The Lord be with you,

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts,

All: **We lift them up to God.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God,

All: **It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God,

All: **For you have brought forth bread from the earth.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O God,

All: **For you have created the fruit of the vine.**

Leader: In the beginning you watered the earth,

All: **That man and woman might have food and drink.**

Leader: You gave to your servant Sarah,

All: **Bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad.**

Leader: You called Moses and his people out of bondage,

All: **And refreshed them with food in the wilderness.**

Leader: You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share,
All: **And here at your table, you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as sons and daughters.**

Leader: And so with all our sisters and brothers, before us and beside us,
All: **We praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness.**

Leader: Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread. On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'This is my body, given to you.

In the same way he took wine and having given thanks for it he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, 'This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

All: **Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.**

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Leader: Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing, and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. **AMEN.**

All: **Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept.*

Leader: The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive. A larger chalice for drinking or a smaller chalice for dipping are available to either side of the bread.

Music during Communion *Selections from the solo violin and cello sonatas and partitas*

J.S. Bach

Celebrant Let us pray. *Please stand.*

All: O God of the high heavens, O Christ of the deep earth, O Spirit of the flowing waters, O Trinity of love, you have offered your love to us, and here we pledge our love to you. Strengthen us in our desire, and breathe into our bodies the passion of your love. We pray this in the name of Jesus, to whom we commit ourselves. Amen.

Blessing

Leader: May the everlasting God shield you, east and west and wherever you go. And the blessing of God be upon you,

All: **The blessing of the God of life.**

Leader: The blessing of Christ be upon you,

All: **The blessing of the Christ of love.**

Leader: The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

All: **The blessing of the spirit of grace.**

Leader: The blessing of the Trinity be upon you. Now and for evermore.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn 490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

a tempo

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The Dismissal

Leader: As you have been fed at this table, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have received, give. As you have heard, proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from Creator, Son, and Spirit go with you.

Please remain seated in silence until the conclusion of the Postlude when the bell will be rung. Then join us for food and fellowship in Lackey Hall. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

Postlude: *Double from Violin Partita No. 1 in B minor*

J.S. Bach

Participants in the Service

Leader & Reflection The Reverend Bill Queen
Cantor Lay Reader Sonyia Elder
Chalice Bearers Bee Betts, Andy Gates, Erica Roney
Ushers Kathy Talmage, Rick Talmage, Gisela White
Audio Melanie Williamson *Musician* Matt Little

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Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on February 18 with featured musician Louise Daniel. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

Our Sunday morning worship schedule is: 8:00 a.m. Quiet Holy Communion followed by coffee and refreshments, 9:30 a.m. Christian Education for Adults and Youth, 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion and Sunday School for ages 2-10, followed by coffee and refreshments.

Come join our Bible study! The group meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. led by Claire Brill. We welcome you to attend.

A Celtic Approach to Christianity

Christians in the Celtic-speaking areas of Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales developed some traditions differing from other parts of the church until the 7th century. Unfortunately, little of how they actually practiced their faith has survived. Over the centuries since then, many people have sought to re-envision 'Celtic' approaches to prayer and worship.

One of the most active centers of this revival movement has been the Iona Community, founded in 1938, as an ecumenical monastic community, destination for pilgrimages, and originator of liturgical and devotional resources. It is from the Iona Community's publications that the liturgy of our Celtic Service is derived.

The Iona Community's approach to worship is characterized by participatory worship, inclusive language, and using inherited traditions to speak in new ways to today's world. Their approach, as ours at Christ and Grace, seeks to deepen our awareness of, appreciation for, and relationship with God in Christ, all peoples, and the created world.