



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. In the season of Advent we celebrate the stillness of sound as we wait with pregnant hope to hear the proclamation of Emmanuel; God with us.



Second Sunday of Advent
Celtic Holy Eucharist
December 8, 2019 • 5 pm

PRELUDE

ECCE DEUS

20TH CENTURY HYMN TUNE

ARCHIBALD MACDONALD OF KEPPACH

MODERN SCOTTISH AIR

THE COLLECT

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-3

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL SONG

Lord havemer-cy,

7 Lord havemer cy. Christ havemer-cy, Christ havemer-cy.

13 Lord have mer cy Lord have mer-cy.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

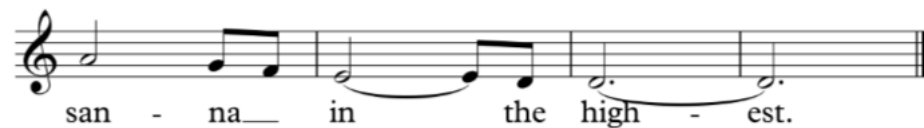
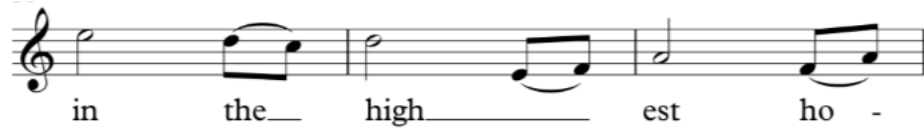
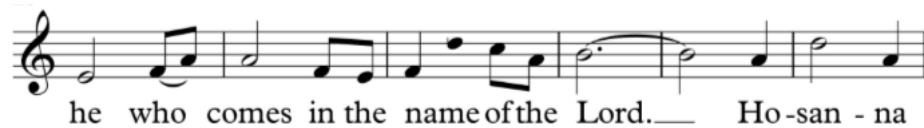
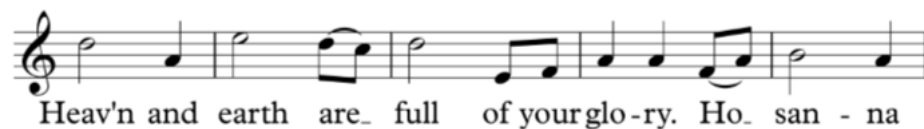
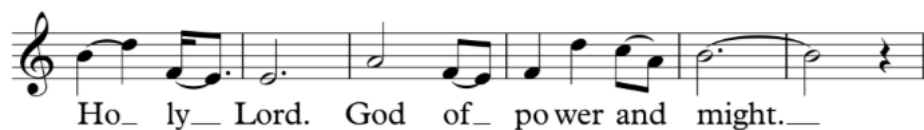
“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

OFFERTORY

THE BRAES OF LOCH EIL

EARLY 19TH CENTURY SCOTTISH AIR

THE SANCTUS



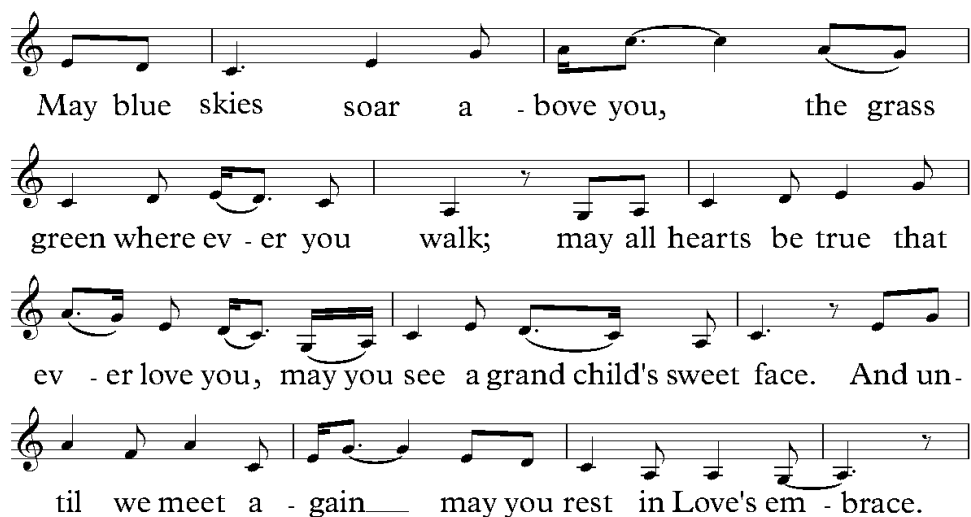
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BLESSING SONG



