

Celtic Eventide at St. Alban's

October 18, 2020

5:30 p.m.



Come as you are, for God's embrace is wide.

A warm welcome to you.
We are delighted that you are here.

Welcome, friends, all!

As you arrive, please enter in silence and listen to the music before our service begins. Consider having a candle at hand to light later in the service.

The service will begin at 5:30 with the bell.

Bell at the Opening

Prelude

Opening Word

Frederick Buechner

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A Prayer for the Evening

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

O Gracious Light

Led by Nicole Rabata and Tom Kovacevic

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Second Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation



The Reflection

A moment of silence is kept.

Music at the Candle lighting

We invite you to join in the lighting of a candle at your home. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it. At the conclusion of the meditative music, we will pray.



Prayers for ourselves and others

Leader Loving God, in faithfulness we pray to you.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader That you will rouse us from sleep and make us alert to anticipate the nearness of your presence.

People **Stirring God, may we follow closely in your lead.**

Leader That this may be a season to discover your word in the light of this world, your touch in every human embrace, and your love in every gesture of sacrifice between us.

People **Generous God, redeem our anxieties and fears, turn them into new hope and confidence.**

Leader That your grace may bring our hearts to fresh awareness and make us see with uncovered eyes Christ who suffers with his world in its troubles.

People **Seeing God, give us eyes to see beyond the obvious.**

Leader That you and we may hold close all those in any kind of pain, that they may know Christ's healing, wholeness, confidence and peace, especially those we name now, silently or aloud.... (Insert names as desired...)

People **Active God, renew us as people of service and compassion. May the works of our lives demonstrate your love.**

Leader May we recognize in our humble gathering for prayer and thanksgiving that you are with us here to inspire our songs with your dreams.

People **Enlivening God, may we accept the gifts of your Spirit.**

Leader That your coming into the days of our own human history may always be new and brim with light to drive darkness away.

People **Hopeful God, refresh in all people the will for good, the capacity for forgiveness and the longing for peace.**

Leader God of Grace, help us in the midst of things we cannot understand to trust in the knowledge and love of you and each other,

People **And give courage and faith to those who are bereaved that they may have the strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of hope.**

Leader Receive our prayers, and in your Grace, answer them as may be best for us and your people. **Amen.**

Officiant God of Wonder, you have called us to know you and to make you known.
All **Grant that we may walk in your presence:
your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds,
your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey,
we know the joy of our homecoming and your Peace. Amen.**

A Grace for Ordinary Time

God of surprises,
Infuse us with your wild wonder
Sustain us in the daily practice
Of opening our hearts to grace.
Expand our imagination to see
More widely than before.
Open our hearts to experience
Compassion beyond our dreams,
Call us to begin again and again. **Amen.**

Silence

Please unmute yourself at this time.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from 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 Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and the people exchange a sign of Peace.

Stewardship Affirmation by Philip Hamilton

Announcements

The St. Alban's website, where you can sign up for Eucharist:
<https://www.stalbansmaine.org/>

The St. Alban's NEW YouTube Channel: (please subscribe)
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIQ3lufskxcBPIM65mVjdwQ?view_as=subscriber

To sign up for our weekly eNews: <https://www.stalbansmaine.org/connect/join-mailing-list/>

To sign up for roles within the Celtic service: <https://www.stalbansmaine.org/worship-more/4183-2/>

Hymn at the Closing

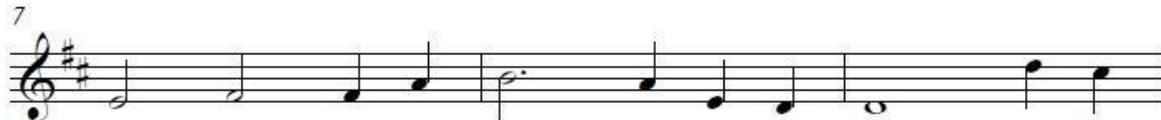
Spirit, I Have Heard You Calling
Led by Megan McIntyre and Joel Pierce



1. Spir - it, I have heard you call - ing, like a
2. Now I see you all a - round me, now I
3. Since you moved u - pon my wa - ters, since you



