



# Celtic Evensong and Communion

## The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

### 10 November 2024 4:00 pm

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.  
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.  
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.  
Please remember to silence all devices*

### The Opening Rite

#### Opening Musical Meditation

*The Quiet Land of Erin*

#### Opening Meditation

But I must let go of everything.  
I must let go of everything but God.  
But God--May it not be  
That God is in all the things to which I cling?  
That may be the hidden reason for my clinging.  
It is all very puzzling indeed. When I say  
"I must let go of everything but God"  
What is my meaning?  
I must relax my hold on everything that dulls my sense of Him,  
That comes between me and the inner awareness of His Presence  
Pervading my life and glorifying  
All the common ways with wonderful wonder.  
"Teach me, O God, how to free myself of dearest possessions,  
So that in my trust I shall find restored to me  
All I need to walk in Thy path and to fulfill Thy will.  
Let me know Thee for myself that I may not be satisfied  
With aught that is less."  
-Howard Thurman 1899-1981  
Deep Is the Hunger

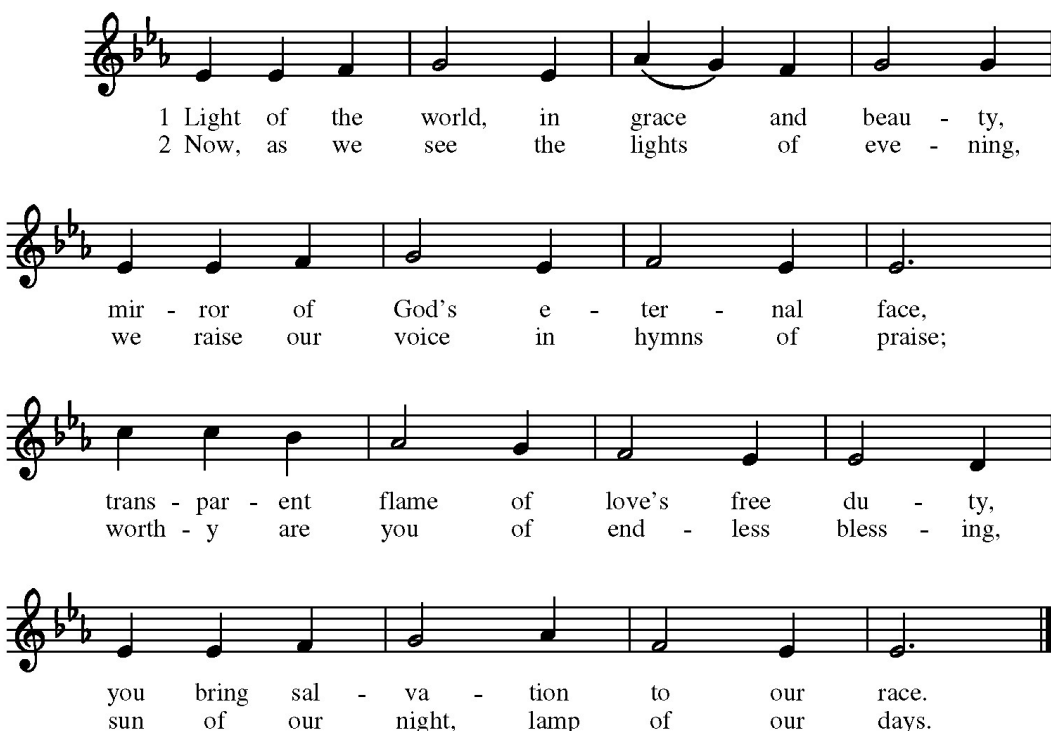
#### A Prayer for the Turning of Hearts

**Gracious Lord, whenever we err, fill our hearts with your love.  
When we wound or are wounded, fill our hearts with your love.  
When tempted to judge, fill our hearts with your love.  
Wherever there is hurt, loss, or despair, fill our world with your love.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* To you I lift up my eyes,  
*People* to you enthroned in the heavens.  
*Officiant* Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;  
*People* that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.  
*All* Glory to the Source, Wisdom, and Breath of Creation \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Song to the Light



1 Light of the world, in grace and beau - ty,  
2 Now, as we see the lights of eve - ning,  
mir - ror of God's e - ter - nal face,  
we raise our voice in hymns of praise;  
trans - par - ent flame of love's free du - ty,  
worth - y are you of end - less bless - ing,  
you bring sal - va - tion to our race.  
sun of our night, lamp of our days.

