



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 Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Celtic Holy Eucharist
February 23, 2020 · 5 pm

PRELUDE

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

ALLAN WATER

BERNADETTE FARRELL

TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH AIR

THE COLLECT

O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is King;

let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth shake.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL SONG

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 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

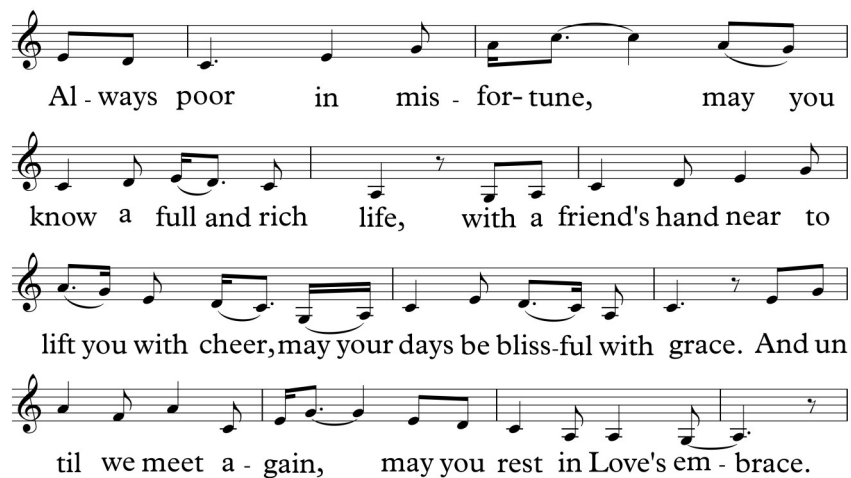
OFFERTORY

THE SOUND OF MULL MODERN SCOTTISH SLOW WALTZ

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and
might, — heav'n and earth are filled with your glo-ry, Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is — the One who comes
in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

BLESSING SONG

Al - ways poor in mis - fortune, 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 BE OUR LIGHT



God of the — wo - men who — an - swered your call,
God of the — wo - men who — walked Je - sus' way,
God of the — wo - men long — put to the test,
God of the — wo - men who — ran from the tomb,
O God of — Phoe - be and — min - is - ters all,



trust - ing your prom - ise, giv - ing their all,
giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
left out of stor - ies, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
prayed with the o - thers in that up - per room,
may we ne joy - ful in answer - ing your call.



wo - men — like — Sar - ah and Han - nah and Ruth —
Ma - ry, — Jo - - an - na, Sus - an - na, and more —
qui - et - - ly — ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
then felt — your — Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day —
Give us — the — strength of your Spi - rit so near —



give us their cour - age to — live in your truth. —
may we give free - ly as — they did be - fore. —
in Je - sus' dy - ing you — show us our worth. —
may we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day. —
that we may share — in your — min - is - try here. —

Music: Irish ballad melody. Lyrics: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, © 1998

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

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.

