



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition
January 16, 2022 • 5:00 pm

A note that while Hamilton County is an area of HIGH COVID-19 case transmission, we thank you for wearing a mask, maintaining a safe distance, refraining from singing, and sharing the peace at a distance without touch.

PRELUDE

KINGSFOLD–BAIDIN
THE ROAD TO THE ISLES

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

This liturgy is adapted from “A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season” by Elizabeth Grover.

Please stand.

OPENING WORDS

Celebrant The God of love is with us.

People **The Spirit of love is in us.**

Celebrant Risen Lord, light of all peoples, come stand among us.

People **Scatter the darkness before us that we may walk as children of light.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE THREE LIGHTS

Celebrant We will light a light in the name of the Maker

People **God who said, “Let there be light!”**

Celebrant We will light a light in the name of the Christ

People **Jesus whose birth was announced by the shining of a star.**

Celebrant We will light a light in the name of the Spirit

People **The Holy One whose love enlightens our hearts.**

OPENING PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God, who by the incarnation of Jesus cast away the darkness of the world; be near us as the dark approaches and dispel the gloom of night that we may see your light and that your brightness may shine through us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A HYMN OF PRAISE

Celebrant God brings light to our darkened lives. Let us praise the God of light!
O Christ, be our light;

People **O Lord, shine in the darkness and guide us on our path.**
Celebrant O Christ, be our shield;
People **O Lord, enfold us in your love and protect us in your care.**
Celebrant O Christ, surround us;
People **O Lord, be under us and be over us.**
Celebrant O Christ, embrace us;
People **O Lord, be beside us, on left and on right.**
Celebrant O Christ, lead and support us;
People **O Lord, be before us and be behind us.**
Celebrant O Christ, encompass us;
People **O Lord, be within us and all around us.**
Celebrant O Christ, be our light;
People **O Lord, illumine and guide us on our way. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

LOVE AFTER LOVE

BY DEREK WALCOTT

The time will come
when, with elation,
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror,
and each will smile at the other's welcome,
and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.

A CANTICLE OF LIGHT

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need

the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.

SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Celebrant Let us join in affirming our faith in God.

People **We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
Of sun and moon, of water and earth,
Of male and female
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
The Word made flesh,
Born of a woman, servant of the poor,
Tortured and nailed to a tree
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth .
We believe in God within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that

God brings light into the world. Let us pray.

Intercessor

Gracious God, empower the Church throughout the world in its life and witness. Break down the barriers that divide, so that united in your truth and love, the Church may confess your name, share one baptism, sit at one table, and serve you with one accord.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Intercessor

Guide the rulers of the nations. Move them to set aside their fear, greed and vain ambition, and to strive for justice and peace, so that all your children may be free.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Intercessor

Hear the cries of all who are experiencing hunger, homelessness, or incarceration, those near and those far. Give those of us who consume most of the earth's resources the will to reorder our lives, so that all may have their rightful share of food, care, shelter, and fullness of life.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Intercessor

Look with compassion on all those who long for healing and relief from distress, for all those affected by the Coronavirus, and for those struggling with mental health concerns; and for those we name now either silently or aloud. Support them with your love and lead us to be healers for all we encounter, in the name of Christ.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Intercessor

We give thanks for the blessings of this life, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Intercessor

We remember those who have died, saints who bore witness to your light and those we name now either silently or aloud. Allow us to persevere in faith, mercy, and love, and at the end of our lives to behold your glory.

People

Light of the world, be known to us.

Celebrant

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Celebrant

We gather together in search of wholeness, but our brokenness separates us from God and from one another. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

All

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride**

SHARING THE PEACE

Celebrant God makes peace within us.

People **Let us claim it.**

Celebrant God makes peace between us.

People **Let us share it.**

hide the brightness of your light.

**We turn away from the poor, we ignore cries for justice,
and we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we
may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you and set you free from sin,
strengthen you in goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

YE BANKS AND BRAES

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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 creation,

People **And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of 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 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, whose light enlightens every human being, and whose love offers to all hope for new life. And so with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea, and sky, with the light of sun and stars, with angels of light, with saints of heaven and of earth, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy in the heights of heaven, holy in the depths of earth, O God, your glory knows no bounds, and your love is without end. The Word that was in the beginning, and through whom all things were made, you sent to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, that believing in him we may have springs of life within. We bless you that in love for the world, your Son laid down his life and overcame death's powers to be our hope of life everlasting; that in love he poured out his Spirit to lead us through encircling darkness into all truth; and that in love he returned to the Source of Light to draw all the earth to himself. To the very end Jesus loved those whom he had been given, and prayed that his love might be in them. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, poured it out and gave the cup to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood which is poured out for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Celebrant Hear us now, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, for you are the living bread that

comes down from heaven to give life to the world; you are the true vine without whom we can do nothing. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, world without end.

AMEN

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

**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 forever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Bread of life, nourish our souls.

People **Light of the world, shine in our hearts.**

THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

COMMUNION MUSIC

OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT

CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant Let us stand and join in thanking God for this holy meal

All **O God, in love you have called us to be your people,
and in love we have shared this bread and wine.**

**May the flame of your love be rekindled in our hearts
by this holy meal and may its light guide us
on our journey and lead us home to you;
in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer,
and Sanctifier. Amen.**

Celebrant Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world, we extinguish the lights that here represent the presence of the Holy in our midst.

People **But we will carry the light in our hearts and we pray that as we go about our work
in the world, we will shine with the love of God. Amen**

THE CELTIC BENEDECTION

THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the light of Christ be in our hearts,
the small light that glows like a great fire,
the warm light that feels like a great love,
the bright light that leads us on our way.
And may the light of Christ's love so fill us
that we may be lights to the world.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"O BLAZING LIGHT OF WONDROUS LOVE"

KINGSFOLD

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Ellie Preslar, John Schenk, Ian Wilt, Elizabeth Wilson, Emily Kuper, David Haffner, Mike Harris, Scot Harris, Elizabeth Longaberger, Lizzie Boyle, Doris Crouch, Nancy Hodges, Richard Massey, Jerusha Riess-Smith.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant & Preacher

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Lector

Christine Andrew

Lay Reader

Mark Sesler

Intercessor

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