

Celtic Eventide at St. Alban's

November 15, 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.

The Bell at the Opening

The Prelude

The Opening Word

“Stillness” by Thomas Keating

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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.**

The Opening Hymn:

This is My Song, O God of all the Nations

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,____
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,____
3. Let blood - shed cease and peace rain down u - pon us____
5 4. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king doms;____

____ a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.____ This is my
____ and sun - lightbeams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;____ But oth - er
____ To wash us clean of war's in - fect - ing stain.____ When bonds of
10 ____ Thy king - dom come on earth thy will be done.____ Let Christ be
home, the coun - try where my heart is;____ here are my hopes, my
lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver,____ and skies are ev - ery -
15 na - tions, creed or class div - ide us,____ Dis - solve the pride we
lift - ed up till all shall serve him,____ And hearts u - nit - ed
dreams, my ho - ly shrine;____ But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine.____ O hear my song, O God of all the
wage war to sus - tain.____ God lead us back to E - den where our
20 learn to live as one.____ Oh hear my prayer, thou God of all the
beat - ing____ with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions,____ a song of peace for their land and for mine.
home is____ U - nite us there, and let your peace re - main.
na - tions;____ My - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The Second Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music for Meditation

The Reflection

A period 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. (Insert thanksgivings as desired...)

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

Said by all

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.

Announcements

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

To learn more about the Vestry and to nominate someone by Nov. 22:
<https://www.stalbansmaine.org/parish-leadership-nominations-and-elections-2/>

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

To pledge online for 2021:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZZarVKaAFhVIOHi5oRPgCzsJXaHSFLXfQjGeSsXxX7lroNg/viewform>

To give online to St. Alban's, go to: <https://onrealm.org/stalbansmaine/-/give/multiplefunds>

The Hymn at the Closing

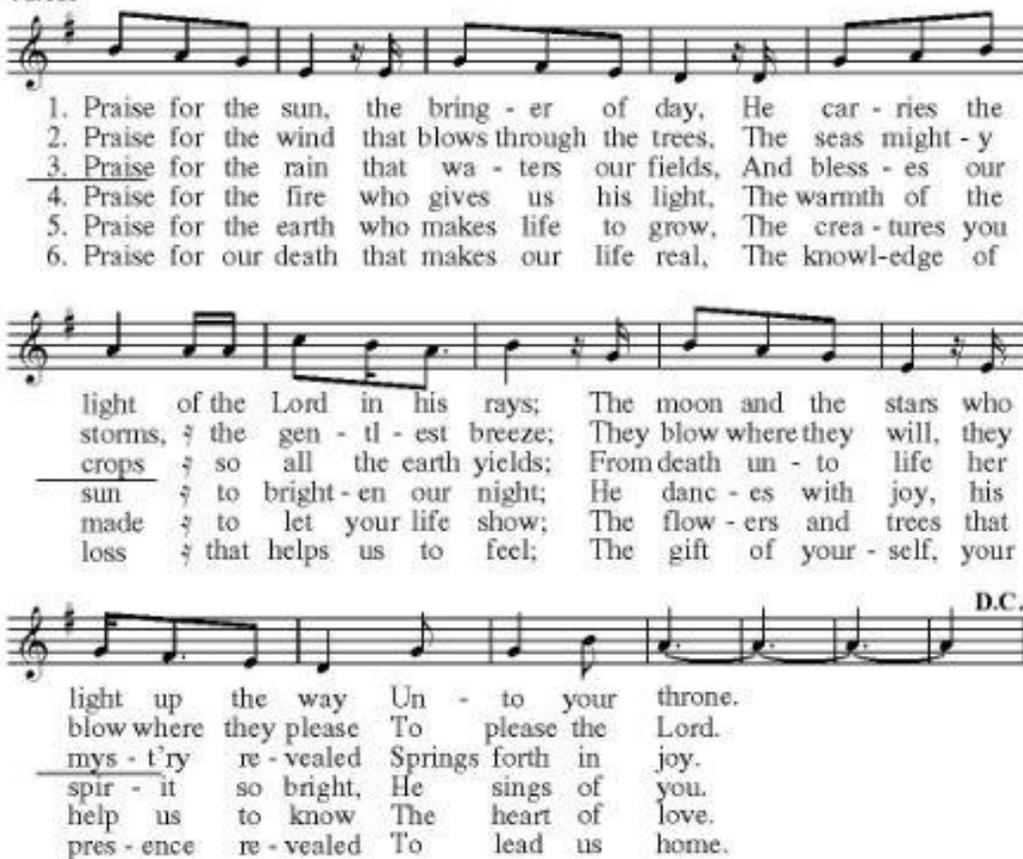
Canticle of the Sun, verses 1-3

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your
light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

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The Blessing

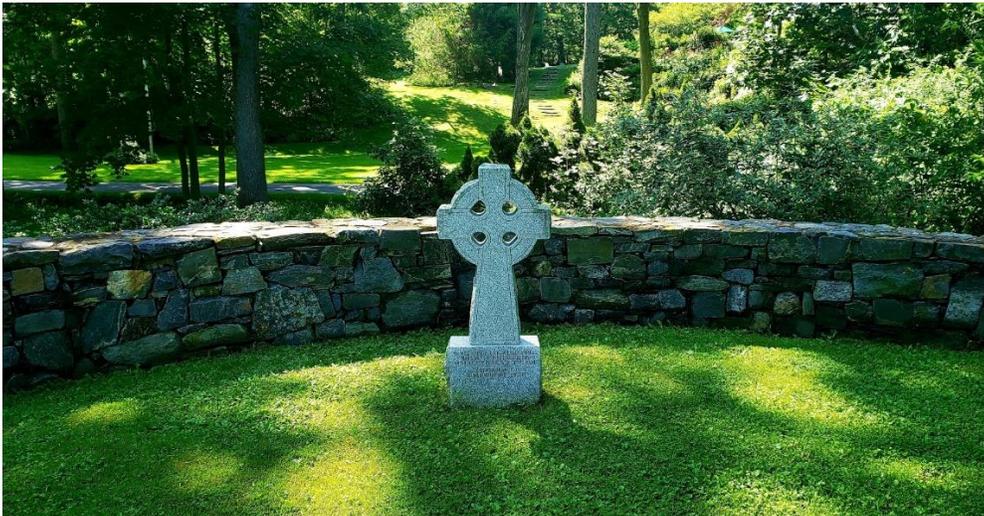
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The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

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



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Reflector	The Rev. Holly Hoffmann
Reader 1	Ed Rea
Reader 2	David Klimkowski
Reader 3	Sara Lennon
Responder	Jill Hooper
Zoom Guide	Duane Kline
Zoom Music Guide	Jeff Sedlack
Post-service Conversation	Small groups

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