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## Psalms 146

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

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8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!  
Glory to the Holy Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons and Reflection

### The First Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Musical Response

*Jackson's over the water*

### The Second Lesson

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

*Lector* For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
and for the Word of God within us,

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Reflection

Kai Freyleue

*A few moments of silence follows*

### Music after the Reflection

*The Skye Boat Song*

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## Affirmation

As children of God, we affirm:

That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation,  
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;  
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;  
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;  
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:  
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

## The Prayers

### The Suffrages

V. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

*Leader:* I invite you to now offer the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for St. Margaret

O God, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we also may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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*Leader* Jesus says, “Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest.” So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness. From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

**Music during Prayers** *Matri Bhan Og*

**Hymn #488** *The Hymnal 1982* *Be thou my vision*

**The Grace** Love your enemies, and do good, expecting nothing in return. Be merciful, just as God is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

### **The Holy Communion**

*Presider* God be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* We lift them to the Creator.  
*Presider* Let us give thanks to our loving God.  
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One to whom we will return. You conceived the universe, wove the world together and hold all life in your hand. You watch us waking and sleeping, you keep every tear we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst and you will not let us go.

So with angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you as we sing,

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Blessed is he who was born among us, who grew up without privilege or status, who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world, who told the deepest truths in ordinary language, who touched, healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favor, who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory. For all of this, he was crucified, died and was buried, and for all of us, he rose again, and yet, though high in heaven, is present with us here and now.

Among friends gathered around a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to them saying,

**All** **“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

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*Presider* As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

**All** “This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

*Presider* So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider* God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us to settle on this bread and this wine that they become for us the body and blood of Christ. And let that same Spirit stir our souls so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him that he may be in us and we in him for ever. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Invitation**

*Presider* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### **Communion**

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Blessing** May this new night of rest repair the wear of time, restore your vision of a deeper light, heal the wounds of disappointments, and restore youth of heart for the adventure that awaits you tomorrow. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Presider* May the Lord grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Concluding Musical Meditation**

*The Sprightly Widow*

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## **Worship Leaders**

The Reverend Debbie Phillips  
Ryan Patten, Debbie Phillips  
Paul Massari  
Kai Freyleue  
Kourtni Patten  
Marianne Cannon

*Officiant and Presider*  
*Musicians*  
*Assisting*  
*Reflection*  
*Prayers*  
*Usher*

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## **Our Prayers are offered for**

For Nancy and Christine, Reny Sparapani, Neil Olson, Gary Young, those recovering from Hurricane Helene and Milton, Amy, Paul, Chuck and Tom Brown, Claire Smith, Heather and Prescott,, Ariana, Sheridan, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Angela Williams, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Jane Thompson, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt and Francie Hill, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, for Ukraine and Haiti; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for our Bible Study, for those giving Epistles this season, for your guidance, for this community of faith, for rest and refreshment, for creation, for the diversity of your people, and for all the blessings of this life. If you have prayer requests, please email [prayelistlist@gracechurchsaalem.org](mailto:prayelistlist@gracechurchsaalem.org) by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

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## Stewardship 2025

Dear Family of God,

The last few weeks, we have heard stories from our community of times they “walked in love.” This is our theme for our 2025 Stewardship season. Those times when we have felt the presence of love it changes us in profound ways. The wells of generosity and grace seem to overflow from our hearts. The stories of those times invite us to consider our own.

For those of you new to pledging in The Episcopal Church, it is our annual financial commitment to the ministries of Grace Church. These are not our ministries, but God’s working in us. Our pledge supports our priest, our structure, and those other resources necessary for God’s work in us. It is also a commitment to the person online who joins us each week, the person sitting near you in the pew, the next child baptized, anyone whom you encounter now or in the future. It is a token of the ways we walk in love together.

This year, those of you who receive our weekly newsletter will receive your pledge card via email. It will contain a link to the pledge card. Simply fill it out and submit. There will also be pledge cards in the church for those who may not receive the newsletter or would prefer to give in this way.

How do you determine how much to give? You pray about it. Seriously, ask God what amount you are called to give. Priscilla offers that she, “Gives until it feels good.” Others use a % of income. 10% is the scriptural amount, “the tithe,” but you may want to give a different % of income. For 2024, 53 households pledged over \$120,000 for an average pledge of about \$2300.

