



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

May 20, 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**

*Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Prelude*

*Allemande*

*Courante*

*Sarabande*

**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 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 Reading** John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *Please be seated.*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

**Reflection** Robin Teasley  
*A moment of silence will follow.*

## Music for Meditation

*Star of the County Down*

Irish Ballad

### 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

*Ricercar for Solo Cello*

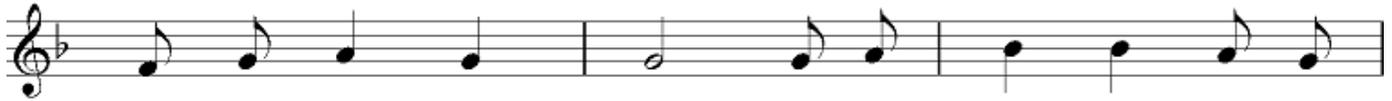
Domenico Gabrielli

Hymn 513 *Like the murmur of the dove's song*

Bridegroom



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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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**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

French Carol

**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**

Cello Sonata No. III in A minor *Largo*

Antonio Vivaldi

Cello Sonata No. V in E minor *Largo*

Antonio Vivaldi

*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.**



1. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;
2. Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.
3. Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.
4. Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:
5. Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be;



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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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** *Ashokan Farewell*

Jay Unger

**Participants in the Service**

*Leader & Reflection* The Reverend Robin Teasley  
*Cantor* Bill Miller *Lay Reader* Andy Gates  
*Chalice Bearers* Claire Brill, Nancy Rawlings, Kemper Brinkley  
*Ushers* Jim, Sharon and Jean Plymire  
*Audio Bee* Betts *Organist* Matt Little *Musician* Jonathan Shockley

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## **Announcements**

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on September 16. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

Summer worship schedule begins during Memorial Day Weekend, on Sunday May 27, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, on Sunday, September 2. Services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. There will be no adult formation during the summer.

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!

Outreach Garden helpers needed! The Outreach Committee invites you to be a part of the very rewarding ministry of our Outreach Garden. We need sowers, waterers, pickers, weeders, and deliverers (to the HOPE Center). If you can lend a hand during the spring and summer months, please contact Angela Baldwin 895-3931 or Debbie Newman 691-8153.

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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.