



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CELTIC TRADITION

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*This liturgy is adapted from "A Celtic Liturgy for Every Season" by Elizabeth Grover.*

*Please stand.*

OPENING WORDS

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* Christ is alive in our hearts.

*People* **The God who is love dwells in us. Alleluia!**

THE LIGHTING OF THE THREE LIGHTS

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

*People* **God the Creator of all life.**

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

*People* **Jesus who offers us newness of life.**

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

*People* **The Holy One whose presence sanctifies all creation.**

*Celebrant* O God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more fully understand the purpose to which we are called; in the name of Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

A HYMN OF PRAISE

*Celebrant* Let us praise the Holy One, the Creator, the Maker of all, the God of creation! In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And God said, "Let there be light!"

*People* **Let the light and the darkness bless you, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**

*Celebrant* The winds of new beginnings stirred, and the deep and everlasting waters flowed.

*People* **Let the winds and the waters bless you, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**

*Celebrant* God created the earth and the earth grew green, green with trees and fields and valleys.

*People* **Let the mountains and hills, the fields and the valleys all join to bless you, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**

*Celebrant* The great light ruled the day and the gentle light ruled the night, and they guided the seasons and marked the days and years.

*People*      **Let the sun and moon praise you, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**  
*Celebrant*    The waters brought forth living creatures, and the creatures filled the seas, roamed the earth, and rose up to the sky.  
*People*      **Let the birds and the fish, the dogs and cats, the cows and ostriches and giraffes all bless you, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**  
*Celebrant*    God formed humans in his own likeness, and so we carry your life within us, O Lord.  
*People*      **Let the people all praise you, and let everything that can sing bless your Name, O Lord, for you are the God of all creation. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## FIRST LESSON

ACTS 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

When you see water in a stream  
you say: oh, this is stream  
water;  
When you see water in the river  
you say: oh, this is water  
of the river;  
When you see ocean  
water  
you say: This is the ocean's  
water!  
But actually water is always  
only itself  
and does not belong  
to any of these containers  
though it creates them.  
And so it is with you.

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 21:10, 22-22:5

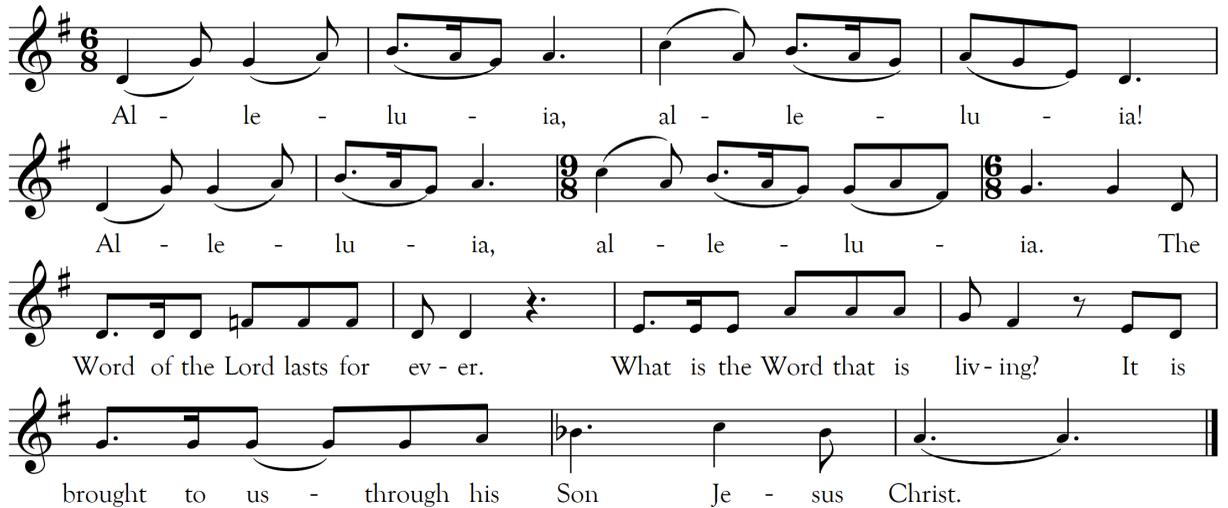
In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL SONG

CELTIC ALLELUIA



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 liv - ing? It is  
brought to us - through his Son Je - sus Christ.

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 5:1-9

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

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*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* **Our God is the God of all humanity,**  
of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers,  
of the sun and the moon, and all the stars,  
God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys, over heaven, in heaven, and  
under heaven. God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas, in  
spires all things, brings life to all things,  
is over all things and supports all things.  
God makes the light of the sun to shine,  
and surrounds the moon and stars,  
brings water to the deserts  
and places dry islands in the sea.  
God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.  
The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.  
And God is forever. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.

