

## 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 Farewell"*

Allan Alexander

## Participants in the Service

*Leader & Reflection* The Reverend Robin Teasley

*Cantor* Matt Little *Lay Reader* Andy Gates

*Chalice Bearers* Jonathan Shockley, Missy Gates, Sonyia Elder

*Audio* Rick Talmage *Musicians* Melissa Adams, piano, and Shona Freeman, flute

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## Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on December 15 with guest musician vocalist Laraine Smith. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

ECW Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, December 8. Donations of baked goods, soups, casseroles, condiments and confections will be greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the church kitchen on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, between 10 – 2 p.m. For questions, contact Sally Seward [joboz@aol.com](mailto:joboz@aol.com) or 861-3060.

Night Circle Poinsettia Sale. It's time to purchase your poinsettias from the Night Circle. Cost is \$6.00 each. Sign-up sheets are located in Lackey Hall and poinsettias come in four colors. Pick up will be in Lackey Hall on Friday, December 6, and Saturday, December 7, 10 - 2 pm, and Sunday, December 8, after the 10 am service and Annual meeting. See Margery Wright for questions.

Thanksgiving Service will be on Wednesday, November 27, at 6:30 pm.

ECW pecans have arrived! Please check the stage in Lackey Hall to pick up your pecan orders. If you have not placed an order, you can still support the ECW by making a purchase now. Payment should be made to ECW with pecan sale in the memo line.

Thanksgiving Outreach. It's that time of year to consider donating to help outreach provide Thanksgiving meals to the Hope Center for those in need. A collection envelope is in the hallway outside the Lackey Hall entrance to place your donations. Please make checks payable to C&G Outreach. Cash and gift cards are also acceptable. Many thanks for your generosity. Contact Sonyia Elder for any questions at 691-1735.



## CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION

CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Petersburg, Virginia

November 17, 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

*"The Exile Song"*

Scottish Highland Melody

*"Song of the Chanter"*

Traditional Celtic Melody

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Traditional Gaelic Melody

*"Heartland Air"*

Allan Alexander

**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 721 *Signs of endings all around us*

Ton-y-Botel

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new;  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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**The Reading Luke 21:5-19** *Please be seated.*

*Reader:* O God, as these words are read,

*All:* In our hearts may we feel your presence.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*Silence is observed after the reading.*

Hymn 290 *Come, ye thankful people, come*

St. George's, Windsor

1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home:  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;

all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown:  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,  
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that  
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to  
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
 we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

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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**

*"Will You Ever Return"*

Ancient Irish Melody

*"Manx Lullaby"*

Traditional Isle of Man Melody

*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.**

**Reflection** The Rev. Robin Teasley

*A moment of silence will follow.*

### **Music for Meditation**

*"A Quiet Stream"*

Ancient Irish Melody

**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**

*"A Peaceful Song"* Ancient Irish Melody

*"Separation of Soul and Body"* Turlough O'Carolan

Hymn 490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Houston



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.



I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life is Je-sus.  
show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*



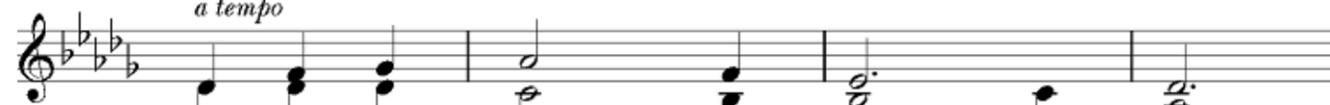
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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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

"Last Rose of Summer"

Traditional Irish Melody

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.