

# Morning Prayer with a Celtic Twist



*Deb Runge*

*Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2022*

Welcome! If you are visiting, either in person or on Zoom, we offer you a special welcome and would like to get acquainted. If you are with us on Zoom and would like more information about our parish, please send the Zoom Usher a chat message, or for anyone in person or on Zoom, email [office@stjamesvt.org](mailto:office@stjamesvt.org) with your name, where you're from, and your email address. On Zoom, please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. Then please mute yourself again.

**Prelude: He Loved Me with a Cross**

**Joel Lindsey**

**Opening Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

**Hymnal 559**

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -  
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness  
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;  
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing  
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,  
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* The world belongs to God,  
*People* The earth and all its people.  
*Officiant* How good it is, how wonderful,  
*People* To live together in unity.  
*Officiant* Love and faith come together,  
*People* Justice and peace join hands.  
*Officiant* If Christ's disciples keep silent  
*People* These stones would shout aloud.  
*Officiant* Open our lips, O God,  
*People* And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

## Confession

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence is observed*

*Presider and People*

Before God, with the people of God,  
we confess to turning away from God:  
in the ways we wound our lives,  
the lives of others,  
and the life of the world.

*The Priest alone says the following. If no Priest is present the Officiant says the following with words in brackets.*

May God forgive you [us], Christ renew you [us], and the Spirit enable you [us] to grow in love.  
*Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Said responsively with the designated responder leading the people's responses*

*Officiant* O God, come to our assistance.  
*People* O God, make haste to help us.  
*All* Glory to the One in Three  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be.

*Said in unison with the Officiant leading*

I will sing a new song to my God, \*  
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.  
Let the whole creation serve you, \*  
for you spoke and all things came into being.  
You sent your breath and it formed them, \*  
no one is able to resist your voice.  
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, \*  
rocks melt like wax at your presence.  
But to those who fear you, \*  
you continue to show mercy.  
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, \*  
but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

**The Appointed Psalm**

**Psalm 16**

*Read in a manner chosen by the Officiant: direct recitation (unison) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating either by verse or at the asterisk.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Holy One, "You are my God,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O God, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless you, O God, who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

- 8 I have set you always before me; \*  
because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever

*St. Helena Breviary*

## **The Lessons**

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21**

**Reader:** A reading from the First Book of Kings.

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**A Song of Creation** *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*  
*Song of the Three, (part)*

**Enriching Our Worship 25**

*Read in a manner chosen by the Officiant: direct recitation (unison) or responsive recitation (leader and people) alternating by half verse at the asterisk.*

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, \*  
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.  
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, \*  
all winds and fire and heat.  
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, \*  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, \*  
O shining light and enfolding dark.  
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.  
In the high vault of heaven, glorify the Lord, \*  
sing praise and give honor for ever.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5:1,13-25**

**Reader:** A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

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

1. Will you come and fol - low me if  
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if  
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if  
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if  
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and  
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and  
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you  
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your  
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do  
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -  
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in  
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in  
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in  
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in  
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?  
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

*In Morning Prayer, all remain seated for the reading of the Gospel*

**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

**Deacon:** A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Deacon Dave Ganter**

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Said in unison*

With the whole church  
we affirm  
that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.  
With people everywhere  
we affirm  
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.  
With all creation  
we celebrate  
the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God  
forever at work in ourselves and in the world. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Officiant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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 forever. Amen.

## Suffrages

## Enriching Our Worship 42

*The Suffrages are said responsively.*

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.

## The Collect of the Day

*All are invited to say this collect together*

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **St. Columba's Prayer**

Kindle in our hearts, O God,  
the flame of love that never ceases,  
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.  
May we shine for ever in your temple,  
set on fire with your eternal light,  
even your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our Redeemer.

*Amen.*

### **Prayer for Welcoming the Stranger**

We saw a stranger yesterday. We put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place. And, in the sacred name of the triune God, God blessed us and our house, our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song: often, often, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise. *Amen*

*-Traditional*

### **Prayer for Trust**

O God, we will trust you. Help us to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown, give us the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with you. Christ of the mysteries, we trust you to be stronger than each storm in us. We determine amidst all uncertainty always to trust. We choose to live beyond regret, and let you recreate our lives. We believe you will make a way for us and provide for us, if we only trust you. We will trust in the darkness and know that our times are still in your hand. We will believe you for our future, chapter by chapter, until all the story is written.

*Amen.*

### **Intercessions and Thanksgivings**

*The Intercessor offers prayers for those on our prayer lists.*

We remember and pray for St. Barnabas Church in Norwich and the Rev. Jennie Anderson in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We give thanks and pray for Milly Meeks who is celebrating a birthday this week and for Glenn and Jennifer Ogelby and Ernie and Janice Rheume who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries this week. We ask for safe journeys and enriching experiences for Amma Kim and her husband Fred, and the rest of the group traveling in Ireland. We pray for their good health through their pilgrimage. We also pray for the protection and caring of the pets they temporarily leave behind. And we pray for the added depth to our church practices in the months and years to come, following their return to us.

I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

*The Intercessor will invite prayers to be offered aloud by guiding first, the in-person group and after that, the online worshippers.*

We pray for those who are sick or have asked for our prayers, especially for Owen, a young child who has cancer, friend of the Reichard family; the Gilbert family and especially their daughter, Hannah, and Matt's father who recently suffered a stroke; Bruce, friend of Amma Kim, who is recovering from surgery for lung cancer; Valerie Rochon; Jenny Ogelby who is recovering from knee surgery; Neil Eklund, brother in law of Kathy Rouleau, and Grace.