*Intercessor* Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence but with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.

*People* **May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and its peoples the way of peace.

*People* **May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.**

*Intercessor* We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.

*People* **May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.**

*Intercessor* We pray for those any need or trouble.

*Particular intercessions are offered.*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

*People* **May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.**

*Intercessor* We remember those who have died and those who mourn.

*Particular intercessions are offered.*

Father, into your hands we commend them.

*People* **Bring those who mourn peace in their time of loss.**

*Intercessor* We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here.

*Particular intercessions are offered.*

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

*All* **Grant that we may walk in your presence with your truth in our minds, your strength in our souls and your love in our hearts, that we may share the light of your love with all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

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*There are also two collection spots in the narthex (look for the Give Here signs)  
where you may deposit your offering safely.*

### 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 all 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 our selves.

*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, by whose word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing, and though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the sainted women and men of every nation, and with those who now live in the spirit as you are Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

# SANCTUS

LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried in his body to the tree sin's destructive powers that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in 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* Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that, in the outward things of life, we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, 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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*All* **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* Gracious God, we come to your table;

*People* **Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.**

## THE SHARING OF A HOLY MEAL

## COMMUNION MUSIC

WATER SOUND SHORE

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation,  
we thank you for opening our hearts  
and making us new with this holy meal.**

**As we have shared this bread and wine,  
may we also generously share our lives in love,  
and as we seek you in your creation each day,  
may we find the patience and vision  
to see your love at work in all things  
and the grace to let our lives reflect that love;  
through Christ our Lord. 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 BENECTION



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.

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant*

The Lord of creation open your eyes  
to behold the beauty around you,  
The Lord of light shine forth to guide you on your way,  
and the Lord of love enfold you in his arms,  
this day and every day.  
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

# CLOSING SONG

GOD OF CREATION (V. 1, 3, 5)

SLANE



1. God of cre - a - tion, all pow'r - ful, all wise,
2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years
3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth,
4. God of your peo - ple, your Word still stands fast;
5. God of our now, all our trust is in you,



Lord of the u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise,  
you are the one in whom his - tory co - heres;  
called out your church from the ends of the earth,  
do for us now as you've done in the past!  
Cov - e - nant God, ev - er faith - ful and true;



Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and Ru - ler of all,  
na - tions and em - pires your pur - pose ful - fill,  
still you are Sav - ior, put dark - ness to flight;  
Yours is the king - dom, your tri - umph we claim,  
Sov - ereign Cre - a - tor, Re - deem - er, and Lord,



we are your chil - dren: you hear when we call.  
mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing your will.  
o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!  
chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.  
now and for - ev - er your name be a - dored!

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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### VISION STATEMENT

We have a vision of a worshipping community  
that **knows Jesus and grows in love:**

- **United** in relationships of holy connection and communion;
- **Growing** with people of every age, race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic situation, and political persuasion;
- **Inspired** by our understanding of why we are Christian, why we are Episcopalian, why Redeemer matters to us;
- **Sent** into the world, rooted and grounded in love, to serve all people with humility, compassion, and faithfulness.

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# IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

## WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

Birthdays in the next week: Kristin Kaltenstadler, Clark Comstock, Ron Staggs, Charles Gault, Jillian Bennett, Cecily Hankinson, Alan Manzler, Susan Hollister, Elizabeth Herndon, William Kemper, Allyn Raifstanger, Owen Mallon, Jeff Cline, Sarah Shirey, McKenna Johnson

Anniversaries in the next week: Peter & Jenn Bekins, Jon & Deb Mills, Darrin & Liz Ovelman, Jack & Lisa Roehr, Tim & Jennifer Strom

The flowers that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in memory of Stan Kjelby (Karen's father) by Karen & Bob Schlantz and in celebration of the wedding of Gabrielle Brokamp and Santino Cua

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Celebrant & Preacher*

The Rev. Melanie Slane

*Lector*

Christine Andrew

*Lay Reader*

Ed Ewbank

*Intercessor*

Robin Henderson

*Celtic Musicians*

John Grover, Elizabeth Grover, Anny Stevens-Gleason

*Celtic Guild*

Dave Howard

*Bread Guild*

Courtney Vice

*Altar Guild*

Kathe Kissel, Pattie Kovach, Lisa Senter

*Flower Guild*

Kathleen Stengel, Sue Wilkening, Vicky Carroll, Edie Zimmerman



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