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Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on November 17 with guest musicians Melissa Adams on Piano and Shona Freeman on flute. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

HELP US SHINE OUR LIGHT! Christ and Grace members are shining our light with their pledges to our stewardship campaign for 2020. The vestry relies on pledge information to plan the budget for next year. Please prayerfully consider your giving and return your pledge card by the end of the month. And watch the board light up in Lackey Hall as the pledges come in!

Support the ECW pecan sale! Pecan halves, pieces, chocolate pecans, mixed nuts and pistachios are \$10 each. Order forms are available in Lackey Hall, or from any ECW Board member. Make checks payable to "ECW". Sale ends Sunday, October 27 and orders will be back before Thanksgiving. Contact Valerie Jones at vjones58@netzero.com.

Electronic giving is available at Christ and Grace. Visit our website at www.christandgrace.org and go to "Give" at the top of the page for our online giving options. You can also text a gift to 804-294-2214 listing the donation amount as your message, and then you will receive a link to complete your donation. Both options are secure, fast and easy to use.



CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Petersburg, Virginia

October 20, 2019

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

"Scottish Melodies"

Traditional

Arr. by Sylvia Woods

Annie Laurie

Ay Waukin, O

The Birks of Aberfeldy

The Blue Bells of Scotland

The Boatie Rows

Bonnie Dundee

Ca' the Yowes to the Knowes

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 34 *Christ, mighty Savior*

Innisfree Farm



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting; mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.

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The Reading Luke 18:1-8 *Please be seated.*

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection The Rev. Robin Teasley

A moment of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Dona Nobis Pacem

Arr. Deborah Friou

Hymn 482 *Lord of all hopefulness*

Slane



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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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

Irish Melody - Rosin the Bow

Traditional

Arr.by Sylvia Woods

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

Forgive Me Arr. by Paula Wentz
One Dark Night Arr. by Paula Wentz

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.**

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

St. Patrick's Breastplate Arr. by Paula Wentz

Hymn 664 *My Shepherd will supply*

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

Grant Me Tears

Arr. by Paula Wentz

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.