



Celtic Meditations

Pentecost 18: In Paradisum

8 October 2017 5:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*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

In the Celtic tradition, creation is, in essence, an expression of God and therefore essentially good.

Opening Musical Meditation

In paradisum

Plainsong

Opening Meditation

Thank you Lord, for another day and all the new day brings.
For sun and rain and joy and pain.
And all life's little things.
For those I love, who love me too.
For every bird that sings
Each sight and sound,
The friends I've found
And all life's little things.

- Ellen Gierisch Gedalje *Life... Bits and Pieces*

Psalm 139:15

Leader

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;

People

all of them were written in your book;

Leader

they were fashioned day by day

People

when as yet there was none of them.

Please stand for the hymn

Opening Hymn #16

Jerusalem, my happy home

New Celtic Tune

Evening Prayer

God our desire, whose coming we look for, but whose arrival is unexpected: Here in the darkness make us urgent to greet you, and open yourself to our longing that we may be known by you through Jesus Christ. Amen

Lector Listen now for the Word of God.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

***People* Thanks be to God.**

Silence

During the silence, let the reading speak to you

Reflection

Jane Stewart

Two minutes of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Archibald McDonald of Keppoch

Celtic Tune

Affirmation *from Daily Prayer for All Seasons, Church Publishing*

**We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty,
who blesses our journey.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
who lived as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled,
and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who rides on the gentle breeze,
who strengthens our bindings, and
who offers hope eternal.
We believe in the church,
which stands open to all travelers,
and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader God our Savior,
All **Cleanse from our hearts all that impedes your love.**
Leader God our Savior,
All **Renew in us the desire to live in your grace.**
Leader God our Savior,
All **Fill us again with the will to persevere.**

Leader God our Savior, we bless your name and ask your healing love:
Here, the people may add particular thanksgivings and intercessions.

Leader Give us ever-grateful hearts,
All **To share your love with all and to hold all the earth in your goodness.**

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 for light prayers and healing.
There are votive candles at the Lady Altar and at the table near the back.
Please feel free to move about as the Spirit leads you.*

Music during Prayers *The Prayer* *New Celtic Tune*

Please stand and join in the singing of the hymn

Hymn during Prayers #26 *What wondrous love is this?* *New Celtic Tune*

The Grace

God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption. Amen.

The Peace The peace of our Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please feel free to exchange the peace in any way you feel comfortable.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant In the beginning, God made the world, made it and mothered it, shaped it and fathered it. All that is green, blue, deep and growing;; all that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious; all that crawls, flies, swim, walks or is motionless; all that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence; all that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end; the world belongs to God,

People **The earth and all its people.**

Sanctus With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 it and gave it to his disciples saying,

All "This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

Celebrant In the same way, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:
All "This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Hear us Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. 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

Celebrant 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

*All are invited to come and feast at God's table.
You may receive the bread in your hand, and if you wish, drink from the cup.*

Concluding Prayer

All Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing. Amen.

Concluding Hymn #47

Be thou my vision

Celtic Tune

Concluding Blessing

Celebrant May God who called you into being welcome you home. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his light to shine upon you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace, and with the saints, rest in the heart of the Holy One.
All Thanks be to God.

Concluding Meditation

Asbokan Farewell

Celtic Tune

*May God's blessings be upon you and all whom you love.
Please leave quietly.*

Participants

Celebrant	Debbie Phillips
Musicians	Debbie Phillips, flute and keyboard Eric Wagner, guitar
Opening and Lesson	Paige Nalipinski
Reflection	Jane Stewart
Affirmation	Bridget Alexander
Prayers of the People	Bridget Alexander
Assisting at God's Table	Deb Marchand
Greeter	Bob Marchand

*If you would like to be a part of this sacred time, we welcome readers, musicians, greeters
and those to assist with setup, the healing station and communion.
There is a signup sheet near the healing station for those who would like to give a reflection.
No prior experience necessary; just an openness to the sacred around you.*

Weekly Epistles

During our Journey to Generosity season, from October 1 through November 12, we will receive weekly “Epistles” from members of our community who will speak to us about their own journey to generosity here at Grace Church. Last Sunday’s epistle came from Barbara Layne, Associate Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, Salem State University.

I have been attending Grace Episcopal Church for about one year. I have found Grace to be such a warm and welcoming environment. We moved full-time to Salem last fall. My daughter, Anna, had been wanting to get connected to the Salem community, basically to meet families who might need babysitters. I suggested that she might benefit from volunteering in the church school. Little could I have dreamed what a blessing that has been. What you may not know about me and my family is that my husband, Phil, is not a believer. He stood with us when each of our daughters were baptized, but only as we negotiated that his support was by way of stating he would not stand in the way of my raising the girls in the church. In return, I agreed I would never force the girls to attend. Over a few years and a few different congregations, each had drifted away. While Anna may have had other motives for beginning to volunteer at Grace, she has stayed because of the warm family. Now, as you may be able to imagine, decisions about financially supporting the church can be dodgy in this “unequally yoked” dynamic. When I broached the subject with Phil, he was more receptive than I could have ever expected. He could see the change in Anna and in my relationship with Anna. Like a typical teen, she can be surly and emotive. Once a week she gets out of herself and she and I share an experience. Supporting that was something WE were glad to do.

