



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 Epiphany the theme of light represents the enlightenment of the world with the spreading of the Gospel.



The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
Celtic Holy Eucharist
February 9, 2020 • 5 pm

PRELUDE

BUNESSAN

ARCHIBALD MACDONALD OF KEPPOCHE

THE COLLECT

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—
these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even
the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit
that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now
we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may un-
derstand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by
human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.
Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to
them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those
who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

GOSPEL SONG

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Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-

, lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia al-le-lu-

ia! The Word of the Lord lasts for ev-er.

What is the Word that is li-ving? It is

brought to us through his Son Je-sus Chnst.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be re-
stored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.
"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp
puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In
the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give
glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY

MISS JAMIESON'S FAVOURITE

THE SANCTUS

The musical notation consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (G minor), and a 6/4 time signature. The lyrics for this staff are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and". The second staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics: "might, heav'n and earth are filled with your glo - ry, Ho-". The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with lyrics: "san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes". The fourth staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff concludes the hymn with the lyrics: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The melody includes several melodic turns and slurs.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HER ROLOFF'S FAREWELL

BLESSING SONG

Al - ways poor in mis - for- tune, may you
know a full and rich life, with a friend's hand near to
lift you with cheer, may your days be bliss-ful with grace. 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

CHRIST BESIDE ME



1. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - hind
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a - round
3. Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me, Christ be on all
4. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - hind



me, King of my heart; Christ with-in me, Christ be - low
me, shield in the strife; Christ in my sleep-ing, Christ in my sit-
tongues tell-ing of me; Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that see
me, King of my heart; Christ with-in me, Christ be - low



me, Christ a - bove me, nev - er to part.
-ting, Christ in my ris-ing, light of my life.
me, in ears that hear me Christ ev-er be.
me, Christ a - bove me, nev - er to part.

Music: Traditional Gaelic melody. Text: St. Patrick's Breastplate, adapted 1969 by James Quinn.

R E C E I V I N G C O M M U N I O N

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.**

C O M M I S S I O N I N G O F L A Y E U C H A R I S T I C V I S I T O R

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

The New Moon

O moon of the seasons, shining and bright,
New moon of the months and the tides so white,
In the name of the Holy Spirit of grace
In the Father's name of the City of peace
In Jesus' name who did death displace
in the name of the Three our shield without cease
If well thou hast found us to be tonight
O seven times better when waned thy light
Safe leave us unharmed, season-moon so bright
O moon of the seasons, shining and white.

-Carmen Gaedelica

From the Darkness

O gentle Christ, ever thanks to thee,
That thou from the dark hast raised me free
And from the coldness of last night's space
To the gentle light of this day's grace.

O God of all creatures, praise to thee,
As to each life thou hast poured on me,
My wish, my word, my sense, my praise,
My thought, my deed, my fame, and my ways.

-Carmen Gaedelica

New Moon

May thy light be fair to me,
May thy course be smooth to me!
If good to me is thy beginning,
Seven times better thine end,
Thou fair moon of the seasons,
Thou great lamp of grace.

