

# 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 wind, which represents the breath of God which sweeps over the face of the whole creation and fills us with life.



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost** The Blessing of the Animals and Celtic Holy Eucharist October 6, 2019 · 5 pm

#### PRELUDE

Irish Rover Old Towser

#### **OPENING HYMN**

Let all things now living



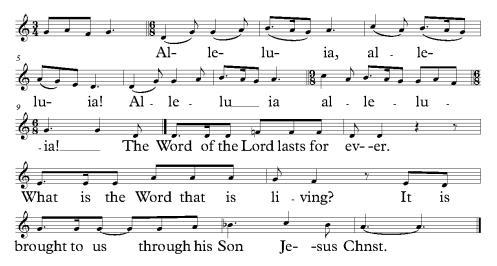
### **OPENING SENTENCES**

CelebrantAlleluia! Let us give thanks for creation!PeopleAlleluia! Bless God for all the creatures of the earth!

### THE COLLECT

- Celebrant The Lord be with you
- People And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 



### **GOSPEL SONG**

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## THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you Lord Christ

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, `Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, `Come here at once and take your place at the table? Would you not rather say to him, `Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, `We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you Lord Christ

## HOMILY

## **REMEMBRANCE OF PETS DEPARTED**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. O God of all creation, we thank you for the gift of companionship in the animals who have throughout our lives shared our earthly journey. Make us ever mindful of the love and devotion bestowed on us by the creatures we accept into our lives. Help us to remember and honor the gift of companionship which they have given so generously. Heal the deep grief and sorrow we feel at the death of beloved pets, especially those we now name, either silently or aloud. . . Help us to share our love and lives abundantly as we go forward. In Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

*Celebrant* O Lord, who looks upon all creation and declares it to be very good: we thank you for the animals with whom we share this earth, and particularly those you have given into our care. Guard them, we pray. Tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, and protect them from exploitation. Help us to see in them the beauty and glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant, St. Francis, to declare the oneness of your work, help us to be instruments of your loving providence, that all creation may sing your praises. In God's name. **Amen.** 

### SHARING THE PEACE

Celebrant	God make peace within us;
People	Let us claim it.
Celebrant	God make peace between us;
People	Let us share it.

### OFFERTORY

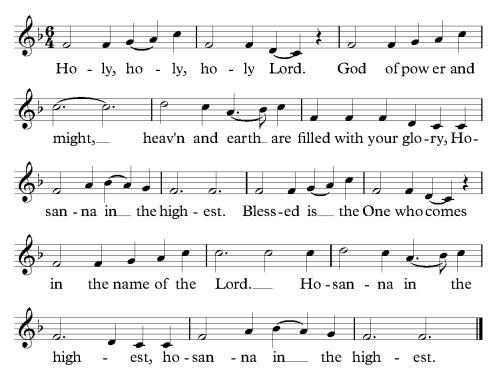
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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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	All things are yours, O God of all creation,
People	And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.
Celebrant	Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness we have this
	bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.
People	May it become for us the bread of life.
Celebrant	Blessed are you, O God of all creation, through whose goodness we have this
	wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands;
People	May it become for us the cup of blessing.
Celebrant	Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the sacrifice of ourselves.
People	In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.
Celebrant	We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose Word the heavens
were created, the earth was brought forth from the waters, and all your creatures were formed.	
The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing, including the animals we know and	

love. Therefore with all who live in the Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

### THE SANCTUS



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*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. Through Christ you inspire in us the hope that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

On the night when Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup of wine, and having given thanks, gave it to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so,

*People* Remembering his eternal self-giving, we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us. Made one with him and thus one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves, a single, holy living sacrifice.

*Celebrant* Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that in the outward things of life we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into your love; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Jesus Christ taught us, we pray:

All

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 for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CelebrantWise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;PeopleNourish your people with the cup of life and the bread of heaven. Amen.

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Blind Mary The Parting Glass

#### 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.** 

### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

*People* O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation, we thank you for opening our hearts and making us new with this holy meal. As we have shared this bread and wine, may we also generously share our lives with others and with the animals we care for. May we be the light of your love to them and to all your creatures, in God's name. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

Celebrant Through our nights and days, through our sleeping and waking, through our resting and working, keep us mindful of your holy presence.
Through places of darkness, when we cannot see, when we stumble, keep us mindful of your faithful love.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and all those you love and upon all of God's creatures now and for ever. Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**



#### THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God!

## A NOTE ABOUT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in harmless revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory. During an imprisonment in Perugia, he had a conversion experience, and upon his release, he totally renounced all material values and took the Gospels as the rule of his life. He visited hospitals, preached in the streets, lived with animals, cared for lepers, and cleaned churches. He attracted followers, and in 1210 with a papal blessing, founded the Franciscans, which he called the Friars Minor. The order did not prosper, however, because Francis's ideal of strict and absolute poverty was found to be too difficult to maintain. In 1212 Clare of Assisi became his spiritual student and eventually started an order called the Poor Clares. On Holy Cross Day in 1224, while in meditation of Mount Alvernia, Francis received the marks of the Lord's wounds, the stigmata, which periodically bled during the remaining two years of his life. He died on October 4, 1226. Pope Gregory IX, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228.

The liturgy of this evening's service is a compilation of prayers from A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season by Elizabeth Grover.

#### <u>IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY</u> WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

<u>Birthdays</u> in the next week: Charles Fellows, Hollis Bass, Jenson Geesner, Joyce Keeshin, Jim Lawrence, Jennifer Manzler, Caroline Millard, Lilli Kirk, Missy Holzman, Patty Hassel, Maggie Gough, Nancy Helton, David Gault, Chris Schulhoff, Dot Haralson, Otto Kindel, Sara Breiel, Stephan Jackson.

<u>Anniversaries</u> in the coming week: Blake & Craig Gustafson, Sarah Sanderson & Ross Bextermueller, Allison & Justin Precht, Millie & Brandon Vatter, Stephanie & Carter Gaither.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alan Rosswaag by Janice & Gary Lubin; in loving memory of Carolyn Giesel by the Giesel family; and in thanksgiving for George, Jack, Emma, & Charlie by Anne & John Krug.

#### PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & PreacherThe Rev. Philip DeVaulIntercessorPamela PoppBread GuildBrett Flodder, Cheryl Fast, Ryan AndrewsFlower GuildAngela Lyman, Christine Bennett, Laurie Maguire, Zule MontgomeryAltar GuildEllen Zemke, Judy Frey, Lisa Frey, Kelly Schleker, Sharon SmithCeltic GuildLynne Lingrel-Partin, Pamela Popp



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