



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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Celtic Holy Eucharist

August 4, 2019 · 5 pm

THE COLLECT

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 49:1-11

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
 that we should never have enough to pay it,

- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things~ anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

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

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.

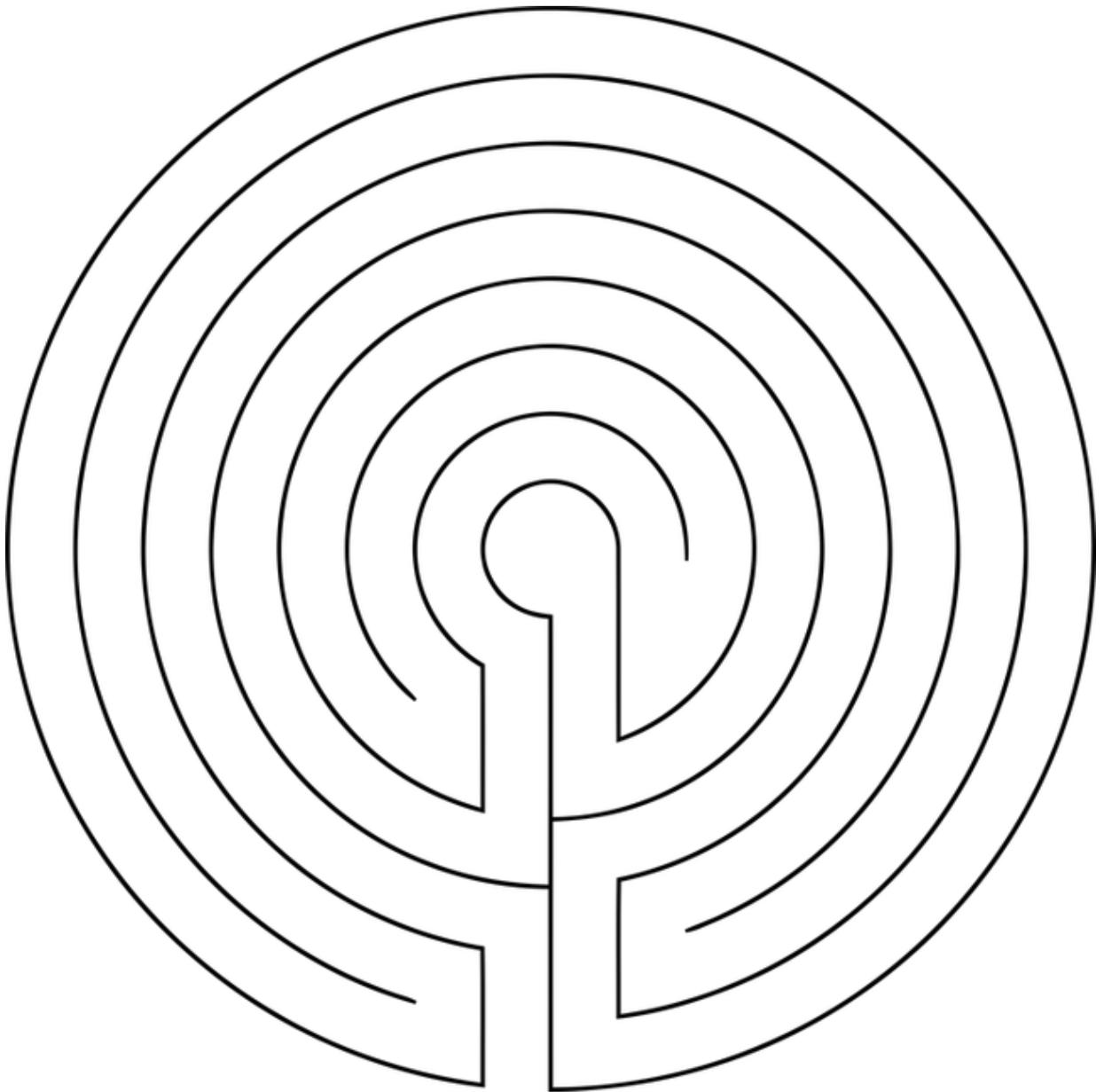
-Morgan Llwyd

Blessing of the kindling

I will kindle a fire this morning
In the presence of the holy angels of heaven
In the presence of Ariel of the loveliest form
In the presence of Uriel of myriad charms
Without malice, without jealousy,
without envy, without fear,
without terror of anyone under the sun
But the Holy Son of God to shield me.

God, kindle in my heart within
A flame of love to my neighbor,
To my foe, to my friend, to my kindred all,
To the brave, to the knave, to the thrall,
O Son of the loveliest Mary,
From the lowliest thing that lives,
To the Name that is highest of all.

From the Carmina Gadelica



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: Jamie Riddle, Johanna Wilt, Ruth Barkow, Susan Robinson, Chase Grisi, Scott Feeney, Emily Walton, Everett Vincent, Mike Firesheets, Sarah-Theresa Murakami, Chet Cavaliere, Wiley Dinsmore, Lydia Graves, Janet Davis, Evan Corbett, Piper Vice, Marilyn Sesler, Linda Senter, Nate Taylor, Kate Haralson.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Bain & Richard Massey, Jolene Struebbe & Jim Miller, Liz & Bill Schildknecht, Vicky & Mike Carroll, Jane Novak-Cook & DeWitt Cook, Lynne Wagoner & Vic Walton.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Chet Cavaliere by Jeanne & Mike Plunkett.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski

Lector

V'Ann Ryther

Lay Reader

Andrea Rogers

Intercessor

Cynthia Walker

Bread Guild

Courtney Vice, Ryan Andrews, Carol Hall

Flower Guild

Blake Gustafson, Christy Bornemann, Angela Lyman, Courtney Vice

Altar Guild

Missy Darling, Judy Frey, Lisa Frey, Sheila Maxwell, Liz Schildknecht,

Sharon Smith

Celtic Guild

Lynne Lingrel-Partin

