

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 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Celtic Holy Eucharist October 20, 2019 · 5 pm

PRELUDE

HOLY MANNA THE GALBALLY FARMNER

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 121

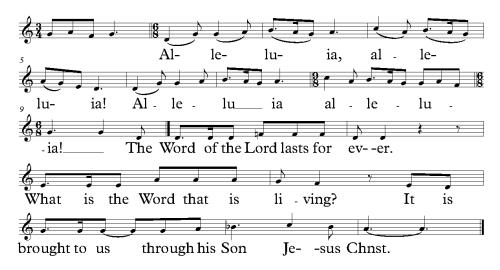
1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come? 2 My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep; 5 The LORD himself watches over you; * the LORD is your shade at your right hand, 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe. 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL SONG



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THE GOSPEL

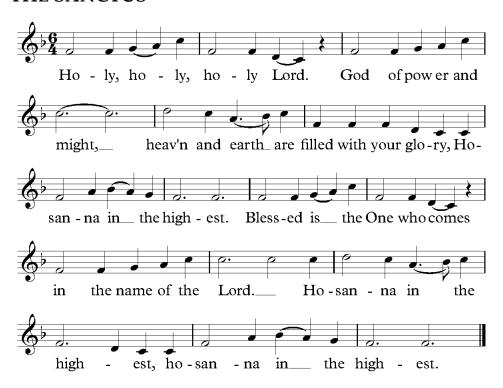
Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

OFFERTORY

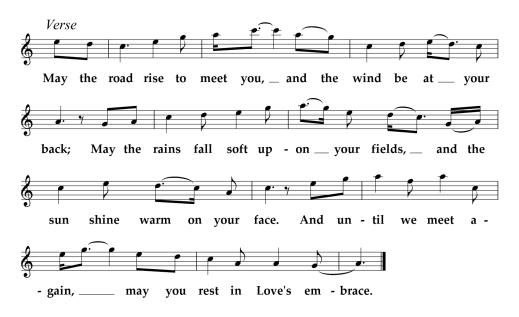
LORD LOVAT'S LAMENT

THE SANCTUS



Music: Land of Rest-traditional folk melody; reprinted under onelicense.net A709573

BLESSING SONG



Text from traditional Irish Blessing; music by John Grover



Music: from The Southern Harmony, 1835. Lyrics: J. M. Lindholm, 1999

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

Selections from A Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life: At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters; you breathe into every living being

the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:

You speak to us of our Lord,

and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of Truth,

abide in us and lead us in the way of Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame, You filled disciples with joy and courage, empowering them to preach your word and to share your good news. Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

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Selection from In Praise of Air

Benefactor of breath,
Keeper of the fragile bridge
We breathe across
Air waiting outside
The womb, to funnel
A first breath
That lets us begin
To be here,
Each moment
Drawn from
Its invisible stock.

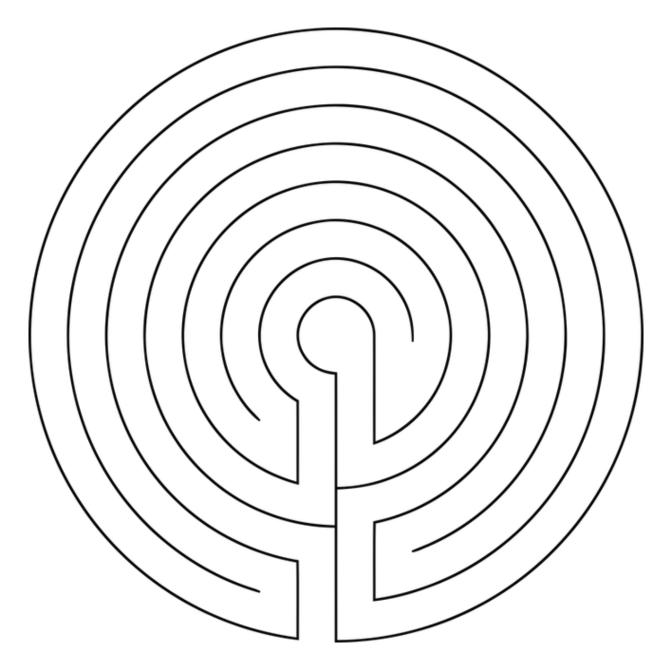
Let us bless the air,

-John O'Donohue

Selection from The Voice

I hear your voice on the wind
And I hear you call out my name:
"Listen, my child," you say to me
"I am the voice of your history.
Be not afraid, come follow me;
Answer my call and I'll set you free.
I am the voice in the wind and the rain.
I am the voice of your hunger and pain.
I am the voice that always is calling you.
I am the voice, I will remain.

-from Brendan Grahame



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:

Birthdavs in the next week: Betsy Berry, Bob Campbell, Cooper Vice, Ben Johnson, Paul Wallpe, Kathe Kissel, Steve Carlton-Ford, Liz McGavran, Kevin Albertson, Kevin Martin, Chris McCleary, Luke Leopard, Aaron Gorz.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Michelle & Tommy Kirk, Andi & Charles Baker, Patty Nagelkirk & Jerry Dehner, Jr., Sarah & Danny Larsen, Rachel & Luke Robinson.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

The Rev. Mitchell Bojarski Sarah Sanderson Lector Bill Culp Lay Reader Intercessor Pattie Jamison Bread Guild Blake Gustafson, Carol Hall, Pattie Kovach Francie Morrison, Melanie Schottelkotte, Marcia Shortt Flower Guild

Kellie Wisecup, Adrea Beatty, Jan Hill, Julie Joyce, Sheila Maxwell Altar Guild Dave Howard Celtic Guild



Celebrant & Preacher