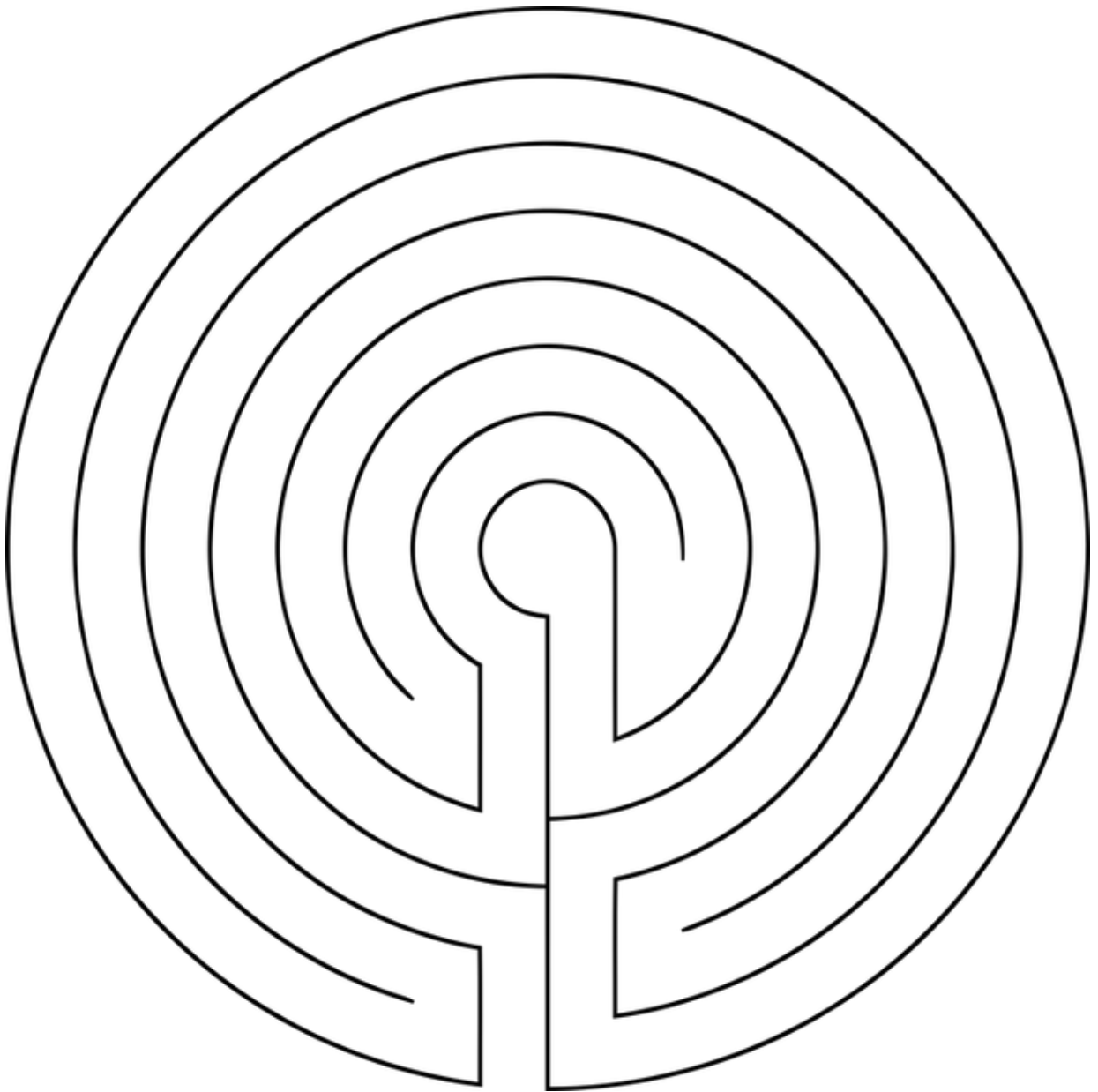
He who created thee
Created me likewise;
He who gave thee weight and light
Gave to me life and death.
And the joy of the seven satisfactions,
Thou great lamp of grace,
Thou fair moon of the seasons.

-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.

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Dawn Neely, Paul Rogers, Ellen Zemke, Brad Gough, Darcey Murphy, Augustus Joyce, Chris Orr, Joey Roth, Carolyn Ludwig, Jim Votaw, Nip Becker, Sherri Brokamp, Megan Feichtner, Monroe Helvie.

The **FLOWERS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for Megan Darling Feichtner's & Charles D. Darling IV's birthdays by Missy and Chuck Darling.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

Lector

Lay Reader

Intercessor

Bread Guild

Flower Guild

Altar Guild

Celtic Guild

The Rev. Joyce Keeshin

Sarah Sanderson

Ed Ewbank

Carol Ewbank

Paul Callard, Blake Gustafson, Pattie Kovach

Melanie Schottelkotte, Jenny Gale, Zule Montgomery, Francie Morrison

Karen Murphy, Nip Becker, Jenny Gale, Kathe Kissel, Katy Mallon

John Calhoun