In November, we will be asking you to make a financial “pledge” to Grace Church that is used for the operating expenses of the parish such as payroll, building and property expenses, outreach and educational expenses. This program allows us to consider what our pledge might be, this tangible symbol of our gratitude for all God has given us and our commitment to one another in our faith journeys.

Organ Concert

This Friday (the 13th) we will have an organ spooktacular as Mark Engelhardt returns to Grace Church for a concert with a Halloween flair. Of course he will be playing Toccata and Fugue in d minor by Bach, but there will be other wonderful pieces by Mussorgsky and William Albright. As the subdean of the AGO stated, "This is going to be a Great and Swell program." (Pun intended). There will be a singalong too of Halloween favorites. So come and enjoy the fun at this free concert sponsored by the Merrimack Valley and Boston American Guilds of Organists. Doors open at 7:00 with concert beginning at 7:30 pm.

**SPOOK
TAGULAR**



*DON'T BE FOOLED
BY THIS
SMILING FACE*

**ON FRIDAY THIRTEEN,
OCTOBER, I MEAN
HEAR ORGAN PIPES BLARE
AT GRACE CHURCH,
BEWARE!**

GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM

**MARK ENGELHARDT,
ORGANIST
AND FRIENDS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER
13TH AT 7:30 PM**

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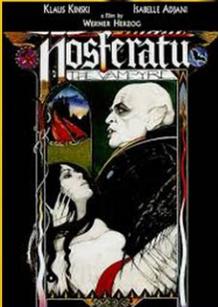
Silent Movies

Yet again we will show our two classic horror movies, Phantom of the Opera and Nosferatu at Grace Church, accompanied by Ryan Patten on the organ. Phantom of the Opera will air on Saturday October 21 at 7:30 pm and Nosferatu will air on Saturday, October 28 at 7:30 pm. Doors open at 6:45 pm. Seats fill up fast so it's a good idea to preorder your tickets at <https://grace-church.ticketleap.com>. Tickets cost \$20 for one movie or \$35 if you buy tickets for both at the same time. You don't want to miss this neighborhood event!



**Silent Movies at
Grace Church**

Accompanied by Ryan Patten
On the Grace Church Organ

	
Phantom of the Opera	Nosferatu
October 21 \$20	October 28 \$20

for tickets <https://grace-church.ticketleap.com/>
Combo tickets for both movies: \$35
Both movies begin at 7:30 pm

Our Prayers are offered for

Victims of natural disasters, the victims of violence, the peaceful repose of the soul of Katherine Peterson, Cindy Rhodes, Ronald Birchmore, Edna Ashton, Eugene Lockard, Rick Marks, Helen Harris, Fred and Ingrid Fox, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Debbie Marchand, Cameron Wicker, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Amanda Lily, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara and Dann, Pettus Hickman, Bryon English, Ruby and Al Hill, Ayo Ogunbor, Jane and David Knight, Alexandra D., Gerry and Barbara Porter, Kathy Crotty, Giffy Russell, G. Oliver Papps, David Latinik, Helen Rice; Sr. Jane SFN, The Madden Family, David, Joe L'Heureux, George and Sue Erickson, Pauline Grady, Tom, Pauline Zwicker, Vivien Forbes, Suzanne MacNeil, Karen Tucker, Sally Coleman, Don, Jeanne Parler, Frank, Jeff Bowie, Elisabeth Thomas, Cindy Carr, Ross Dolloff, Fran Nalipinski, The Tache Family, Blair and family, Jeff and family, John Mason, Susan Warren, Camilo Notario, Jr., Esmunda Notario, Tom D., Stephen Duff, Rick Rizoli, Ashley Galvin, Mary K., the Castiello Children, Linda and Patrick Grant, Glenn Murer, Carpenter Family, Patricia McDuffe, Rachel Davis, Dr. Elizabeth Prout, Albert Engelken, Harry Davis, The ADAPT protesters, Kori Rodriguez, Mary Manning, Pat Carr, Love, Nate, Phoebe and family, Andrew Rossi, Joanna Morse, Virginia Steadman, Lisa J., Nancy Moore, Sarah Fialho, Patrick O'Donoghue, Kathleen Hoff, Nancy Pearce, Pezzulo Family, the Pelletiere Family, K. Joyce and Family, Joanne Ryan-Walsh, Joanne Moar, Anne Busteed, Jane Stewart, Sabina Wu, Angela Carter, Rebekah Clark, and the Salem Public Schools, especially the Nathaniel Bowditch School.

If you would like to add or remove a name or concern to the prayer list, please email us at gcis1@verizon.net or use the sign up sheet located in the Lobby.

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