



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Welcome to Holy Eucharist in the Celtic tradition. At this service, we offer music and liturgy based on principles of Celtic worship. Our services follow themes which change with the liturgical season. During the season of Pentecost we are guided by the theme of fire which is the tongue of flame in which the Holy Spirit arrived on the Day of Pentecost.



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Celtic Holy Eucharist

July 21, 2019 · 5 pm

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on~ since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him~ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

RECEIVING COMMUNION

The Church believes that in Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ is given to God's people and received by faith. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome here and invited either to participate in Communion or to receive a blessing. To receive the bread, please hold your hands out in front of you. To receive the wine, help guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer, you may dip the bread in the wine and then place it in your mouth. If you do not wish to receive the bread and the wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your hands across your chest, and receive a blessing. **Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.**

COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Please use this poetry for your own contemplation during the service or to take with you for your own prayer life.

POETRY

Light the candles, bring your presents,
let us celebrate good days,
with rejoicing and thanksgiving,
for great actions give God praise. . .

In the shining of the candles
dust shows up as in the sun
thus revealing all our failings,
power misused and work not done. . .

Light the candle in the darkness
flames will penetrate the night;
pass the brightness to your neighbors
Till the world is full of light

-Janet Nightingale

The Holy Spirit

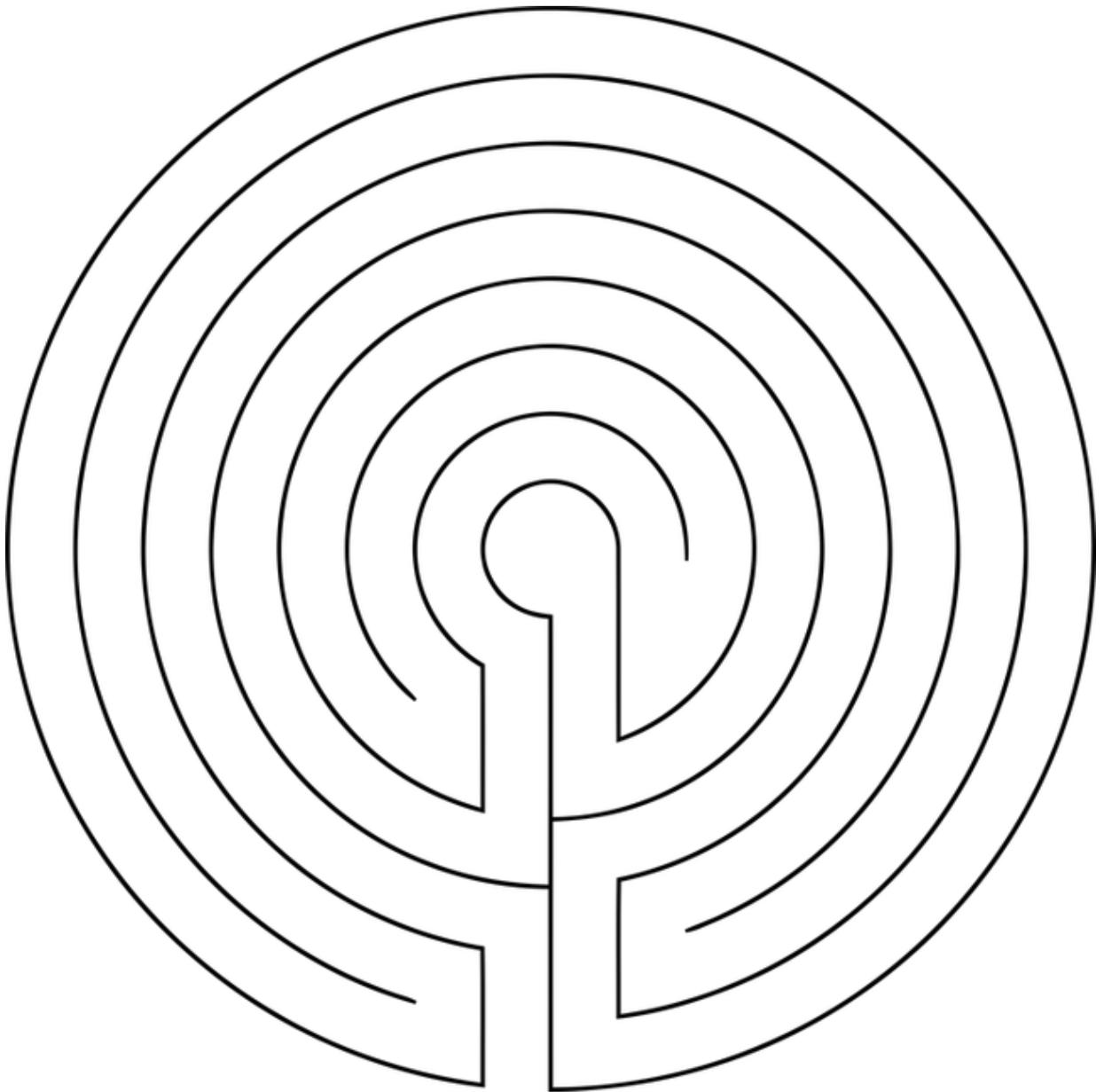
When the true shepherd speaks
and man hears him
the heart burns within
the flesh trembles,
the mind lights up like a candle
the conscience ferments like wine in a crock
and the will bows to the truth
and that small, powerful, heavenly voice
raises up the dead from his own grace
to live
to don the crown
and wonderfully changes the whole of life
to live like the Lamb of God.

-Morgan Llwyd

Love divine, all loves excelling

It is a flame of fire from midmost heaven
that came down hither into the world,
fire that will kindle my stubborn nature,
fire that will fill my whole life;
it will not fail while God remains in being.
I shall never be able to declare
if I should try as long as I live
how pleasant, how sweet,
how strong his love is;
it is an endless flame
that came from midmost heaven to earth.
You have kindled fire in me -
the most perfect fire of heaven
which the great seas cannot squash at all.
A passionate, powerful strong flame of fire has been kindled in heaven,
everlasting love it is
that has made a union between God and me

- William Williams Pantycelyn



During periods of silence throughout this service, or in your personal times of prayers and reflection outside of worship, this labyrinth is a gift of peace to all who seek deeper relationship with God in their life's journey.

Using your finger, journey on this labyrinth toward inner-contentedness with the Divine, spend some time with God there, in the center, and then re-trace your journey outward with the knowledge that God is ever with you.

A Labyrinth is not a maze; as a maze has dead ends that are used to confuse and trick the mind. A labyrinth is a spiral course having a single, winding unobstructed path from the outside to the center.

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Nancy Gollobin, Solveig Rieskamp, Wade Hart, Mark Pearce, Jo Henning, Mike Theobald, Cali Antommara, Becca Morehous, Evan Bond, Nathan Eriksen, Loretta Graner, Michael Goodman.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Sue & Scott Feeney, Kelly & Scot Harris, Jenny Brown & Mike Eriksen, Kit & Steve Perez, Jennifer & Ian Rodway, Emily & Daniel von Allmen, Karen & Mike Staffiera.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Sybil & Robert C. Boehme by Rachel & Jim Votaw.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Joyce Keeshin

Lector

V'Ann Ryther

Lay Reader

Ed Ewbank

Intercessor

John Schenk

Bread Guild

Guy Byars, Brett Flodder, Hollis Bass

Flower Guild

Kathleen Stengel, Denise Beauchamp, Courtney Vice, Susan Wilkening

Altar Guild

Kelli Wisecup, Adrea Beatty, Sheila Maxwell, Julia Joyce, Rachel Votaw

Celtic Guild

Dave Howard

