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# Celtic Meditations:

## Pentecost IV

17 June 2018 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.*

**Opening Music Meditation**

*Brother James' Air*

*Celtic Tune*

**Opening Meditation**

Out of the silence at the beginning of time  
You spoke the Word of life.  
Out of the world's primeval darkness  
You flooded the universe with light.  
In the quiet of this place  
In the dark of the night  
I wait and watch.  
In the stillness of my soul  
And from its fathomless depths  
The senses of my heart are awake to you.  
For fresh soundings of life  
For new showings of light  
I search in the silence of my spirit, O God.

*- John Philip Newell from Celtic Benediction*

*Please stand*

**Affirmation (said by all)**

**We believe in God, Creator of all:**

**The two-legged, the four-legged,  
the winged ones, and those that crawl upon the earth  
and swim in the waters.**

**We believe in God, One Who Walked with Us:**

**Our Brother Jesus born in humility,  
who lived and died for us and  
who will come again to bring us to glory.**

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**We believe in God, Spirit with Us:**

Ever present and ever guiding, upholding us and  
showing us the principles to live by.

**We hear God's voice through the prophets.**

**Creator, One Who Walked with Us, Spirit with Us, Holy One:**

We are named in the waters of baptism as your own,  
all of us related, all of us your children.

**We watch for signs of your homecoming**

**and thank you for this sacred circle of life. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Breathe on me breath of God*

*The Hymnal 1982 #508*

**Evening Prayer** Lord, in this sacred place where even the stones speak of your name, help me to be still and know that I am enfolded in your love.. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Reading**

**Mark 4:26-34**

Listen now to the Word of God.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*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**

**Evan Aroko**

*Two minutes of silence follows.*

**Music for Meditation**

*Let all mortal flesh*

*Picardy*

**Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

*Leader* In our daily tasks,

***People* God surrounds us.**

*Leader* In our successes and failures,

***People* God surrounds us.**

*Leader* In our joys and sorrows,

***People* God surrounds us.**

*Leader* With the healing of our world,

***People* God surrounds us.**

*Leader* We pray for all who celebrate, or seek, or need God's love:

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*Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.*

*Leader* As we end our day,

**People** God surrounds us in hope.

*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.

### Light Prayers

***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.***

***The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station near the door at the back of the Chapel.***

***Please feel free to move about as the Spirit leads you.***

Music during Prayers

*If ever you were mine*

*Celtic Tune*

Hymn during Prayers

*Be thou, my vision*

*The Hymnal 1982, #488*

### The Grace

May the grace of the night’s stillness be mine, the grace of the moon’s guidance be mine, the grace of the heaven’s vastness be mine to renew my soul in sleep until the angels of light awaken me. **Amen.**

### The Peace

## 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* O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

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:

**People** 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* We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, 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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*Celebrant* So too after they had eaten, 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* Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. 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**

*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* Jesus, you revealed yourself to the world so that all people might look to you and be saved: May we, who have received you as you are revealed in the breaking of bread, know the wholeness you bring. Be our light in the darkness that we may not stumble, and lift us up again if we fall; and may we bring this light into the world. Amen.**

D G D G C/G G/B C Gsus

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3. Come, Spir-it, come, our hearts con - trol,

5 G Bm Em C G Dsus

and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

9 D Bm Am G G/B Am G/B C G

and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with-in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

13 Cmaj7/G Am G/B C Dsus D C G

as sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange-ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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 MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson (1933- )  
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GIFT OF LOVE  
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## Concluding Blessing

*Celebrant* May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God sees you in every moment. May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace, resting in the love of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Concluding Meditation

*Rocky Road to Dublin*

*Celtic Tune*

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

## Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Debbie Phillips
Musicians	Eric Wagner, Debbie Phillips
Opening and Lesson	Jane Stewart
Reflection	Evan Aroko
Prayers	Priscilla Lemons
Assisting at Communion	Priscilla Lemons
Greeter	Jane Stewart

*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.  
Please see anyone of the participants listed above if interested.*

## Visitor Information

**Welcome to those of you here for the first time.**

**All are welcome by God to the heavenly banquet.** The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

**We are a self-supporting congregation.** Everyone is welcome to “come as you are” to our services, especially the Celtic Service. However, if you would like to make a gift tonight, there is a basket on your way out. If you would like to make a pledge, (a commitment for the year), please take a pledge card found on the table at the door, fill it out and place it in the plate. Any amount to support this important ministry is greatly appreciated. Today’s collection will support our ministries to the community.

**Gluten free?** The bread offered at the Celtic service is gluten-free, baked by the priest.

**Debbie, the priest, will be available** after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know how your thoughts about tonight’s service.

**We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church.**

If you want more information, our web address is [www.gracechurchsaalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsaalem.org). Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes can also be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

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## Our Prayers are Offered for

For Connie White, Cheryl McDonough, Natalie Ann Young, Carmine Maimone, Lenny Cawley, Christine Lally, James Ashton, Gary Young, Kristen and Family, Barbara Hawlena, Helen Watson-Felt, Cindy Rhodes, Ronald Birchmore, Edna Ashton, Eugene and Gerry Lockard, Diane Rowand Burns, Rick Marks, Helen Harris, The Fox Family, Jim Kilroy, Grace I., Lange Family, Felton May, Tom Lemons, Kathleen Tone, Rufus and Florine Felder, Christopher Patzke, Kim Shaw, Leo Murphy, P. Dennis Family, Denise Fox and Family, Sara, Pettus Hickman, Bryon English, Ruby Hill's Family, Faith Aroko's Family, 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, Eric, Kathleen Hoff, Nancy Pearce, Pezzulo Family, the Pelletiere Family, K. Joyce and Family, Joanne Ryan-Walsh, Anne Busteed, Angela Carter, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the North Shore Mission Hub, and the Salem Public Schools, especially the seventh grade scholars and the staff that care for them at the Nathaniel Bowditch School.

*If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please put their name on the prayer poster in the lobby.*



**Little Free Libraries with Bowditch Scholars:** Little Free Libraries are small structures with books for borrowing that are built and then placed or erected throughout Salem. We will be building a library with a small group of the scholars from Bowditch and the Collins Middle School on Wednesday from 2:00—3:15pm at the Collins. There is more information about Little Free Libraries at <https://littlefreelibrary.org>. If interested, please signup on the sheet in the Lobby.

If you have questions, please contact Eric Wagner at [ericmwagner@gmail.com](mailto:ericmwagner@gmail.com).

**Weeding Wednesdays are a big hit!!!** Every Wednesday running through the summer, we invite everyone to join us from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm for some weeding fun! Each week we'll gather in the garden for prayer through conversations and weeding. If you just want to show up for the company, please know we'd love to have you. Bring your kids and pets too. Why not put this on your calendar on your phone now so that you are reminded each week of this invitation? See you Wednesday!



**End of Year Lunch and Talent Show:** This will be the fourth year of the Nathaniel Bowditch School Lunch and Talent Show. It will take place on Wednesday, June 27 from 11:30 - 12:45. We are looking for people to bring oranges, cookies and water. We will order the main meal to be delivered. We also need people to assist serving the meal and then to support the scholars as they provide us with the show. Let's have a good showing so that they know that Grace Church continues to support them as they end this year and get ready to attend the Collins Middle School and the Saltonstall School.

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