I invite your prayers of intercession.

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We pray for those who have died, especially all who have died of the coronavirus and their loved ones. Keep us mindful of those who are still suffering. We also pray for all who have died in the conflict in Ukraine. We continue to pray for all who have been recently killed in gun violence in our country and for their families. I invite your prayers for those who have died.

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*The Intercessor offers a Prayer for Justice:*

Creator of the Universe, source of all goodness and love, we ask wisdom, help, and guidance as we work to counter the many instances of injustice and racism in our world. Help us to value differences in culture, religious beliefs, and physical appearance, and celebrate the God-made wonder of every human being. Help us to be vigilant, working against racial and social injustice in our own hearts and in the world around us, that we may live into our baptismal covenant to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." Amen.

*The Officiant concludes with the following Collect.*

## **A Collect of Dedication**

Beloved God: As we offer ourselves to you this day, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*The people's offerings, which are gathered at the basket near the door, are brought up at this time by the usher to be offered to God.*

# Office/Offertory Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Though no one join me, \_\_\_\_\_ still I will fol - low, \_\_\_\_\_  
3. The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I have de - cid - ed \_\_\_\_\_ to fol - low Je - sus, \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ The world be - hind me, \_\_\_\_\_ the cross be - fore me, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No turn - ing back, \_\_\_\_\_ no turn - ing back! \_\_\_\_\_  
(no turn - ing back,)

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## Final Prayer

*All standing as able, the Officiant and People say together*

*Officiant* This is the day that God has made;

*People* We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Officiant* We will not offer to God

*People* Offerings that cost us nothing.

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and to serve;

*People* We will seek peace and pursue it.

*Officiant* In the name of the Trinity of Love,

*All* God in community, Holy and One.

## Community Announcements

### Dismissal

*The Deacon says*

*Deacon* Let us go into the world rejoicing.

It is Christ who goes before us.

*People* Thanks be to God. Amen.

### Concluding Sentence

*The Officiant says*

And now may the God of hope bring us such joy and peace in believing that we overflow with hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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*Opening Sentences, Confession, Affirmation of Faith, and Prayer for Welcoming Strangers, Final Prayer, Dismissal and Concluding Sentence from the Iona Abbey Worship Book. Introduction to the Invitatory and Psalter from A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book by William John Fitzgerald. St. Columba's prayer from A Celtic Liturgy by Pat Robson, A Prayer for Trust is from Celtic Daily Prayer (and Brendan the Navigator).*

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## The Third Sunday after Pentecost—Year C

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. In the portion of Luke's gospel we begin today, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem and his death. On this journey, Jesus often spoke of the cost of following him. James and John are quite willing to use power against those who refused Jesus, but following him is harder. It means putting our old life behind and beginning a new way of living and a new way of relating to others.

The first reading is from the story of the prophet Elijah. Here Elijah calls his successor, Elisha, to be his disciple. Elisha will become the second of the two great prophets during the time of the Israelite kingdoms.

In the portion of Galatians, Paul discusses who those who live by faith rather than the law are conformed to the image of Christ by his Spirit. “Flesh” and “spirit” do not refer to our so-called “higher” and “lower” natures. Flesh refers to our unredeemed humanity. Spirit refers to the living God who is transforming us into the image of Christ. We are free because our new life into which we are growing is the life of God.

We are followers—disciples—of Christ. Baptism began a new life for us. Just as newly born infants must be fed, nurtured, and taught how to grow up human, so God is feeding, nurturing, and teaching us so that we may grow up into Christ. This Eucharistic celebration is a primary means of this work of God in us.

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**Officiant:** Peggy Bonesteel  
**Preacher:** Dave Ganter  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Dn. Dave Ganter  
**Lector:** Kathy Rouleau  
**Intercessor:** Frances Huessy  
**Musicians:** St. James Choir, Nancy Roff  
**Greeter:** Nancy Roff  
**Ushers:** Bruce and Paula Morgan  
**Minister of Technology:** Brian Garland  
**Digital Usher:** Barbara Cook

## IN OUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas Church in Norwich and the Rev. Jennie Anderson. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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**Birthdays:**

Milly Meeks, July 2

**Anniversaries:**

Glenn and Jennifer Ogelby, June 27

Ernie and Janice Rheaume, June 28

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*Please join us for a brief Compline service with music online Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.*

**[Compline Zoom Link](#)**



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## St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

### **Sunday, June 26**

8:30 Lectionary Discussion  
10:00 Morning Prayer  
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

### **Monday, June 27**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Tuesday, June 28**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Wednesday, June 29**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Thursday, June 30**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
7:00 Compline

### **Friday, July 1**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Saturday, July 2**

9:00-1:30 VT Mandir Group

### **Sunday, July 3**

8:30 Lectionary Discussion  
10:00 Morning Prayer  
11:00 Coffee and Conversation

### **Monday, July 4**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

### **Tuesday, July 5**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Wednesday, July 6**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
5:45 VCU Board Mtg., Parish Hall

### **Thursday, July 7**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
7:00 Compline

### **Friday, July 8**

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

### **Saturday, July 9**

9:00-1:30 VT Mandir Group