



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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Celtic Holy Eucharist

August 25, 2019 • 5 pm

THE COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

THE RESPONSE

Psalms 103:1-8

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken— that is, created things— so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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.

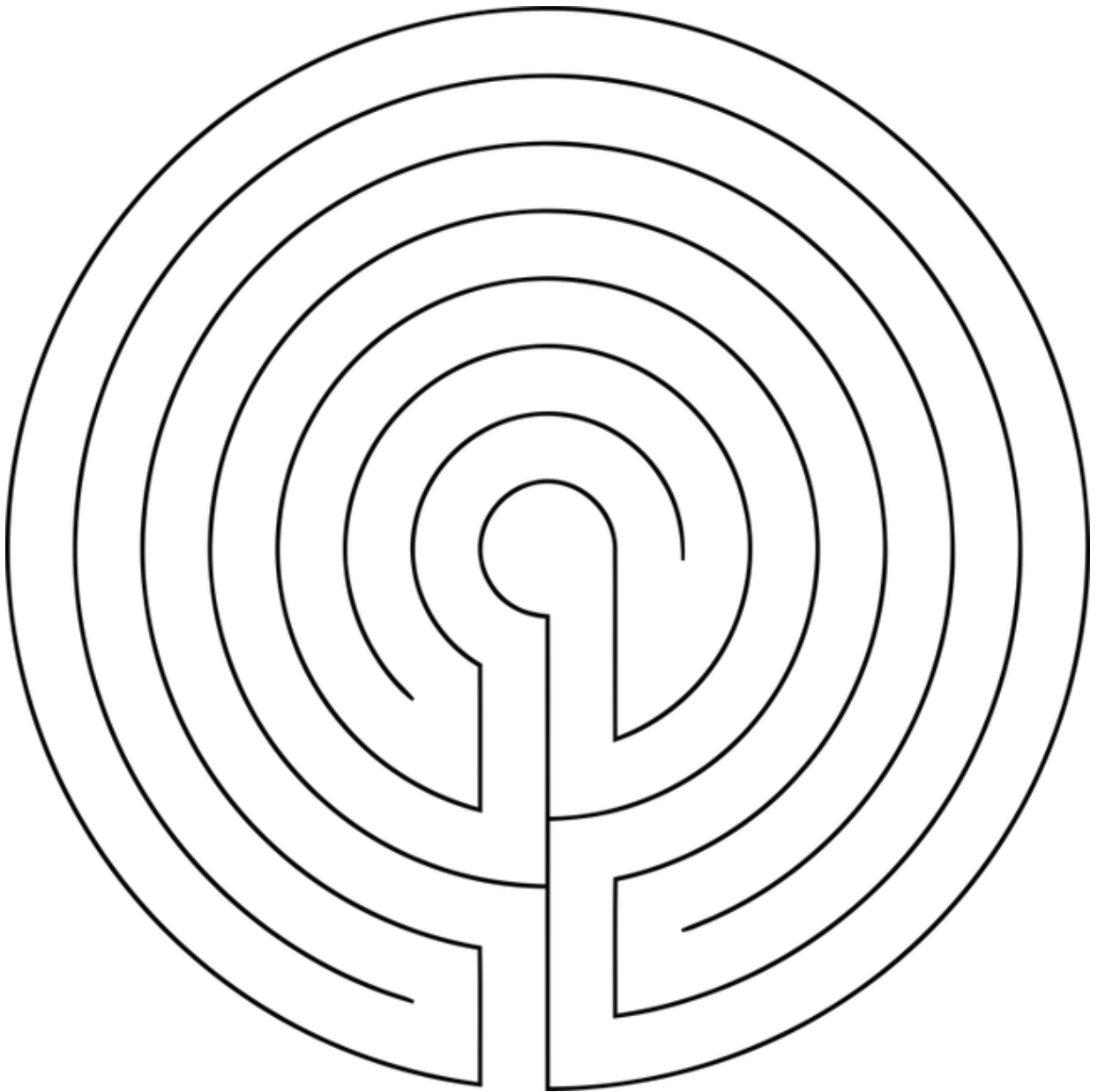
-Morgan Llwyd

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: Lee Hardy, Caroline Kranz, Bob Gerwin, Greg Roth, Jacob Senter, Jeanne Hayes, Shelley Dumoulin, Emily Bond, Kathy Krug, Tristan Lewis, Aveline Utah, Susan Laffoon, Melanie Slane, Ann Blocksom, Parker Napier.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Nancy & Bob Helton, Cherie & Paul Wallpe, Anne & Tate Greenwald, Carolyn & Peter Ludwig, Debb & Ed Norman, Kim & John Schenk, Hobe & Dave Hinchman.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Lector

Sarah Sanderson

Lay Reader

Mark Sesler

Intercessor

Deanna Thompson

Bread Guild

Courtney Vice, Brett Flodder

Flower Guild

Francie Morrison, Vicky Carroll, Edie Zimmerman

Altar Guild

Karen Murphy, Nip Becker, Krista DeVaul, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel

Celtic Guild

James Partin

