



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

March 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**

*"O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus"*

*"Immortal, Invisible"*

*"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*

*"Londonderry Air"*

Ebenezer  
Traditional Welsh Hymn  
John B Dykes  
Traditional Irish Melody

**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 John 12:20-33** *Please be seated.*

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** Robin Teasley

*A moment of silence will follow.*

**Music for Meditation**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

St. Christopher

**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**

*"All Through the Night"*

Traditional Welsh Melody

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

St. Columba

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

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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.*

**At the Offertory**

*"Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"*

St. Agnes

**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

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

William H. Doane

Bryn Calfaria

*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 24 *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended*

St. Clement



1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness  
3 As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads  
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth's proud  
falls at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns a -  
on an - other day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for  
scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

## 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**      *"When Jesus Left His Father's Throne"*

Kingsfold

### Participants in the Service

*Leader & Reflection* The Reverend Robin Teasley  
*Cantor* Missy Gates    *Lay Reader* Nancy Furr  
*Chalice Bearers* Jonathan Shockley, Nancy Rawlings, Maureen McClure  
*Ushers* Mike, Barbara and Mary Beth Bristow  
*Audio* Rick Talmage    *Musician* Melissa Adams

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### Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on April 15 with Laraine Smith, vocalist. 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 Thursday group meets at 7:30 a.m. led by Claire Brill. We welcome you to attend one or both at any time!

If you would like to order an Easter Lily in memory or honor of your loved one, please fill out a form located on the tables in the hall or contact the church office no later than Friday, March 23. The cost is \$16.00.

The Anne Rusmisell Book Sale continues in Lackey Hall throughout the season of Lent. The ECW contributes all proceeds to the Church Periodical Club.

Wednesday night potlucks continue each Wednesday during Lent. Bring your favorite dish to share and bring a friend. At 6:45 stay for our movie segment in Lackey Hall or join the study group led by Sonyia Elder upstairs in the Hale Library.

## **TUESDAY LENTEN PREACHERS AND LUNCHEONS**

Join us on 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, March 20 The Rev. Rick Greenwood**, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal

Luncheon - **Elizabeth Johnson**

Menu: Cheese Souffle

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2018**

Monday, March 26, Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 27, Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28, Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, HE Service and Solemn Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30, Noon and 5:30 p.m. Service and Stations of the Cross following

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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.