



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

October 21, 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

Gigue from *Cello Suite No. 1*

J.S. Bach

Scenes of Albion

Matthew Little

- I. *Pilgrimage*
- II. *Pastoral Village*
- III. *Druid Circle*

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.**



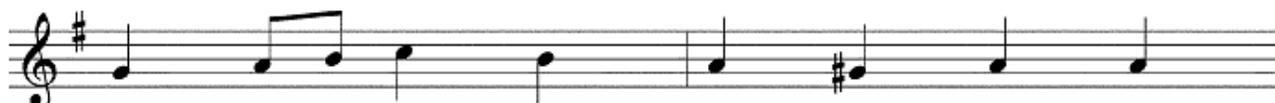
1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less;
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice



Bore the weight of hu - man need, Who did on the
 Still the hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives
 Till your love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and
 Forth in your great name we go, To the child, the



Cross for - sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed;
 long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
 depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight:
 youth, the a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show;



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,



Not of voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing
 Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your
 Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to
 Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren,



to your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 faith - ful serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

The Reading Mark 10:35-45 *Please be seated.*

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Silence is observed after the reading.

Reflection Robin Teasley

A moment of silence will follow.

Music for Meditation

Allemande from Violin Partita No. 2

J.S. Bach

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

Scenes of Albion

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I. *Shipwreck*

Hymn 602 *Jesu, Jesu*

Chereponi

Chorus

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their

2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and

3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should

4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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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

Gigue from Cello Suite No. 2

J.S. Bach

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

Allemande from Violin Partita No. 1

J.S. Bach

Gigue from Cello Suite No. 3

J.S. Bach

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 669 *The Servant Song*

Gillard

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

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I. Encampment

Participants in the Service

Leader & Reflection The Reverend Robin Teasley
Cantor Bill Miller *Lay Reader* Maureen McClure
Chalice Bearers Nancy Rawlings, Bill Miller, Bee Betts
Audio Bee Betts *Musician* Matt Little

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Announcements

Our next Celtic Evensong and Communion service will be on November 18. We hope you will join us and bring your friends. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 p.m.

ECW Christmas Wreath Sale. Prices are: Small- \$15, Medium - \$25, Large - \$35, and Decorated Mail Order - \$45. A sign-up sheet and “mail order wreath” order forms are located in Lackey Hall. Checks payable to ECW. For questions, call Kitty Gwaltney at 733-6938 or kgwaltney@comcast.net.

Only two Sundays left to order your EYC pecans! Pecan halves, pieces, chocolate pecans, mixed nuts and pistachios are \$10 each. Order forms are available in Lackey Hall, from an EYC member, or Glenda Hunter glenda.hunter0624@gmail.com. Sale ends Sunday, Oct. 28 and orders back by Thanksgiving.

Join us October 28 for Ingathering Sunday when we will celebrate with a special lunch after the 10:30 a.m. service to mark the end of our fall stewardship campaign. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in Lackey Hall and let us know how many people to expect. We hope to see you there!

Donnie Wheatley with The Boys Home will be here next Sunday, Oct. 28. Prior to his visit there will be a collection box and envelope in Lackey Hall on the stage for donations. Please help support the Boys Home by providing any of the following: Gift Cards (Walmart, McDonalds, Wendy’s), Personal Care Items (deodorant, pump soap, body wash, shaving supplies, bar soap, lotion), Boys/Men’s dress socks, twin size mattress protectors, hair combs and picks, backpacks, and 8.5x11 white printer paper.

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 7th 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.