

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 Tim Richardson *Lay Reader* Sonyia Elder
Chalice Bearer Nancy Rawlings

Audio Melanie Williamson *Musicians* Jonathan Shockley, Cellist, and Matt Little, Organist

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Announcements

Our next service will be on Sunday, March 15, with guest musician Melissa Adams. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

ECW CPC Book Sale begins on Sunday, March 1, and continues through the season of Lent. Please begin bringing in your used books including fiction, historical, biographical and children's books, CDs, and games. Place in the back room of Lackey Hall. (No Reader's Digest or educational text books). Proceeds go to the Anne Rusmisell Church Periodical Club.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 25, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The meal will be prepared and served by our EYC. Please plan to attend to support this event.

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, February 26, at noon and 6:00 p.m.



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Petersburg, Virginia

February 16, 2020

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 Lamentation

Traditional

Sheebeg and Sheemore

O' Carolan

Star of the County Down

Traditional

Miss Faw's Minuet

Old English Tune

Danny Boy

Traditional

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 645 *The King of love my shepherd is*

St. Columba



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The Reading Matthew 5:21-37 *Please be seated.*

Reader: O God, as these words are read,

All: In our hearts may we feel your presence.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Hymn *Go, my children, with my blessing*

Jaroslav J. Vajda



1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.
 4 I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.
 I, the Lord, will smile up-on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er, I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry, here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here my ten-der com-fort
 I, the Lord, will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and



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 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free.
 Broth-er. Go, my chil-dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.

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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

Largo, Sonata # 3 in A-Minor Antonio Vivaldi

Largo, Sonata # 5 in E-Minor 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.**

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection The Rev. Robin Teasley

A moment of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

The Chanters Tune Traditional

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

Largo Benedetto Marcello

Adagio Benedetto Marcello

Hymn 664 *My Shepherd will supply my need* Resignation



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

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

Hymn

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.