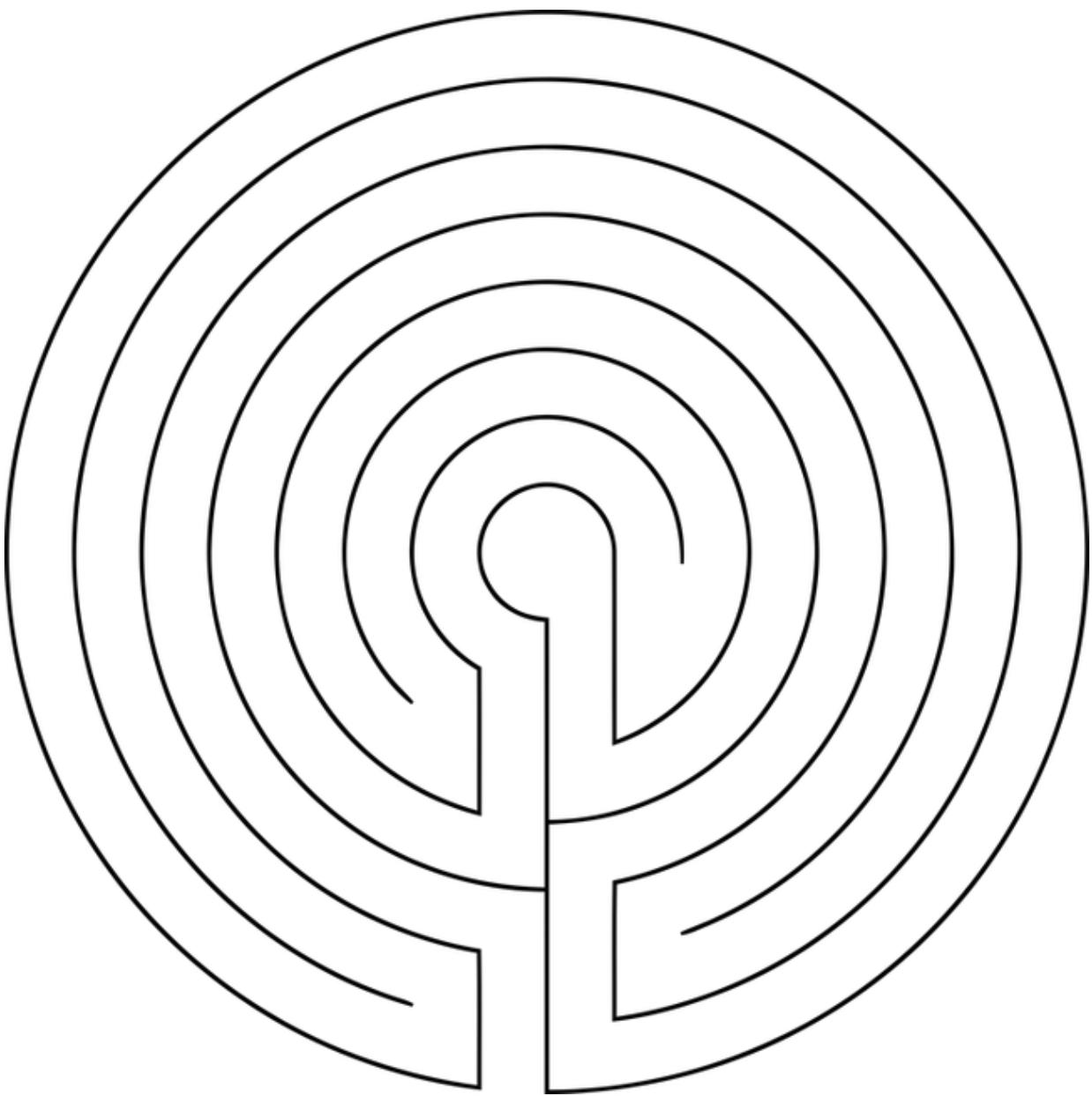
He who created thee
Created me likewise;
He who gave thee weight and light
Gave to me life and death.
And the joy of the seven satisfactions,
Thou great lamp of grace,
Thou fair moon of the seasons.

-Anonymous

This Candle Flame

In this candle flame I see
The heart of God watching me
The love of God bringing peace to me
The compassion of God encircling me
The humility of God sensing me
The strength of God bringing hope to me
In this candle flame I see
God's fire that burns in the heart of me.

-Anonymous



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.

I N T H A N K S G I V I N G & M E M O R Y

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Les McNeill, Steve MacConnell, Marguerite Pauly, Woody Woodburn, Carol Potterton, Laurie McKernan, Anny Stevens-Gleason, Jennifer Strom, James Theobald.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Maryalice & Reid Blocher by Karen Blocher.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Lector

Christine Andrew

Lay Reader

Carter Waide

Intercessor

Pamela Popp

Bread Guild

Ryan Andrews, Carol Hesser, Kathy Krug

Flower Guild

Angela Lyman, Pam Hackim, Kathe Kissel, Susan Wilkening

Altar Guild

Karen Staffiera, Kathy Behne, Jan Hill, Pattie Kovach, Amanda Rasche

Celtic Guild

Dave Howard



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