



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

February 18, 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** “Irish Melodies”

*Avenging and Bright  
Bendemeer’s Stream  
The Castle of Dromore  
Cockles and Mussels  
The Cruiskeen Lawn  
Down by the Salley Gardens  
The Fanaid Grove*

Traditional  
Arr by Sylvia Woods

**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.**

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,  
 all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!  
 thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,  
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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**The Reading Mark 1:9-15** *Please be seated.*

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now 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.”

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** The Reverend Ruth Partlow

*A moment of silence will follow.*

## Music for Meditation

*The Foggy Dew*

Arr by Sylvia Woods

### 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

*Baloo Baleerie*

Arr by Sylvia Woods



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

**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**

*Rorate*

Arr by Sylvia Woods

**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. 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**  
*Aberystwyth*

Arr by Daniel Burton



## 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:** *Carolan's Welcome*

Turlough O'Carolan  
Arr by Sylvia Woods

### Participants in the Service

*Leader & Reflection* The Reverend Ruth Partlow  
*Cantor* Matt Little *Lay Reader* Maureen McClure  
*Chalice Bearers* Jeff Geisz, Kemper Brinkley, Claire Brill  
*Ushers* Andy, Missy, Elizabeth, Russell & Samuel Gates  
*Audio* Bee Betts *Musician* Louise Daniel

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### Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on Sunday, March 18, with musician Melissa Adams. 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 2-11, followed by coffee and refreshments.

The Anne Rusmisell Book Sale in Lackey Hall begins today and continues throughout the season of Lent. All proceeds are contributed by the Episcopal Church Women to the Church Periodical Club.

Join us for Wednesday night potlucks followed by a movie feature, **THE LION KING**, or **KARUNA: A Way of Life**. Beginning this Wednesday, February 21, and each Wednesday evening for the following 4 weeks, you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share at our potluck suppers. This is a great time to ask a friend to join in the fellowship of our church. At 6:45 you are invited to stay for our movie segment of **The Lion King** which will be shown in Lackey Hall **or** join the **“Karuna: A Way of Life”** study group led by Sonya Elder upstairs in the Hale Library.

## **TUESDAY LENTEN PREACHERS AND LUNCHEONS**

Join us on five Tuesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. for a short worship service and guest preacher followed by lunch in Lackey Hall. (\$5.00 per plate)

- Tuesday, February 20**      **Scott Fisher**, St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Luncheon - **The 10 O'clock Circle**  
Menu: Hot Chicken Salad
- Tuesday, February 27**      **The Rev. Willis Foster**, Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal  
Luncheon Hostesses- **Dixie Lackey & Gerry Higgins**  
Menu: Shepherds Pie
- Tuesday, March 6**      **The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee**, Rector, Martin Burrowsville  
Luncheon Hostesses—**Valerie Jeter, Kitty Gwaltney & Night Circle**  
Menu: Soup and Sandwich
- Tuesday, March 13**      **The Rev. Joe Lewis**, Pastor, Second Baptist Church  
Luncheon Hostess - **Maureen McClure**  
Menu: Chicken Spectacular
- Tuesday, March 20**      **The Rev. Rick Greenwood**, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal  
Luncheon - **Elizabeth Johnson**  
Menu: Cheese Souffle

Considerable effort goes into the lunches each Tuesday by church members, and this is a major fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women. Please plan to attend one or more.

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## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.