Many are having their banks send us their donation electronically, usually monthly. Simply direct your bank to mail the check to Grace Church regularly (most are monthly).

We are invited to take advantage of this time set apart to consider our relationship with God and one another. Let us continue to walk in love during this time when so many need this love more than ever.

In gratitude,  
Debbie+

Link to the pledge card <https://www.gracechurchsalem.org/stewardship>





# Walk in Love Perseverance

I came from Mexico in 1999, leaving behind all of my family and friends. My husband got a job at the dairy next door to The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg California, so I walked over and asked for work. I had to repeat myself many times before they would consider me, because I didn't speak English, but I told the director that if they would give me a job I would learn English. Now I have three associates degrees, and I teach English, too. This is a way of walking in love for me. The hospitality we practice at The Bishop's Ranch is another way of walking in love. I am happy with my work if people feel the love of God here; in the kindness of the community and the natural environment.

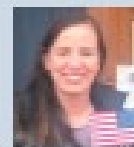
I have three sons and a daughter born in the United States. The youngest, Juan Pablo, was born with spina bifida and lived for six years, ten months and twenty-one days. To walk in love is not dependent on whether the journey is easy or hard. When my child was in the hospital, it was always such an experience of love to visit him. He was my angel on earth. Sometimes I feel sadness because I miss him, but then I think about how much love he gave, and how it was like the love of God; like a fountain of love that would never stop flowing.

My husband, Angel, walks in love with me: This year will be our twenty-fifth anniversary. We've gone through a lot together on our walk in love. After we lost Juan Pablo, Angel had an accident and became disabled. He had to be airlifted to the hospital and lost the use of his left arm. Recently, he had a twelve-hour surgery to transplant muscle tissue. But we just don't give up. I just keep praying to God. There is always a way to walk together no matter how hard things are. God fills me with love every day. This is what the journey of love is about. | [TENS.org](http://TENS.org)



## Questions for Reflection:

When the walk becomes difficult, how do you still move forward? Who are the people on your journey of love?



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## St. Margaret



Shakespeare made familiar the names of Macbeth and Macduff, Duncan, and Malcolm; but it is not always remembered that Malcolm married an English princess, Margaret, about 1070. With considerable zeal, Margaret sought to change what she considered to be old-fashioned and careless practices among the Scottish clergy. She insisted that the observance of Lent, for example, was to begin on Ash Wednesday, rather than on the following Monday, and that the Mass should be celebrated according to the accepted Roman Rite. The Lord's Day was to be a day when, she said, "we apply ourselves only to prayers." She argued vigorously, though not always with success, against an exaggerated sense of unworthiness that made many of the pious Scots unwilling to receive communion regularly. Margaret's energies were not limited to reformation of formal church practices. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and used her influence with King Malcolm to help her improve the quality of life among the isolated Scottish clans. Together, Margaret and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded Dunfermline Abbey, under the direction of Benedictine monks. In addition to her zeal for the church and her people, Margaret was a conscientious wife and the mother of eight children. Malcolm, a strong-willed man,

came to trust her judgment even in matters of politics. She also saw to the spiritual welfare of her large household. Margaret was not as successful as she wished to be in creating greater unity in faith and works between her own native England and the Scots. She was unable, for example, to bring an end to the warfare among the highland clans, and, after her death in 1093, there was a brief return to the earlier isolation of Scotland from England. Nevertheless, her work among the people and her reforms in the Church made her Scotland's most beloved saint. She died on November 16, 1093, and was buried at Dunfermline Abbey.



*Thanksgiving Eve  
Choral Holy Eucharist*

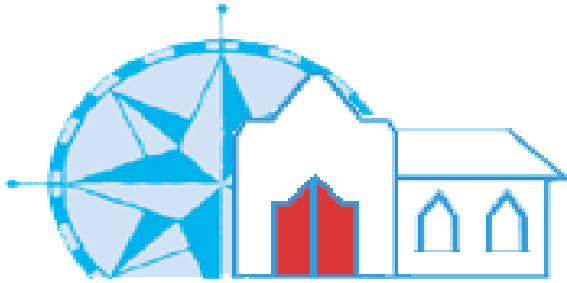
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