May blue skies soar a - bove you, the grass
green where ev - er you walk; may all hearts be true that
ev - er love you, may you see a grand child's sweet face. And un -
til we meet a - gain may you rest in Love's em - brace.

Text from traditional Irish Blessing; music by John Grover

CLOSING HYMN

MARY HEARD THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE (VS. 1-2)

1. Ma - ry heard the an - gel's mes - sage: "Greet - ings Ma - ry,
2. When she heard her cou - sin's greet - ing, Ma - ry's heart was
fa - vored one. Do not fear, for God _ is with _ you; you will
filled with joy, so she sang of God's _ great bless - ing prom - ised
one day bear God's Son." Filled with ques - tions, filled _ with
in her ba - by boy: "God has looked on me _ with
won - der, she pro - claimed her faith _ in God: "May it be as
fa - vor, so I sing this song _ of praise. Go has worked, the
you have spo - ken; I'm the ser - vant of the Lord!"
proud to scat - ter; hum - ble, hun - gry ones to raise."

Music: Alfred Victor Fedak @ 1990. Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, b. 1961

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

Advent

Somewhere your star-struck choir sings
As the evening unpeels our histories.
The world is here again!
I feel the breathing of yuletide fires,
The ribboned refrains of seasoned candles
And bars of voices beyond St. Stephen's Wall.
The robin appears in a globe of joy
His carol negotiating wreaths of cloud
And tinsled cakes of snow.
We wing into the holy day
While the blinking eye of the gifting moon
Receives you at that vanishing point
On memory's path:
Outlived by love
Alone.

-Stephen Leake

Expectans Expectavi

The candid freezing season again:
Candle and cracker, needles of fir and frost;
Carols that through the night air pass, piercing
The glassy husk of heart and heaven;
Children's faces white in the pane, bright in the tree-light.
And the waiting season again,
That begs a crust and suffers joy vicariously:
In bodily starvation now, in the spirit's exile always.
O might the hilarious reign of love begin, let in
Like carols from the cold
The lost who crowd the pane, numb outcasts into welcome.