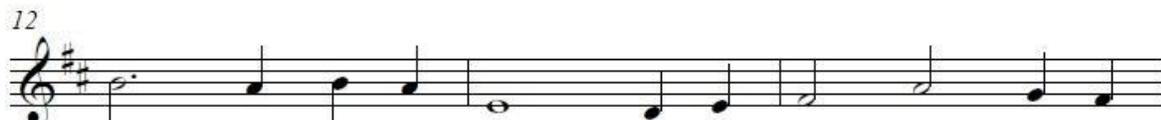
mem - 'ry long grown dim, cry - ing from cre - a - tion's
hear you call my name. Now I speak the words you
spoke and set me free, I have yearned for this com -



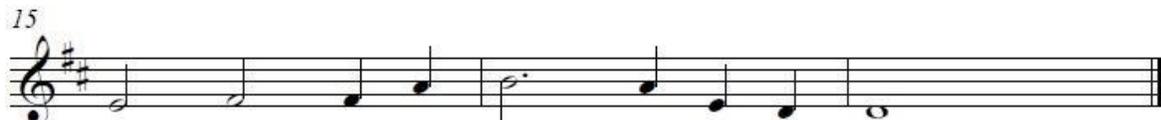
mo - ment, seek - ing voice from deep with - in. I have
give me, now I feed cre - a - tion's flame. You are
mun - ion, for your fire in - side of me! Now your



heard you in my long - ing. I have
speak - ing through my long - ing. You are
love de - fines my long - ing. Now your



heard you in my pain. Now I feel you mov - ing
speak - ing through my pain. Now I feel you mov - ing
love shines through my pain. Now we dance in end - less



in me, feel you burn - ing like a flame.
in me, and I'll nev - er be the same.
un - ion, sing - ing out cre - a - tion's name!

The Blessing

Please unmute yourself at this time.

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

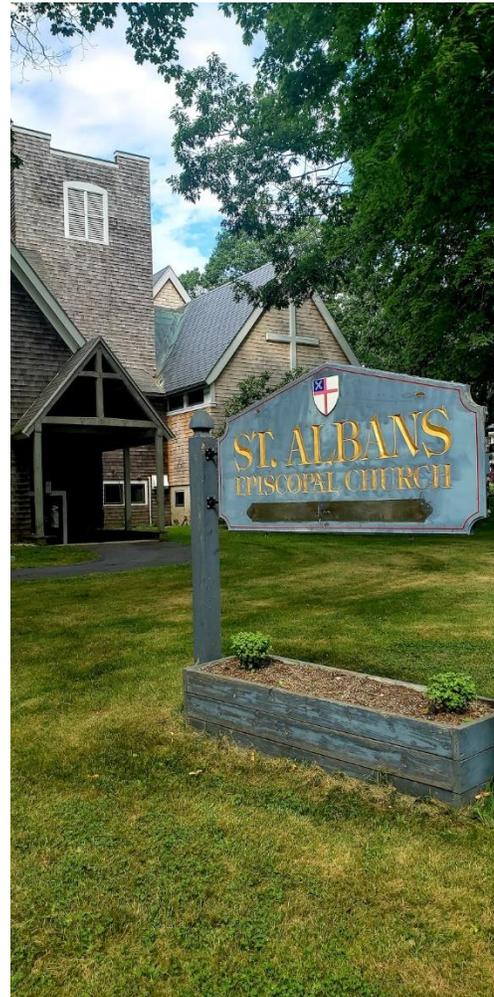
The Postlude

**Please stay for a conversation,
Or depart in quiet whenever you wish.**

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Officiant	The Rev. Holly C. Hoffmann
Reflector	Donald Hankison
Reader 1	Aaron Hoffman
Reader 2	Sara Lennon
Reader 3	Ed Rea
Responder	David Klimkowski
Zoom Guide	David Klimkowski
Zoom Music Guide	Jeff Sedlack
Post-service Conversation	Small groups

Special thanks to the Musicians: Mike Albert, Shannon Allen, Tom Kovacevic, Nicole Rabata, Megan McIntyre, Joel Pierce





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