-Anne Ridler

The Waiting Place

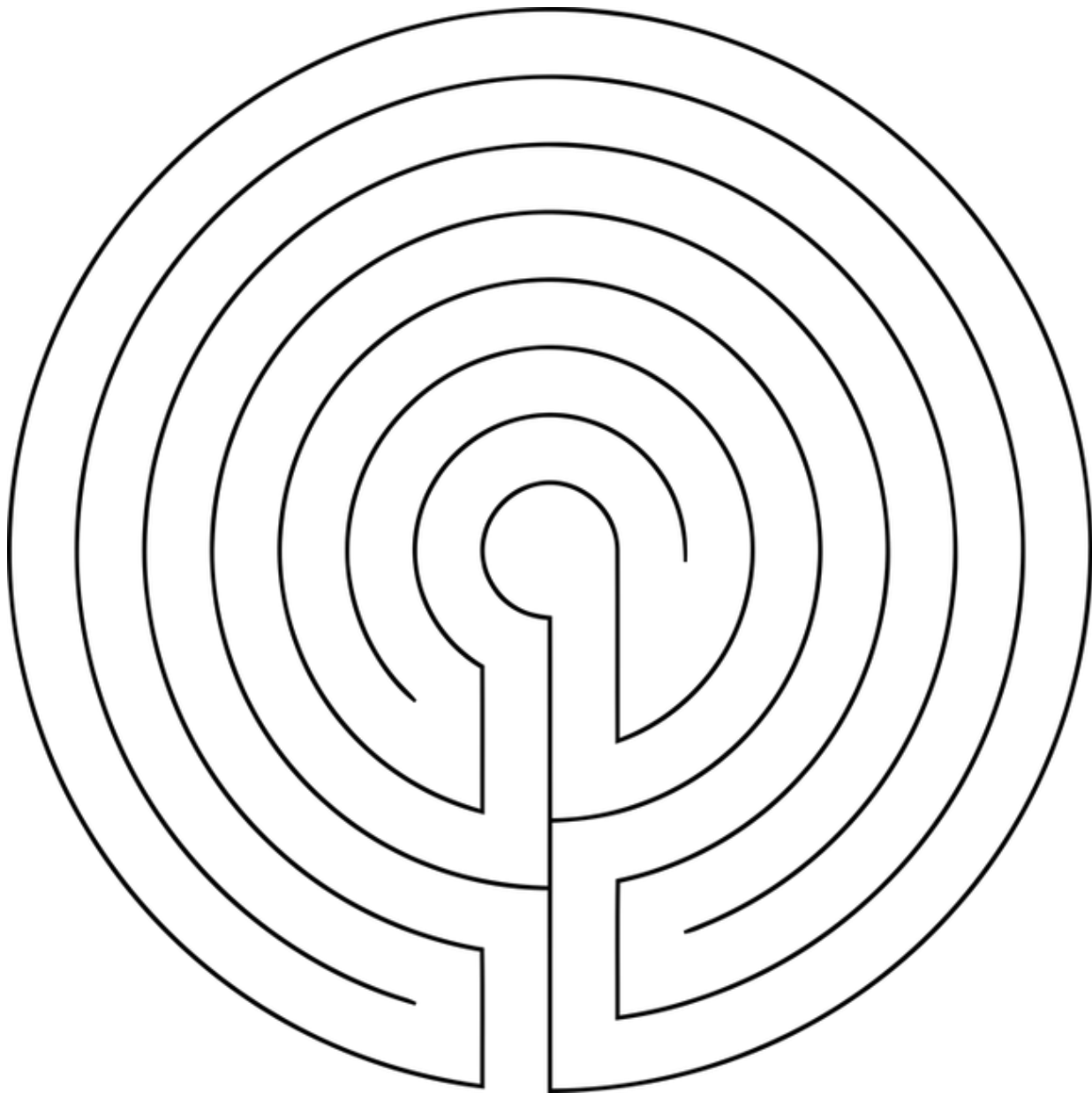
Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come,
or a plane to go or the mail to come,
or the rain to go or the phone to ring,
or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No
or waiting for their hair to grow.

Everyone is just waiting.

Waiting for the fish to bite
or waiting for wind to fly a kite
or waiting around for Friday night
or waiting, perhaps, for their Uncle Jake
or a pot to boil, or a Better Break
or a string of pearls, or a pair of pants
or a wig with curls, or Another Chance.

Everyone is just waiting.

- Dr. Seuss



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: Livie Vatter, Lee Cowan, Sharon Holbrook, Lynne Wagoner, Carter Gaither, Mike Walther, Thomas Robinson, Linda Busken Jergens, Paul Shortt, Jim Miller, Kurt Palmquist, Lela Robinson, Whitten Massey, Gretchen Webb, Bonnie Helvie, Aristotle Slane, Quina Schmidlapp, George Nielson, Melanie Schottelkotte, John McKernan, Andrew Sesler, James Bojarski, Bradley Herndon, Emily Rowe.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Amy & Jim Kattman, Angela & David Lyman, Pattie & Andy Jamison, Frank & Josephine Keenan.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Philip DeVaul

Lector

Elise Solomon

Lay Reader

Andrea Rogers

Intercessor

Pamela Popp

Bread Guild

Courtney Vice, Hollis Bass, Emily von Allmen

Flower Guild

Blake Gustafson, Christy Bornemann, Vicky Carroll, Melanie Schottelkotte,

Sharon Smith

Altar Guild

Karen Staffiera, Kathy Behne, Jan Hill, Pattie Kovach, Katy Mallon,

Amanda Rasche

Celtic Guild

Pamela Popp

